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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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CANCELLATION AGENDA :

Wednesday
March 25, 2020


PRESENT:

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

*Present via telephone
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10:54 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to welcome you to the regular scheduled meeting of the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Today is March 25th, 2020.

I would like to introduce members of the Board with us today. We do have Mr. James Short. We do have Mr. Bobby Cato. We do have Ms. Rema Wahabzadah. We do have Ms. Rafi Crockett. We have Ms. Jeni Henson. We have Mr. Edward Grandis. My name is Donovan Anderson and I'm the Chairman of the Board. We have seven members in attendance today for the conduct of business and we do have the quorum.

I would like to mention three things before we get started. First of all, if you have any electronic devices; pagers, cell phones or such, please make certain that they're turned off to avoid any interruption of the proceeding.

Secondly, there is a piece of paper at each table. When you come forward and your case is called, please take a seat at the table and please sign in. This is to ensure we can spell
your name for the record.

Lastly, please note that today's meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints to the Office of Open Government at Opengovoffice@dc.gov. I will note the approximate time is 10:48 a.m.

(Whereupon, the foregoing matter went off the record at 10:48 a.m. and went back on the record at 10:54 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we're going to now do our legal agenda. The first matter on our legal agenda is the Review of Protestant's Motion to Dismiss or in the alternative for summary denial of the application, dated February 18th, 2020. And it's MAHK Meetings, LLC, to be determined, License No. 115363. I make a motion that we dent this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.
The next matter to review is Applicant's opposition to protest the motion to dismiss the application or in the alternative for summary denial of the application, dated February 20th, 2020. This is the MAHK Meetings, to be determined, License No. 115364. This matter is now moot.

The next matter is the review of the Protestant's reply to the Applicant's opposition to the Protestant's motion to dismiss the application or in the alternative for summary denial of the application, dated March 6th, 2020. And the MAHK Meetings, LLC, to be determined, License No. 115363. This matter is now moot also.

We now move to our supplemental legal agenda. The first matter on our supplemental legal agenda is a review of the settlement agreement, dated March 10th, 2020 between ANC 2F and Butter Chicken Company 2, License No. 116156. I make a motion that we approve with modifications. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor say
aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter to review is a request for extension of time to complete OIC terms due to the pandemic, Aqua Restaurant, License No. 060477. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT:

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is the review of temporary restaurant endorsement and safekeeping of license notice of emergency rulemaking. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. All those in favor say aye.

(chorus of ayes)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is the review of the suspension of the on-premises alcohol sales and consumption due to public emergency notice of second emergency rulemaking. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

We now move to our licensing agenda.

The first matter on our licensing agenda is to review application for safekeeping of license, Seasons and Sessions, License No. 106088. I make a motion that we grant this request through October 31st, 2020. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

(chorus of ayes)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is to review request
to include the basement space, previously
approved as storage as part of the license
premises for alcoholic beverage, sales, and
consumption for the Library Tavern, License No.
105058. I make a motion that we approve this
request. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
seconded the motion. All those in favor, say
aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is to review
application with change of hours for the Summer
Garden for Chi-Cha Lounge, License No. 026519. I
make a motion that we placard this matter. Is
there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say
aye.
(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter to review is application for a summer garden with 16 seats, the Nile Ethiopian Restaurant and Nile Market, License No. 060432. I make a motion that was placard this matter. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

We now move to our supplemental licensing agenda. The first matter on our supplemental licensing agenda is to review application for safekeeping of license, Wheeler Spirits and Wine, License No. 112241. I make a motion that was grant this request through October 31st, 2020. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say
aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is to review application for safekeeping of license, Donovan House/Zentan, License No. 082474. I make a motion that we grant this request through October 31st, 2020. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is to review a request to extend safekeeping of license, Skylark Lounge, License No. 090611. I make a motion that we approve this request through September 31st, 2020. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.
(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is to review request to extend safekeeping of license, FoBoGro, License No. 082431. I make a motion that we grant this request through September 31st, 2020. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

(chorus of ayes)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

The next matter is to review application for change of hours to add Sunday hours for the Bruery, License No. 107892. I make a motion that we approve this request. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say aye.

(chorus of ayes)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
The matter passed 7-0-0.
The next matter is to review request
to store alcoholic beverages off site for Saint
Yves, License No. 099876. I make a motion that
we approve this request. Is there a second?
MEMBER SHORT: Second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
seconded the motion. All those in favor, say
aye.
(chorus of ayes)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
The matter passed 7-0-0.
We now move to our cancellation
agenda. The ABC Board will be cancelling the
following items for the reasons outlined below.
Surfside, License No. 8078406. The license
request cancellation for the ABC. I make a
motion that we approve this request. Is there a
second?
MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
has seconded the motion. All those in favor, say
aye.
(chorus of ayes)
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?

The matter passed 7-0-0.

As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia in accordance with Title 3, Chapter 405 Office of Open Government, I move that ABC Board hold a closed meeting on April 1st, 2020 for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations and seeking legal advice from our counsel on the Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and licensing agenda for April 1st, 2020 as will be published in DC Register on March 27th, 2020. Is there a second?

MEMBER CROCKETT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. I will take a roll call vote on the motion before us now that has been seconded. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hensen?

MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
MEMBER CATO: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

MEMBER CROCKETT: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah?

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

Mr. Grandis?

MEMBER WAHABZADAH: His phone is muted.

MEMBER GRANDIS: I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: As it appears that the motion has passed, I hereby give notice that ABC Board will hold this aforementioned closed meeting. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, notice will also be posted on the ABC Board Hearing Room bulletin board, placed on electronic calendar in ABRA's website, and published in the DC Register in as timely a manner as practical.

It is 11:03 a.m. and we are adjourned for the day. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the foregoing matter went off the record at 11:03 a.m. and resumed at 11:04 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And why don't you repeat what you have to say, Mr. Grandis? Go
ahead Mr. Grandis.

MEMBER GRANDIS: I apologize I was on mute at one point and didn't realize during the vote on the FoBoGro matter. I would like to recuse myself from that one.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the matter for the --

MEMBER GRANDIS: The safekeeping of the license.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the matter of the safekeeping of the license for FoBoGro, the matter passed 6-0 with Mr. Grandis abstaining from participation in this vote. Okay, thank you Mr. Grandis.

MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you.

(Whereupon, the foregoing matter went off the record at 11:05 a.m.)
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