

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

WA-ZA-BIA Entertainment, Inc. t/a WA-ZO-BIA 618 T Street, NW Retailer CR - ANC-6E License No. 79306 Case #14-AUD-00022	Show Cause Hearing (Status)
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(Failed to Qualify as a Restaurant, Failed to Maintain Books and Records, Failed to Post License in Conspicuous Place, Failed to Post Pregnancy Sign, Failed to Post Minimum Age Required for the Purchase of an Alcoholic Beverage)	9/24/2014
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The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson  
NICK ALBERTI, Member  
DONALD BROOKS, Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member  
JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

MICHAEL STERN, OAG

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(9:49 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next case, Case No. 14-AUD-00022, WA-ZO-BIA located at 618 T Street, N.W., License No. 79306, in ANC-6E.

MR. STERN: Michael Stern representing the District of Columbia. The representative is here today.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Great. Come on forward. Have a seat at this table.

MS. EDOHO: Oh.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Would you introduce yourselves for the record, please?

MS. EDOHO: Yes. My name is Eme Edoho.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Could you spell your last name, please?

MS. EDOHO: E-D-O-H-O.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And how are you related to the establishment?

MS. EDOHO: I'm the operations

1 food and beverage manager for WA-ZO-BIA.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're the  
3 operations manager?

4 MS. EDOHO: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're not an  
6 owner though or anything?

7 MS. EDOHO: No, I'm not an owner,  
8 but he spoke with Neil before and gave him  
9 permission for me to come and speak for him,  
10 because he is out of town, so it's kind of  
11 hard for him to get here.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He spoke with  
13 whom?

14 MS. EDOHO: Neil, the guy --

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: From here?  
16 From our Agency?

17 MS. EDOHO: Yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And  
19 did he give you a written authorization?

20 MS. EDOHO: I thought that he gave  
21 it to him. He didn't give anything to me  
22 physically --

1                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, you  
2 think --

3                   MS. EDOHO: -- to bring with me.  
4 This was before, from the last time I came.  
5 I've been here before.

6                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.  
7 Stern, do you have something to say?

8                   MR. STERN: I don't have any  
9 written authorization. I -- there is an  
10 agreement.

11                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: There is an  
12 agreement?

13                  MR. STERN: Yes. I don't know if  
14 there is anything in the file.

15                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Which we  
16 don't have. Okay. I was just confirming that  
17 we don't have a written authorization.

18                  MS. EDOHO: I'm saying that he  
19 sent it last time, but because we were here  
20 for the audit process and I had to deal with  
21 Neil and so he gave him the information. So  
22 I thought that he sent him something in

1 writing.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You do?

3 MS. EDOHO: Yes. He didn't give  
4 me anything personally physically.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.

6 MS. EDOHO: Right. But after he  
7 gave it to him, then he was able to speak to  
8 me, so I assumed that he gave him proper  
9 permission.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.  
11 Well, what we can do is if you want to take a  
12 seat again, we can -- someone is going out  
13 actually to see if they can find --

14 MS. EDOHO: Check with him?

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- yes, check  
16 with him and see if we have written  
17 authorization.

18 MS. EDOHO: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: If so, we  
20 could proceed to hearing your agreement.  
21 Otherwise, we can't recognize you as binding  
22 for the establishment.

1 MS. EDOHO: To make the agreement?  
2 Because he told me to just come in and pay,  
3 so --

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right.

5 MS. EDOHO: -- he has to give that  
6 permission.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes. So have  
8 a seat.

9 MS. EDOHO: Until you find him.

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes.

11 MS. EDOHO: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. We are  
13 going to go to the next case and see what we  
14 can find in our records. All right.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled  
16 matter went off the record at 9:51 a.m. and  
17 resumed at 9:52 a.m.)

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Actually,  
19 ma'am, can you come back to the table? We've  
20 had a chance to look through the records.

21 MS. EDOHO: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I have

1       been informed that we don't have anything in  
2       our records authorizing you in writing.

3                   MS. EDOHO:  Oh, okay.

4                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  So what we  
5       would like to do is carry this over to next  
6       week.

7                   MS. EDOHO:  Carry it over, okay.

8                   CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  And when you  
9       come in next time --

10                  MS. EDOHO:  Bring it with me?

11                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  Bring it with  
12       you, yes.  They can even submit it ahead of  
13       time, but to be sure, you should have a copy  
14       with you, so then you can show us that you are  
15       authorized to represent and bind the  
16       establishment.

17                  MS. EDOHO:  That's not a problem.  
18       Okay.  So next week.  Are we going to get  
19       something in the mail for the reschedule or  
20       just come next week?

21                  CHAIRPERSON MILLER:  This is  
22       notice right here.

1 MS. EDOHO: So --

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Next week  
3 same time, yes.

4 MS. EDOHO: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: If you have  
6 any questions, you can ask Mr. Stern.

7 MEMBER BROOKS: Madam Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Yes, Mr.  
9 Brooks?

10 MEMBER BROOKS: I have one  
11 question.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

13 MEMBER BROOKS: Is the owner going  
14 to be out of town next week?

15 MS. EDOHO: He is always out of  
16 town because of his business. He has another  
17 business that he does, so I can't say. He is  
18 always -- he is all over the place, so --

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

20 MS. EDOHO: -- I'll try my best to  
21 let -- make clear to him.

22 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. All right.

1 MS. EDOHO: But he is just -- he  
2 just tells me to show up for everything.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. I  
4 think what Mr. Brooks is probably getting at,  
5 too, it's preferable if the owner comes  
6 himself.

7 MS. EDOHO: Right, right.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But if he  
9 can't, then you need to have that  
10 authorization.

11 MS. EDOHO: I will make sure that  
12 I express that to him. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.  
14 Thank you very much.

15 (Whereupon, the Show Cause  
16 (Status) Hearing in the above-entitled matter  
17 was concluded at 9:54 a.m.)  
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