DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:  
Charles Corner Inc.,  
t/a Charles Corner  
2600 Wade Road, SE  
Retailer B - ANC 8C  : Protest Hearing  
License No. 094783  : (Status)  
Case # 20-PRO-00055  :  
(Application to Renew  
the License)  :

Thursday  
January 28, 2021

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board 
met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson 
Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:
DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member  
JENI HANSEN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member  
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:  
SALIM ADOFO, ANC 8C  
SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff  
CHARLES OH, Applicant
P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

10:03 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia I am welcoming you to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

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My name is Donovan Anderson and I'm
Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce the other members of the ABC Board who are also participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce your name.

Mr. James Short.

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short, present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rema Wahabzadah.

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah, present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen.

MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis.

Unmute your microphone, Mr. Grandis.

MEMBER GRANDIS: Good morning. Ed Grandis, present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has five members in attendance for the conduct of business today and that constitutes a quorum. Before we get underway with today's hearing calendar, I need to make a few instructions very clear so that the conduct of
these hearings is understood by everyone.

There are five cases on this morning's calendar. Once your case is called, I will take a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the rights for each party to enable their camera and microphone. Then, and only then, will you have the ability to enable your equipment.

If your case has not been heard, you will remain mute and your camera will be disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the parties will have the option to leave. If the parties wish to stay, all cameras and microphones for the concluded case will be disabled.

Should you have any questions or require technical assistance during the hearing, please submit them using the question and answer feature or email simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

Our first order of business today is a protest hearing status Case No. 20-PRO-00055, Charles Corner, License No. 094783.

Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the licensee and the protestant, please.

MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, they are not online.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Let me move on the calendar and wait. You can continue to see if anyone is there.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:07 a.m. and resumed at 10:30 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on our calendar is Case No. 20-PRO-00055, Charles Corner, License No. 094783.

Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the licensee and the protestant, please.

MS. ANDREWS: Commissioner Adofo, your rights have been elevated.

Mr. Chair, the licensee has not joined yet but he called to say he's trying.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, he called to say what?

MS. ANDREWS: He's trying to log in now.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. Thank you.

MS. ANDREWS: Once he logs in I'll elevate his status.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, which business is this again?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Charles Corner, the first case on our calendar.

MEMBER SHORT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Andrews, can you let the licensee know that if he's unable to log in, he can call in. That will work.

MS. ANDREWS: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

Good morning everyone. We're back on the record. This is Case No. 20-PRO-00055, Charles Corner, License No. 094783.

Can I have the licensee identify himself for the record? I need him to spell and state his name for the record, please.

MR. OH: Sorry, I can't understand. Can you repeat?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is your name, sir?

MR. OH: My name is Charles Oh.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you spell your name?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you spell your name, sir?

MR. OH: You are ABC Board, you know.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you spell your name?

MR. OH: You're the ABC Board now.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you spell your name? Can you spell your name for me, please, sir?

MR. OH: C-H-A-R-L-E-S.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is your last name?

MR. OH: Last name O-H.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And can you say your name for the record?

MR. OH: For the record is ABC Board.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir.

What language do you speak, sir?

MR. OH: What?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What language do you speak?

MR. OH: One number.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What language do you speak?

MR. OH: Korean.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Korean?

MR. OH: Yes, Korean.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you want a Korean interpreter?

MR. OH: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Hold on.

All right. Good morning. We're going to continue this hearing to February 4th at 10:00.

MR. OH: Okay. Thank you very much.

Thank you. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. We will provide you an interpreter.

MR. OH: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This hearing is scheduled for 10:00.

MR. OH: Okay --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir.

This hearing was scheduled for 10:00. I was on the record at 10:00 and neither you nor the ANC were on this call. If you did not show up, I was going to dismiss this protest.

It's now February 4th at 10:00. We will provide you a Korean interpreter. If you're
not on the call at 10:00, I'm going to dismiss the protest.

That's for you, Mr. Adofo. This is at 10:00. Yes, sir. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: I apologize for the confusion. My question earlier was myself and the licensee wanted to extend our mediation so I was asking would that be possible if he hadn't showed up because when we did have the mediation, we agreed to continue.

We didn't work it all out in that one meeting so I was under the impression that we could continue it and we didn't have to have this meeting. I apologize for the confusion.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thank you for the clarification, sir. Do you have the information -- do you have Ms. Randall's information?

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Speak to Ms. Randall.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She will let you know if you guys -- if you guys are close to
a settlement agreement, and if you want to postpone it, you can talk to Ms. Randall. She will give you some direction what to do.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir. I apologize. I didn't mean for the Board to come together. I apologize. Also, I have a hearing on February 4th for another license.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Speak to Ms. Randall. We will provide -- also, if the licensee -- if there's an issue with communication, and if you need a translation service, speak to our agency. We will also provide him a translator so you can communicate with him in these sessions. Okay?

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Speak to Ms. Randall. She will let us know. If both parties are not available on the 4th, then we will postpone it but you have to tell the agency. If you have any questions, since you've been in communication with April Randall, speak to her. She will guide you. You cannot just show up because if you did not show up this morning, I was going to dismiss your protest.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir. I
apologize. I have a hearing scheduled for the 4th already.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You let Ms. Randall know.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll change the date.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.

I'm sorry, Mr. -- what's his name?

Mr. --

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Oh. Mr. Oh.

MS. ANDREWS: His last name is Mr. Oh.

His name is Mr. Oh.

MR. OH: Yes, yes. I'm speaking.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Oh. All right. I will make sure that Ms. Randall also speaks to you and provide you a Korean interpreter. Okay, sir?

MR. OH: Thank you very much. When?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll try to contact you today or in the next couple of days to provide you a Korean interpreter. Okay?

MR. OH: Okay. Around the 1st of next month?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I don't know what it is but don't worry about it.

MR. OH: Can you send an email?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I will make sure that the ABC -- the agency provides you instructions and provide you a Korean interpreter so you will understand what the process is moving forward. Okay?

MR. OH: Yes, wonderful.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Thank you. Have a great day.

MR. OH: Okay. Can you send an email for the schedule?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. We will do that.

MR. OH: Okay. Thank you very much.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Have a great day.

I appreciate your explanation, Mr. Adofo, so at least I'm not -- you don't leave me at the end of this hearing upset with you.

Okay?

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir. I do have another question.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: I'm having a very
difficult time understanding all of this to be
honest with you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Speak to Ms.
Randall. April Randall, she is your -- she is --
she will work with you. Whatever questions that
you have, ask her.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She will walk
you through the process. She will walk the
licensee through the process. This is not -- our
agency is here to assist both sides. We are also
having a series of training. Are you a new ANC
commissioner?

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: No, sir. This is
my second time. I've done the training.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we're
having some training coming up. We're having
three trainings coming up shortly. You need to
participate in that. I think Sarah Fauschbaum, I
believe, also does that. She is also your
contact.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have her
information?

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Now, she's actually even a better person to speak to because she's not -- her job is to work with ANCs and her job is to work with the community so you can talk to her about whatever it is.

Whatever you don't understand she can walk you through the process. She can hold your hand. Whatever you don't understand, you have Sarah Fauschbaum and you also have April Randall and we will work with you to make sure you have a smooth process. Okay?

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great day. Thanks.

With that, the Board will -- we will adjourn until -- the Board will be in recess until 1:40 this afternoon. 1:40. That's when we'll come back on the record at 1:40.

I'll have -- I'll ask that the Board
now move back to executive session. Thank you.
We'll be back on the public record at 1:40 this afternoon. Thank you.
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