DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:        :
Lama, LLC,                :
t/a 1831 Bar/Lounge       :
1831 M Street NW         :
License #116855          : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 2B     : Hearing (Status)
Case #21-CMP-00013       :

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Investigator to Enter :
or Inspect Without :
Delay Failed to Comply :
with Mayor's Orders, No :
ABC Manager on Duty)
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Wednesday
July 28, 2021

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

PRESENT:
DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:
SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
JAMES JORDAN, DC OAG
AMJAD KHANZADA, Licensee
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone, as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for District of Columbia and in accordance with D.C. Code Section 2576 of the Open Meetings Act.

I am welcoming you to the regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

This meeting has been conducted pursuant to guidance made available by the District of Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding electronic meetings held by public bodies during the public emergency.

Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website on the District's central meeting calendar.

The notice included the time, date, agenda, and call-in or login information for public participation. This electric meeting has been hosted by a WebEx account provided by the District of Columbia government.

Please address any questions or
complaints to the OOG at opengovoffice@DC.gov.

My name is Donovan Anderson, 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 2021-096.

Please respond when I announce your name. Mr. James Short?

MR. SHORT: Present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi Crockett?

MS. CROCKETT: Present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen?

MS. HANSEN: Jenny Hansen, present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward Grandis?

MR. GRANDIS: Present.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has five members in attendance for the conduct of business and that constitutes a quorum.

Before we get on the way 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 actually nine cases scheduled for today. Once the case is called I will take a moment for the IT specialist to elevate the right 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 party chooses 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.andras2@dc.gov.

Our first order of business today is Case Number 21 CMP, 0013 1831 bar lounge, license number 116855. Ms. Andras, can you please elevate the rights of the Government and the licensee in this case, please?

MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Mr. Jordan, your rights have been elevated, Mr. Khanzada, your
rights have been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Andras. Good morning, I would like the parties to please introduce themselves for the record starting with the Government.

MR. JORDAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairperson and Members of the Board, James Jordan on behalf of the Government.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr. Jordan, I've seen your name many times but it's the first time you're appearing in front of me so welcome, sir.

MR. JORDAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. and Ms. Khanzada, if you have a camera -- do you have a camera, sir?

MR. KHANZADA: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you have a camera, can you turn your camera on? If you don't have one, that's fine.

MR. KHANZADA: Good morning.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Could you please state and spell your name for the record
and your relationship to this establishment?

MR. KHANZADA: My name is Amjad Khanzada and we have the business 1831 M Street Bar and Lounge. I'm the owner.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: how do you pronounce your last name, sir?

MR. KHANZADA: Khanzada.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning. Good morning, Mr. Jordan, are there any preliminary matters in this case?

MR. JORDAN: No, Mr. Chairperson, the parties do not have an offer and compromise to present to the Board at this time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This matter then is scheduled for a show-cause hearing on September 29th at 1:30 p.m. And at the show-cause hearing, and this is especially for you, Mr. Khanzada, is this your case, Mr. Jordan?

MR. JORDAN: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The parties are required to exchange documents and witnesses seven days prior to the hearing so sorry if you have witnesses that you're going to call up on or any documents you're going to rely upon.

You are required to exchange that with
the Government and also provide a copy of these
documents to our legal department.

    If you are unsure procedurally how to
do that you can contact our legal office and we
will give you some guidance on how legally you
can provide us the documents and also provide the
documents to the other side.

    So, again, September 29th at 1:30
p.m., that's when we'll have our show-cause
hearing. Are there any other questions?

    MR. KHANZADA:  No.

    CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:  Thank you, have
a great day then.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
went off the record at 10:53 a.m.)
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Place: teleconference

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Court Reporter