

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Meze, Inc. :

t/a Meze :

2437 18th Street NW :

License #ABRA-060347 :

Retailer CR :

Settlement Agreement :

Termination :

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JULY 15, 2013

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room Suite 400S, at 2000 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., LaVerne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 10:21 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Would the parties

4 in the matter of Meze please come forward?

5 This is Case #13-PRO-00098, Meze, Inc.,

6 trading as Meze, 2437 18th Street, NW, License

7 #ABRA-060347. This is a Retailer CR

8 Settlement Agreement Termination. The protest

9 issues are adverse impact on peace, order and

10 quiet.

11 My name is LaVerne Fletcher, and

12 I'll be conducting the roll call hearing as

13 the Board's Agent pursuant to DC Official Code

14 1601.2.

15 Introductions beginning with the

16 Applicant, please.

17 MR. WHELAN: Good morning.

18 Stephen Whelan from Veritas Law on behalf of

19 Meze.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

21 Mr. Whelan, would you spell your

22 name for the court reporter, please?

1 MR. WHELAN: Sure. S-T-E-P-H-E-N  
2 -- Whelan -- W-H-E-L-A-N.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very  
4 much.

5 MR. GUNES: Suleyman Gunes -- S-U-  
6 L-E-Y-M-A-N and G-U-N-E-S. I am the owner of  
7 the Meze.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very  
9 much.

10 And for ANC 1C?

11 MR. HART: Brian Hart.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Hart, would you  
13 spell your name for the record?

14 MR. HART: Yes. B-R-I-A-N H-A-R-  
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16 MS. FLETCHER: And for the  
17 Kalorama Citizens Association?

18 MR. JAMES: Denis James,  
19 President, representing the Association -- D-  
20 E-N-I-S J-A-M-E-S.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

22 The ANC 1C and the Kalorama

1 Citizens Association have standing as  
2 protestants.

3 We need to schedule a date for a  
4 mediation.

5 We would normally give you the  
6 dates for the status and protest hearings  
7 today, but the person that manages the Board's  
8 calendar is not present. So I don't have the  
9 dates for the status and protest hearings. So  
10 we'll just set the date for mediation and  
11 you'll get the dates for the status and  
12 protest hearings at another day.

13 MR. WHELAN: Just so we're clear  
14 on that point, are we going to be just given  
15 those dates or are we going to be required to  
16 come back and set --

17 MS. FLETCHER: You're going to  
18 receive a written notice.

19 If the person comes in tomorrow,  
20 you're going to receive a notice of the  
21 mediation date as well. I'm going to give it  
22 to you today. But you're going to see the

1 notice of that date as well.

2 And normally, the status and the  
3 hearings dates are in that one notice. And if  
4 she comes in tomorrow, your notice will  
5 include the mediation date that we set and the  
6 status and protest hearing.

7 MR. WHELAN: Perfect. Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. James, in the  
9 earlier case, you wanted to move out further  
10 in August. Are you still having a preference  
11 for that or is the 8th or the 9th good? It's  
12 not good because ANC 1C is not available on  
13 the 8th or the 9th. But are --

14 MR. JAMES: Thursday the 29th  
15 would be the same week. I'm suggesting but I  
16 don't know how others feel about it obviously.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Whelan --

18 MR. WHELAN: The 29th would work  
19 for us.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Is that a good day  
21 for you?

22 MR. WHELAN: Yes.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Is that a good day  
2 for you, Mr. Hart?

3 MR. HART: Yes.

4 MS. FLETCHER: 9:00, 10:00, 11:00  
5 or 1:00?

6 MR. WHELAN: I believe our  
7 preference would be later. So either 11:00 or  
8 1:00.

9 MR. JAMES: 11:00 will be fine.

10 MS. FLETCHER: And you, Mr. Hart?

11 MR. HART: 11:00. 11:00's fine.

12 MS. FLETCHER: 11:00 is good. So  
13 the mediation is set for Thursday, August 29th  
14 at 11:00.

15 Okay. Then we're done. Thanks  
16 for coming.

17 The roll call hearing is  
18 concluded.

19 MR. WHELAN: Thank you, ma'am.

20 (Whereupon, at 10:25 a.m., the  
21 hearing was concluded.)

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