DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Club Cinema of Mazza, Inc.,
t/a Club Cinema
5300 Wisconsin Avenue NW
Retailer CT - ANC 3E
License No. 60040
Case #19-PRO-00153
(Petition to Amend or Terminate the Settlement Agreement)

Wednesday
February 26, 2020


PRESENT:
DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
JENI HANSEN, Member
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:
MATTHEW MINORA, Counsel for Applicant
JONATHAN BENDER, Protestant
P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

9:38 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 February 26, 2020. I would like to introduce members of the Board with us today. To my far right is Ms. Jeni Hansen, and to her left is Ms. Rafi Crockett. To my immediate right is Mr. Bobby Cato. To my far left is Ms. Rema Wahabzadah, and to my immediate left is Mr. James Short.

My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm Chairman of the Board. We have six members today for the conduct of business. We therefore have a quorum. I would like to mention three things before we get started. First of all, if you have any electronic devices, pages, cell phones or such, please make certain that they're turned off to avoid any interruption of the proceeding. Secondly, there's a piece of paper on each table. When you come forward as your case is called, please take a seat at the table and please sign in.
This is to ensure the correct spelling of the 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 would note that the approximate time is 9:38 a.m., and our first order of business, it's our protest hearing status calendar.

Case No. 19-PRO-00153, Club Cinema, License No. 60040. Would the parties please approach and identify -- please approach. We'll start with the Licensee.

MR. MINORA: I'm Matt Minora from the law firm of Mallios & O'Brien.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr. Minora.

MR. BENDER: Jonathan Bender on behalf of the Protestant, ANC-3.

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

MR. MINORA: No.

MR. BENDER: No.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then this matter is scheduled for a protest hearing on March 11th at 1:30 p.m. Are both parties familiar with the protest process or do you need me to read the instructions for protest hearing?

MR. BENDER: I don't want to delay the proceedings. Is it online?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's not a delay, sir. The only time that I don't read it is if folks say I am familiar with it. So let me read the instructions so everyone is aware of it. All right, now that we have scheduled this matter for a protest hearing, there are a few things that I would like to instruct you about so that the protest hearing is focused and addresses only that issues that are being protested.

You either have already received or soon will be receiving an email from Imani Moreland that contains a copy of a Protest Information Form and a copy of an exhibit form. Both parties are required to complete and submit the Protest Information Form, PIF, and the exhibit form at least seven days before the date of the hearing. If we do not receive a copy of your forms seven days before the hearing, your
application or your process may be subject to dismissal.

These documents not only need to be submitted to ABRA, but to the opposing party, as well. Please note that these documents greatly assist the Board in narrowing the protest issues, facilitating the protest and keeping the parties on point during the hearing. Each side will have 90 minutes to present their case. This includes all direct and cross-examination of witnesses. The Board does not intend to hear testimony on matters that are not relevant to those issues that are not being protested, nor will the Board tolerate repetitive testimony.

Are there any questions?

MR. BENDER: No.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We thank you greatly for your cooperation. If you have any questions at any time leading up to the hearing, please do not hesitate to contact Assistant General Counsel April Randall at (202) 442-4353. Thank you very much. If this matter is not settled, the Board will see you on March 11th at 1:30. Have a great day.

MR. MINORA: Thank you.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 9:41:26 a.m.)
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