

APPEAL HEARING MINUTES

DATE: May 14, 2024

LOCATION OF HEARING: Central Office

Present:

Board Chair Tim Hugo
Board Vice Chair L. Mark Stepanian
Board Member Gregory F. Holland
Board Member William D. Euille
Board Member Lisa N. Jennings
Chief Executive Officer Dale F. Farino
Chief Government Affairs Officer John Daniel
Deputy Secretary Chris Curtis
Assistant Attorney Jim Flaherty
Senior Paralegal Kristie Miles
Court Reporter Karen Intagliato

10:06 AM HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

1. **CAIRO MART, LLC, t/a ALVARO'S MARKET LLC**
Reda Ibrahim, Owner
Appellant & Representative,

v.

Virginia ABC Authority
Sarah Ross, Esq., Associate Legal Counsel
Appellee & Representative.

2. **MURLARKEY DISTILLED SPIRITS, LLC, t/a MURLARKEY DISTILLED SPIRITS**
Thomas Murray, CEO
Appellant & Representative,

v.

Virginia ABC Authority
Rachel Yates, Esq., Associate Legal Counsel
Appellee & Representative.

New Business

Approval of Board Orders for Board Minutes – January, February, March 2024
Approval of Board Orders for Board Archives – January, February, March 2024

W. Euille motioned to approve the Board Orders for Board Minutes for January, February, March 2024 and to adopt the Board Orders for Board Archives for January, February, March 2024, L. Jennings, seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

11:00 AM Closed session

With no further cases L. Stepanian motioned that the Board enter closed session pursuant to 2.2-3711(A)(7)(8) to receive advice from counsel; L. Jennings seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Attending closed session were Timothy Hugo, Mark Stepanian, Gregory Holland, William Euille, Lisa Jennings, Dale Farino, John Daniel, Chris Curtis, Jim Flaherty, Kristie Miles

11:16 AM Open session

W. Euille motioned to return to open session, L. Stepanian seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to go back into open session. The Board (Hugo, Stepanian, Holland, Euille, Jennings) then certified by voice vote that to the best of their knowledge nothing was discussed in the closed session but legal matters pursuant to 2.2-3712(D), and only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements were discussed.

In the matter of CAIRO MART, LLC, t/a ALVARO'S MARKET v. VA ABC – W. Euille motioned to substantiate the charge and uphold the initial decision dated December 23, 2023. The motion was seconded by L. Stepanian and passed unanimously.

In the matter of VYBEZ RESTAURANT AND BANQUET HALL, LLC t/a VYBEZ RESTAURANT AND BANQUET HALL v. VA ABC – The licensee **withdrew** their request for appeal prior to the hearing.

In the matter of MURLARKEY DISTILLED SPIRITS, LLC, t/a MURLKARKEY DISTILLED SPIRITS v. VA ABC – L. Jennings motioned to substantiate the charge and uphold the initial decision dated January 18, 2024. The motion was seconded by W. Euille and passed unanimously.