

BRANT L. ROOKER

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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: :

Brant L. Rooker  
Manager's Application  
FACT FINDING HEARING

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Wednesday July 27, 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.

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2 CHAIRPERSON:

3 DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Presiding

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5 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT:

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7 RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

8 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

9 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

10 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

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

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. We have a  
3 fact finding hearing on Brant L. Rooker. This is a  
4 personal matter. So I would -- I would ask that  
5 everyone that's -- unless you're here in support of  
6 Mr. Rooker -- that everyone -- that you vacate the --  
7 the room please. All right. So -- and I will -- once  
8 we're done with this case then we'll call you to come  
9 back inside. So if you're not -- if you're not here on  
10 behalf of Mr. Rooker, please vacate the room. Thank  
11 you.

12 MR. ALBERTI: Mr. Rooker, he's lucky,  
13 Mr. Short's [inaudible 22:33].

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
15 Mr. Rooker.

16 MR. ROOKER: Good morning, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have applied for  
18 a manager's license. And as part of the process The  
19 Board reviews your -- your -- your history. And one of  
20 the reasons why The Board had requested this fact  
21 finding hearing is that you had on your license that  
22 there was a dwi -- DUI conviction in 2015.

1 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so the purpose of  
3 this hearing is for you to explain to us what is going  
4 on and why is it that you believe that The Board should  
5 trust you since you are requesting a manager's license.  
6 You are the person who will serve alcohol to -- to -- to  
7 people in the establishment. So with this recent  
8 conviction -- and maybe you can give us some more  
9 information about it and whether or not you understand  
10 the process and why you believe that The Board should  
11 overlook this and provide you a license.

12 MR. ROOKER: Specifically what would you  
13 like to know, sir?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Whatever you want to  
15 give to us. Whatever -- I'm sorry.

16 MR. ALBERTI: First off, I'll ask -- I -- if  
17 I may I'll ask him some questions that may help him.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure. Go ahead, Mr.  
19 Alberti.

20 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. I'll start by asking  
21 you some questions, and then that may give you some idea  
22 of what we're looking for from you. So, Mr. Rooker, how

1 did this come about that you were -- that you were  
2 pulled over?

3 MR. ROOKER: It was -- I was not -- it was  
4 not a workday. It was after -- it was a -- it was  
5 after -- well after working hours. So it was not  
6 related with the establishment. And in -- in  
7 transparency I had been working a lot of hours, had  
8 literally three drinks and was on my way home. So it  
9 was -- I was pulled over on my way home.

10 MR. ALBERTI: For -- I mean why -- why did  
11 they pull you over, do you know?

12 MR. ROOKER: I believe like it was I -- I  
13 didn't run -- I didn't break any traffic laws. I had  
14 stopped at a traffic light and apparently I did not --  
15 as I was -- as I was pulling through the light I did  
16 not -- well, apparently it was that I was supposed to  
17 come -- did not come to a complete stop apparently as I  
18 was going through the -- like as I was going through the  
19 light. Like I stopped at the traffic light. It was  
20 green, and I stopped. And then literally there was a  
21 stop sign after that. And apparently I did not come to  
22 a complete stop at the -- at the -- at the stop sign.

1 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. Okay. Did you get a  
2 breathalyzer?

3 MR. ROOKER: No, sir.

4 MR. ALBERTI: What did they do? Did they  
5 give a blood test?

6 MR. ROOKER: A blood test, yes, sir.

7 MR. ALBERTI: They brought you in?

8 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

9 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. Do you know what your  
10 blood level --

11 MR. ROOKER: I don't remember, sir.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You don't remember.

13 MR. ROOKER: It's well over -- its been well  
14 over a year now.

15 MR. ALBERTI: Why didn't you get a breath --  
16 breathalyzer, do you know why? I mean that's typical  
17 procedure.

18 MR. ROOKER: It is typical procedure. But  
19 they basically said that they did not want to give me a  
20 breathalyzer. So they took me in. They took me in and  
21 I went to --

22 MR. ALBERTI: Did they do a sobriety check

1 out there or anything?

2 MR. ROOKER: They did a sobriety check, and  
3 they said that I -- like they said that I didn't pass.  
4 But then they -- they decided they were going to give me  
5 a blood test as well.

6 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So what was your  
7 sentence on this one?

8 MR. ROOKER: I -- the sentence was I -- I  
9 pleaded to -- I pleaded to it, and I was given  
10 probation. I've been on probation for well over a year  
11 now. And I have -- I'm also almost off of probation.  
12 And since that time I have completed all the  
13 requirements associated with my probation which was a  
14 driving safety course, an alcohol awareness safety  
15 course. I paid restitution to D.C., and literally all  
16 I'm waiting -- like an ABRA -- I have a -- as part of my  
17 probation it's like I'm not -- I used to have to go to  
18 my probation officer on a regular basis. But now I'm on  
19 this auto track system now where literally all I have to  
20 do is call in on the 28th of the month, and it's about  
21 tracking my -- like because of the GPS on my phone it  
22 tracks my whereabouts. So literally my probation is

1 almost complete.

2 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. You're 46 years old?

3 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

4 MR. ALBERTI: Have you ever had any trouble  
5 like this before?

6 MR. ROOKER: No, sir.

7 MR. ALBERTI: All right. Any lessons  
8 learned from this?

9 MR. ROOKER: Several. Several.

10 MR. ALBERTI: You want to tell us about it.

11 MR. ROOKER: Well, just it's -- it's -- it  
12 comes down to making -- it's about decisions. And it's  
13 ironic because as Mr. Anderson said as -- as I serve  
14 like it's about making sure that other people -- and  
15 I've done this for several years of my life -- making  
16 sure that other people are okay when they leave. And --  
17 and as I stated like when I left the establishment  
18 before I was pulled over it was one of those -- because  
19 I had two other people with me, and everyone was like  
20 okay, we're good to go. And it was almost as if it --  
21 it -- to me in that particular instant it happened  
22 instantaneously versus had I -- if I were able to step

1 outside myself it'd be like okay, you're not okay to  
2 drive. But in that particular instant it was like okay,  
3 all three of us were like we're good to go. And the  
4 ironic thing is I dropped a friend of mine off at the  
5 hotel and was on my way back from the hotel to my house  
6 when this occurred. But to answer your question I  
7 don't -- like for one I don't drink -- literally I don't  
8 drink hardly ever, one. Two, I don't -- if I do, I  
9 certainly don't -- like I Uber everywhere. So it's --  
10 it's not even -- that's not even an issue. And like I  
11 said, I don't drink a lot any more right now any -- any  
12 more. So it's not really an issue. And the  
13 establishment that I work at right now I'm a TIPS  
14 trainer. So I'm -- and so I've been TIPS certified not  
15 only because it's part of the requirement for the  
16 license but just because in my process during the  
17 probation I learned a lot of different things that I  
18 already knew. But then I learned some things that I  
19 didn't know. And so I'm diligent about making sure  
20 people know the risk associated. And I'm just --  
21 it's -- it was a stupid mistake, and I value what I do.  
22 I value the responsibility that I have. So it's -- you

1 know, there are several lessons learned. I don't want  
2 to bore you with all of them, but there are several  
3 lessons learned.

4 MR. ALBERTI: No. Go ahead. That's good.  
5 [Inaudible 28:53] more interested in hearing more. But  
6 -- so who -- who do you work for?

7 MR. ROOKER: I'm the beverage manager for  
8 the Loews Madison Hotel.

9 MR. ALBERTI: Great. And they're aware of  
10 this?

11 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

12 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. Great. Thank you. I  
13 have no further questions. Thank you, Mr. Rooker.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
15 Alberti. Do we have any other questions? Yes,  
16 Mr. Short.

17 MR. SHORT: Good morning, Mr. Rooker.

18 MR. ROOKER: It's Rooker, sir.

19 MR. SHORT: Forgive me, Mr. Rooker. You --  
20 when will you -- when will your probation --

21 MR. ROOKER: I'm on probation right now.  
22 I've been --

1 MR. SHORT: I said when will it finish?

2 MR. ROOKER: Oh, when will it finish?

3 December.

4 MR. SHORT: And this is just -- I'm just  
5 trying to figure. Why wouldn't you wait until after you  
6 finish your probation to come before this board? Why  
7 would you --

8 MR. ROOKER: Because as I'm -- in terms of  
9 being responsible my manager's license needed to be  
10 renewed. And so -- because I already had the manager's  
11 license and it needed to be renewed. And in accordance  
12 with being responsible I needed to renew it -- like it  
13 needed to be renewed. So I was doing what I needed to  
14 do.

15 MR. SHORT: So the manager's -- the  
16 manager's license is the big deal for you?

17 MR. ROOKER: It's a big deal for me. It's a  
18 big -- and it's not really a requirement of my job, but  
19 it's a big deal to me. I mean I had it, and I would  
20 like to keep it because it is a big deal to me. It's  
21 a -- and again, I know that I was irresponsible, but I  
22 take that and my responsibilities and everything that

1 comes with it -- because it's not just -- there's a lot  
2 of things that come with that. And I know -- because  
3 when I got my DUI it was a big deal in the sense of  
4 not that I got it. It's a big deal that I got it. But  
5 everything in terms of the recordkeeping and all of the  
6 other things that come along with that license, it needs  
7 to --

8 MR. SHORT: But you were a manager, you had  
9 your manager's license when you left your place of  
10 employment before you got pulled over for this DUI?

11 MR. ROOKER: Well, I -- yes. Well, I had  
12 my -- yes, sir, I did. I had my manager's license, but  
13 I -- like I -- I've had my manager's license the entire  
14 time. I've had my manager's license for two years. I  
15 worked at another place for almost two years. I changed  
16 jobs in February of this year.

17 MR. SHORT: I'm -- I'm trying not to keep --  
18 keep -- keep you here too long. But again, the question  
19 I asked was -- and I don't think I got a -- to me I  
20 didn't get a reasonable answer. Why wouldn't you wait  
21 until after you have finished your probation in December  
22 to come before this board?

1 MR. ROOKER: Honestly because I did not -- I  
2 was not aware and did not realize that in the process of  
3 renewing it that I would have to disclose that. Had I  
4 known that I would have had to disclose that when I was  
5 going through the application process, I probably would  
6 have waited but I didn't. Like it's important -- it's  
7 important to me because we have certain -- like we have  
8 ABRA checks from investigators, and I actually am listed  
9 as one of the people that is allowed to speak with the  
10 investigator at my current position. So I -- that  
11 probably played a part in the reason why I didn't just  
12 wait to -- to -- to make that happen.

13 MR. SHORT: Okay. Now this question goes  
14 back to that same route. How long had you had a  
15 manager's license before this incident?

16 MR. ROOKER: Let's see. A year and a half I  
17 think. A year -- like I -- it's two years old. So  
18 2000 -- I had it some time in 2014. I got the DUI in  
19 2015.

20 MR. SHORT: And when you went through your  
21 first application to get it didn't you fill out the  
22 papers that said -- asked you about your criminal record

1 and why all those things were important?

2 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

3 MR. SHORT: Were they important?

4 MR. ROOKER: I'm sorry?

5 MR. SHORT: Were they important to you?

6 MR. ROOKER: Was what important to me?

7 MR. SHORT: That you had to fill out your  
8 criminal record before you got your first manager's  
9 license.

10 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

11 MR. SHORT: You knew that. You still drank  
12 and drove. You got caught. And now you haven't even  
13 finished your probation and you'd like for this board to  
14 renew that manager's license for you. I would simply  
15 say this to you, judge not less you be judged. I'm --  
16 I'm not trying to be judgemental. But I would think as  
17 a board member we should wait until December for you to  
18 come back and say I've finished -- I've paid my debt to  
19 society, I've finished my probation, I realize the  
20 seriousness of what I did, and can you guys now think  
21 about it. That's how many months away between now and  
22 December?

1 MR. ROOKER: Four or five. Well, it's,  
2 yeah, five essentially.

3 MR. SHORT: That -- would that be a big deal  
4 for you to come back here in December and -- and -- and  
5 reapply?

6 MR. ROOKER: Other than -- other than I  
7 guess the time consuming of it. It's -- I mean it's a  
8 big deal because I feel like I honestly -- I honestly  
9 feel despite your statement about judge less not you be  
10 judged, I've paid it -- like I've paid my debt. I've  
11 paid -- like and I'm still paying.

12 MR. SHORT: You haven't finished. You're  
13 still on probation.

14 MR. ROOKER: Sir, if you'd let me finish.

15 MR. SHORT: Yes. Go ahead.

16 MR. ROOKER: I'm still -- I will pay that  
17 debt regardless of whether I have the license or not. I  
18 will continue to pay that debt, you know, for the rest  
19 of my life. So whether I -- whether I'm granted the  
20 opportunity to have the license now or whether I'm  
21 granted until December I'm going to pay that debt  
22 regardless of that. I'll pay that debt for the rest of

1 my life. And so this is -- to -- to your point it's  
2 always going to be important to me and I made a mistake.  
3 But I've -- I've paid my debt. I'm still paying my  
4 debt. I will always pay that debt.

5 MR. SHORT: Okay. Now, let me ask you this.  
6 You say you -- you train people in TIPS, correct?

7 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

8 MR. SHORT: What does TIPS say about alcohol  
9 and over-serving and -- and -- and being responsible for  
10 people that leave your establishment over-served?  
11 What -- what does TIPS training relate to that? How  
12 does that relate?

13 MR. ROOKER: I'm not sure that I understand  
14 your question.

15 MR. SHORT: Not -- not a problem. I'll  
16 simply say this, again, sir, it's -- I'm just one board  
17 member, I have one vote. And maybe other board members  
18 would not see it like I see it, I don't know. But I'll  
19 simply say this, I wish that you would have waited until  
20 that -- until that December date and come back before  
21 this board because several things can happen. I'll just  
22 simply say this, suppose you have a slip or a lapse, you

1 have another problem with the police or anything else  
2 dealing with that and the [inaudible 34:59] Washington  
3 Post says although he had a DUI, the ABC Board decided  
4 to give him his license before he finished his  
5 probation. And that's -- that's a likelihood should you  
6 have any more problems. And if you don't finish your  
7 probation, you won't be able to get a lot of things,  
8 correct?

9 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

10 MR. SHORT: Okay. So again, I'll ask this  
11 question: Would it be a terrible impediment to you if  
12 you waited until December to reapply when you finish  
13 probation?

14 MR. ROOKER: I'm not saying that it would be  
15 a terrible impediment, but no -- like the last statement  
16 that you made, no offense to The Board, I'm not sure  
17 that it's -- like I guess the concern or the question is  
18 -- is it I guess what you said about the Washington  
19 Post? Are you more concerned about what The Board looks  
20 like?

21 MR. SHORT: No. No. Let me clarify that.

22 MR. ROOKER: Sir --

1 MR. SHORT: Let me -- let me clarify that  
2 please. Please, sir. If you could give me -- can I  
3 speak?

4 MR. ROOKER: Well, sir, I was in the middle  
5 of the speaking and --

6 MR. SHORT: Okay. I'm -- I'm -- again --

7 MR. ROOKER: Please go ahead.

8 MR. SHORT: And most people that have  
9 learned their lessons act a little remorseful. Are you  
10 remorseful about what you did?

11 MR. ROOKER: I am, sir. Like, and -- and  
12 the fact that I'm sitting here having -- in front of  
13 four people that I -- five people that I don't know --  
14 actually six, or seven, or eight people that I don't  
15 know talking about something, a mistake that I made is  
16 very humbling and I'm sorry that if it seems like I'm  
17 not remorseful. It's just that the last statement that  
18 you made about the -- like the whole Washington Post  
19 kind of struck a nerve. And so --

20 MR. SHORT: I'll -- I'll give you a for  
21 instance. I'll give a for instance. Have you ever seen  
22 the results of a drunk driver hitting someone head-on

1 with a bunch of babies in the car?

2 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

3 MR. SHORT: Maybe that's what I was trying  
4 to relate to you without saying it out loud. I was  
5 saying do you realize you could have killed someone that  
6 night or killed yourself or killed the other two people  
7 if the car? You were impaired.

8 MR. ROOKER: Sir, and I -- I absolutely  
9 understand that. And for transparency I was in the --  
10 the woman -- the woman that I was in the car with at the  
11 time is the mother of two children. And so I deeply  
12 understand what could have happened, and I am very aware  
13 of the consequences of what could have happened. And  
14 that's why I said one, that I do not drink; and two, I  
15 said that I Uber everywhere because I -- I specifically  
16 don't intend to repeat that mistake.

17 MR. SHORT: That's all I have, Mr. Chair.  
18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Silverstein.

20 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Rooker, I -- there's  
21 only one person in this room that's ever pulled a face  
22 out of a windshield or a dead body out of a car, and

1 it's my dear friend who sits to my right. Mr. Short  
2 spent over 30 years in the D.C. Fire Department and he  
3 feels more strongly about this than any of us because  
4 with his own hands he has pulled lifeless bodies out of  
5 cars --

6 MR. ROOKER: Understood.

7 MR. SILVERSTEIN: -- and seen the -- seen  
8 the harvest that this brings about. This -- I -- I  
9 think the question to me is -- is whether you have seen  
10 the error here and whether you are likely to repeat it.  
11 And I feel its been over a year, and I -- I feel that  
12 you have the remorse and that you understand the  
13 situation. I -- I -- I would be more likely to give you  
14 a six-month renewal and then come back in six months at  
15 that point, allow you to continue for now, and then at  
16 the end of the probationary period once you've completed  
17 it, then you come back. And at that point I would --  
18 you know, assuming it is successful -- that you move  
19 forward without any incumbrance. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other questions  
21 by any of the board members? Yes, Ms. Miller.

22 MS. MILLER: Good morning, sir. You're not

1 the first one to come before us, you know, with a DUI,  
2 and it -- it's a serious offense. And actually what we  
3 really are looking for -- at least I am -- you know,  
4 what -- what you've learned from it, is it going to  
5 happen again, or should we be concerned that this is  
6 going to be a sign that, you know, your work is going to  
7 be affected by drinking in the future? And from what I  
8 hear I think that your behavior looks like its changed  
9 for the best, that you've learned a lot more than you  
10 knew beforehand, that you're taking Uber, you're not  
11 drinking. There's really not much more that -- that --  
12 you took courses. There's not much more that you could  
13 be doing at this point, and you're serving out your  
14 probation. I -- I just have a question for you with  
15 respect to, you know, our system.

16 MR. ROOKER: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. MILLER: Before you got a manager's  
18 license what -- what kind of training or anything did  
19 you have about driving under the influence or -- or, you  
20 know, what makes a person appear that they're not --  
21 they shouldn't go out and drive when they the  
22 establishment?

1 MR. ROOKER: Having worked in -- I was -- I  
2 mean I was familiar with -- I was TIPS certified  
3 probably -- I've been TIPS certified for the last --  
4 since 2016 I want to say for like the last three or four  
5 years. And prior to that I've been in and out of the  
6 hospitality industry for -- for a long time. So I'm  
7 familiar -- I was familiar and have been familiar with  
8 the severity or what -- you know, what that looks like,  
9 what it doesn't look like. But at the same time again  
10 just -- and I don't mean this flippantly, but because  
11 you know something sometimes, that that doesn't stop you  
12 necessarily from making a poor decision.

13 MS. MILLER: Okay. Having made this big  
14 mistake though, does that stop you now?

15 MR. ROOKER: Oh, yes. Yeah. For a lot of  
16 different reasons.

17 MS. MILLER: Right. Right. Okay. All  
18 right. Thank you.

19 MR. ROOKER: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Any other  
21 final questions by any of the board members? Any final  
22 statements you would like to make, Mr. Rooker?

1 MR. ROOKER: It's Rooker, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Rooker. I -- I  
3 apologize, Mr. Rooker.

4 MR. ROOKER: None other than to say thank  
5 you for your time and to address Mr. Short. Prior to  
6 what Mr. Silverstein had shared I can understand even as  
7 a board member aside from your history the severity of  
8 wanting to make people aware of -- of the severity of  
9 their actions. And -- and having been a part -- been in  
10 this room before not on my own behalf but on behalf of a  
11 business I understand, am fully aware how serious  
12 licensing someone for either a business or an individual  
13 is. And our interaction, no harm was meant. And I  
14 deeply appreciate -- now that I do now why you -- why  
15 your line of questioning was as such, but I assure you  
16 as well as the rest of The Board that as I sit here  
17 I've -- I've learned a lot. I've learned a lot, and I  
18 don't mean -- again, I don't flippantly in terms of --  
19 you know, have learned a lot financially because of the  
20 impact of this. But just as a human being aside from  
21 that I've learned a lot. So while I -- I deeply  
22 appreciate your concern and your -- and your line of

1 questioning I -- I -- again, as five people that don't  
2 know me and the fact that just sitting here and doing  
3 this interaction has moved me to -- has moved me I  
4 think. And I appreciate your time, but I -- I  
5 appreciate what you've had to say.

6 MR. SHORT: Thank you, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All  
8 right. Thank you, Mr. Rooker. I apologize if I  
9 continue to butcher your name. It's no disrespect. All  
10 right. With that said, I -- then I make a motion that  
11 we renew his manager's license for the full term. Is  
12 there a second?

13 MS. MILLER: Second.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Miller has  
15 seconded the motion.

16 MR. ALBERTI: Renew it for the full term?

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. Yes, for the  
18 full term. Do you have something to offer,  
19 Mr. Silverstein?

20 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I -- I would like to amend  
21 that to -- for -- for a six-month period.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not sure. Well,

1 we have a motion. The motion has been seconded. So I'm  
2 not sure if that's --

3 MR. ALBERTI: Well, he can make a motion to  
4 amend it. He needs a second.

5 MR. SHORT: I second Mr. --  
6 Mr. Silverstein's amendment.

7 MR. ALBERTI: I -- I --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Hold on.  
9 Hold on one minute. All right. We -- there's a motion  
10 on the table. Its been properly seconded. Those --

11 MR. ALBERTI: I -- I'm just going to say --  
12 I -- I will just say I'm -- I -- I understand my  
13 colleagues' concerns, but I am impressed with the  
14 answers I got from Mr. Rooker, and I will not support  
15 the motion to amend.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Miller.

17 MS. MILLER: What -- I -- I thought you were  
18 calling a vote and I wasn't sure on which motion.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, on -- on  
20 Mr. Silverstein's motion for six months.

21 MS. MILLER: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you support it or

1 do you oppose it?

2 MS. MILLER: I oppose it. I'm -- I'm in  
3 favor of the -- the full license.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I -- I --  
5 Mr. Silverstein. Well, of course, what's your vote --  
6 you're voting in favor of your motion of course. Mr. --  
7 Mr. Short.

8 MR. SHORT: I seconded his motion. So, yes,  
9 I'm for Mr. Silverstein.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I -- based on  
11 Mr. Rooker's presentation this morning I -- I don't  
12 support that. So I would vote against it. So the  
13 motion failed. But I do appreciate the -- the  
14 seriousness of this matter. And I think one of the  
15 reasons why you're here, sir, is that The Board is very  
16 concerned with -- with these issues. And given your  
17 license to serve alcohol where you yourself is having  
18 these concerns is something that's very serious to The  
19 Board. However, so going back to the original -- the  
20 original motion to renew your license for the -- for the  
21 full term, the -- we had -- it was -- the motion was  
22 second -- properly second. Those in favor say aye.

1 [Chorus of ayes]. Those opposed.

2 MR. SHORT: Abstain.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Abstain. All right.

4 So the matter passed four-zero-one with one abstention.

5 Mr. Short has abstained. And I think, sir, it's --

6 we're giving you the benefit of the doubt. But you

7 should know that if I remain -- I'll -- I am -- I'm on

8 this board for another three years. And if you come

9 back here -- and Mr. Short is going to be here and most

10 of us are going to be here for -- for your renewal

11 period. And be mindful that if you come back in front

12 of The Board, The Board is not likely to be sympathetic

13 since you have done this. And so we're -- we're again

14 taking a chance on you that you're going to do the right

15 thing. All right.

16 MR. ROOKER: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So we'll sign --

18 MR. SHORT: Good luck to you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll sign off on

20 this, and you can go and pick your license up. You can

21 take that -- once we sign off on this we're going to

22 give this to you. You can take it to -- to there.

1 MR. ROOKER: I'm okay to get up?

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah. You can get  
3 up. But I'm just saying we're going to give you this.  
4 You can -- sign it right -- right next to mine. We'll  
5 give this to you, and you can go up and get your  
6 license, sir. Yes. Call -- call Mr. -- yeah  
7 Mr. Hosseini. Yes.

8 MR. ALBERTI: Good luck, Mr. Rooker.

9 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Good luck, sir.

10 (Whereupon the above-entitled matter was  
11 concluded.)

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