

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Kathmandu Tapas & :
Cocktails, LLC, :
t/a Kathmandu Tapas & :
Cocktails :
1342 U Street NW :
Retailer CR - ANC 2F :
License No. 132050 :
Case #26-CMP-00043 :

Show Cause
Hearing (Status)

(Violation of Settlement :
Agreement) :
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Wednesday
September 30, 2026

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
RYAN JONES, Member
DAVID MEADOWS, Member
TERI JANINE QUINN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

DIPESH ACHARYA, Licensee
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
CHRIS SOUTHCOTT, DC OAG

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

2 10:42 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on
4 our calendar is Case No. 26-CMP-00043, Kathmandu
5 Tapas & Cocktails, License No. 132050.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the licensee in this case, sir?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing. Dipesh
9 Acharya, access elevated. That is all,
10 Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 MR. ACHARYA: Hello there, good morning.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
14 Hold on one minute, please.

15 Mr. Southcott, can you please spell and
16 state your name for the record, sir?

17 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Good morning, my name
18 is Chris Southcott. First name, C-H-R-I-S.
19 Last name, S-O-U-T-H-C-O-T-T, from DC's Office
20 of Attorney General representing the District.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

22 Mr. Acharya, can you please spell and
23 state your first and last name and your
24 relationship to this establishment, sir?

25 MR. ACHARYA: Yes, sir. My name is

1 Dipesh Acharya, D-I-P-E-S-H, A-C-H-A-R-Y-A and
2 I'm representing Kathmandu Tapas & Cocktails on
3 U Street. I'm the owner and operator here at
4 the establishment.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
6 sir.

7 All right, Mr. Southcott, are there any
8 preliminary matters in this case?

9 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Nothing from the
10 Government.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Acharya, any
12 preliminary matters you need to put on the
13 record, not substantive, but just preliminarily?

14 MR. ACHARYA: Well, it's my first time
15 here with a brand new establishment. I think
16 the reason for hearing was something related to
17 the trash that we had.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All the
19 information I have in front of me is a violation
20 of a settlement agreement. So whose case is
21 this Mr. Southcott's?

22 MR. SOUTHCOTT: This is not my case.
23 This is Anthony Celo's case. I believe that
24 he's reached out to you or to your establishment
25 to send an email to follow up about a possible

1 OAC, but at least he has not heard anything.

2 Mr. Acharya, can you provide an email
3 address or contact information so that you can
4 discuss this with the relevant attorney?

5 MR. ACHARYA: Yes, absolutely. I think
6 the issue was like -- it was my wife's email
7 address that was being used.

8 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Okay.

9 MR. ACHARYA: I think I will just give
10 you the email address so that you can direct it
11 to the right party and then we can have the
12 communication. The email address is going to be
13 K-A-T-H-M-A-N-D-U at tapas, T-A-P-A-S dot DC at
14 gmail.com.

15 MR. SOUTHCOTT: So I have kathmandu --
16 K-A-T-H-M-A-N-D-U dot tapas, T-A-P-A-S, dot
17 DC@gmail.com?

18 MR. ACHARYA: Yes, sir.

19 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Great. I appreciate
20 that. Thank you. Someone will reach out to
21 shortly.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank
23 you. So if this matter is not settled, then it
24 is scheduled for Show Cause Hearing on November
25 4th at 1:30 p.m. I just want to remind the

1 parties that if this matter goes to a Show Cause
2 Hearing, seven days before the hearing you are
3 required to disclose the documents and the
4 witnesses you are relying upon. Those documents
5 should be sent to each party and to ABCA Legal.

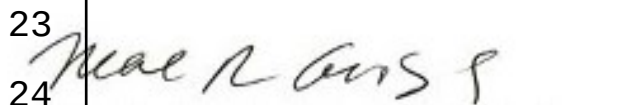
6 All right? Good luck with your negotiations,
7 if not, I will see you on November 4th at 1:30
8 p.m. Thank you, sir.

9 MR. ACHARYA: Thank you, sir.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11 went off the record at 10:46 a.m.)
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