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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
Gordon Restaurant Group, LLC: Case #16-PRO-00035  
Trading as/ Drafting Table :  
License #ABRA-89190 :  
Retailer CR :  
ANC 2F :  
Protest Hearing (Status) :

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Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Whereupon, the above-referenced matter  
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage  
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,  
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

2 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

3 RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

4 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

5 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

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7 ALSO PRESENT:

8 BRIAN SCOTT

9 JOHN FANNING

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

2                                   PROTEST HEARING (STATUS)

3                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,

4 everyone. I would like to welcome you to the

5 regularly scheduled meeting of the District of

6 Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

7 Please note that today's hearings will be

8 conducted accordance with D.C. Official Code

9 section 2574 of the Open Meetings Act. Today is

10 July 13, 2016. I would first like to introduce

11 members of the board with us today. To my far

12 right is Ms. Ruthanne Miller, to my immediate

13 right is Mr. Nick Alberti, to my far left is Mr.

14 Mike Silverstein and to my immediate left is Mr.

15 James Short. My name is Donovan Anderson and I

16 am the Chairman of the Board. The Board has five

17 members in attendance for the conduct of business

18 today and that constitutes a quorum. I would

19 like to mention two things before we get started.

20 First of all, if you have any electronic devices,

21 pagers, cells phones or such, please make certain

22 that they are turned off to avoid any

1 interruption of the proceedings. Second, there  
2 is a piece of paper on each table. When you  
3 come forward as your case is called, please take  
4 a seat at the table and please sign in. This is  
5 to ensure the correct spelling of your name for  
6 the record. Additionally, when you introduce  
7 yourself for the record, please spell your name  
8 aloud for the court reporter. I would like to  
9 note that the approximate time is 9:32 and our  
10 first order of business today. The first case on  
11 our calendar is a Protest Hearing (Status) is  
12 Case #16-PRO-00035, Drafting Board, License  
13 #89190. Will the parties please approach?

14 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Chairman, Drafting  
15 Table.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, Drafting  
17 Table. There's nobody here for the Drafting  
18 Table? Well, I'll pass on that.

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20 Recall:

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22 The next case on our calendar is a Protest

1 Hearing (Status) is Case #16-PRO-00035, Drafting  
2 Table, License #89190. Will the parties please  
3 approach and identify yourselves for the record,  
4 please?

5 MR. FANNING: Good morning, members of the  
6 Board, John Fanning, chairman ANC 2F.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr.  
8 Fanning.

9 MR. SCOTT: Brian Scott, director of  
10 operations and minority owner of Drafting Table.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr.  
12 Scott. Do you guys have any preliminary matters  
13 in this case? No?

14 MR. SCOTT: No.

15 MR. FANNING: No.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This matter is also  
17 scheduled for a protest Hearing on August 10th at  
18 1:30. Do you have -- you heard the direction I  
19 just read previously regarding the protest  
20 hearing process. Do you need me to review those  
21 directions with you? Or are you -- or do you  
22 understand what I just read for the previous

1 case?

2 MR. SCOTT: Just if you could repeat what the  
3 ANC would need to submit to the legal department.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. So, as I  
5 said before, the hearing is scheduled for August  
6 10, at 1:30, and --

7 MR. SCOTT: If you can go over both parts --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm -- I'm going to go  
9 over everything, I was trying for what was  
10 relevant, but you know, let me read the whole  
11 speech over then. Now that we've scheduled this  
12 matter for a protest hearing there are a few  
13 things I would like to instruct the applicant and  
14 the protestants about the protest hearing -- so  
15 that the protest hearing is focused and addresses  
16 only those issues that are being protested. The  
17 Board does not intend to hear testimony in  
18 matters that are not relevant to this case. You  
19 should have received by electronic or regular  
20 mail, a letter explaining the protest process, a  
21 copy of the protest information form, a copy of  
22 an exhibit form. If you do not have these

1 documents, please contact our assistant general  
2 counsel, Ms. April Randall, following this  
3 hearing. It is imperative that you review the  
4 rules closely and adhere to them before and  
5 during the protest hearing. You are also  
6 required to complete and submit the protest  
7 information form, PIP and the exhibit form seven  
8 days before the date of the hearing. That's the  
9 important thing, that seven days prior to the  
10 hearing you are supposed to provide these  
11 documents to ABRA's legal division and also to  
12 the opposing counsel.

13       If we do not receive a copy of your PIP, your  
14 application or your protest, whichever side  
15 you're representing, may be subject to dismissal.  
16 Likewise, if we do not receive a copy of the  
17 exhibit form and the exhibits themselves, your  
18 exhibits may be excluded from the record upon a  
19 finding that the opposing party has been  
20 prejudiced or no good cause for the failure to  
21 submit has been shown. Likewise, witnesses other  
22 than the party may also be subject to exclusion

1 if not identified in the PIP. Accordingly, these  
2 forms are very important, they greatly assist the  
3 Board in narrowing the protest issues,  
4 facilitating the process and keeping the parties  
5 on point during the hearing. They likewise  
6 provide notice to opposing parties enabling them  
7 to better prepare for the hearing. We thank you  
8 greatly for your cooperation. Again, if you have  
9 any questions today or at any time leading up to  
10 the hearing please do not hesitate to contact Ms.  
11 Randall at 202-442-4353.

12 Do you have any questions that the Board can  
13 answer? All right, so again seven days before  
14 the hearing, so the hearing is scheduled for  
15 August 10th at 1:30, so seven days before the  
16 hearing you're supposed to provide the Board with  
17 a copy of the document, the PIP, and the Board  
18 and you also provide the opposing parties with  
19 this document, okay? All right. Thank you very  
20 much. Now, remember, be on time, although I'm  
21 hoping one of these will drop off because we  
22 currently have two protest hearings scheduled for

1 August 10th at 1:30, so we'll see. Hopefully,  
2 one will be settled or both will be settled.

3 MR. FANNING: Our apologies. We were on time  
4 but we were in the hallway.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, thank you, I was  
6 told you were in the hallway.

7 MR. FANNING: We should have been in here,  
8 correct.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I want folks to  
10 know that I try to be out here at 9:30 so we can  
11 start promptly --

12 MR. FANNING: I understand.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- because I  
14 appreciate your time.

15 MR. FANNING: Yes, absolutely.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Silverstein.

17 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Chair, I'd like to  
18 underscore and echo your remarks and it's a  
19 matter of us trying to respect all of you out  
20 there. We want you to be here at a certain time  
21 and we don't want to have you wait while other  
22 people, while we delay other things. It's a

1 matter -- you have lives to live and we certainly  
2 respect the fact that you were outside and this  
3 is not a scolding but this is -- we want to be  
4 good to everyone. We don't want people to have  
5 to come here at 9:30 and wait until 1:00 if it's  
6 at all possible. You have things to do. You're  
7 busy. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
9 Silverstein. (Whereupon, the above-entitled  
10 matter was concluded.)

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