DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Georgetown Suites, LLC/ :
Wabbit, LLC, t/a :

Georgetown Inn West End/ :
Casta's Rum Bar :

1121 New Hampshire Ave NW:

Retailer CR - ANC 2A : License #109462 :

Case #21-CMP-00045

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(Permitted Dancing :
Without an Endorsement, :
Increase in Occupancy :
Without Board Approval) :

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Wednesday January 26, 2022

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
ALSO PRESENT:
ANTHONY CELO, DC OAG
SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff
ANDREW SCHULWOLF, Licensee's Counsel
SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel

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

10:54 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The next case on our calendar is Case Number 21-CMP-00045, Georgetown Inn West End/Casta's Rum Bar, License Number 109462. Ms. Hansen?

MR. CELO: Just as a heads up for the Board, I do know that an Andrew Schuwolf will be representing Georgetown Inn West End. I do not know who will be representing Casta Rum Bar today, but if that helps in finding the parties to elevate.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thanks.

MEMBER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I will be recusing myself from this.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So Ms. Hansen will be recusing herself from this -from participating in this case. Thank you, Ms.
Hansen. We'll let you know once this case is
over. All right. So who is there -- is there
anyone -- can -- the representative of Georgetown
Inn West End/Casta's Rum Bar, if you are there,
can you please identify yourself through the tech
so we can elevate your rights?

He did give me a warning 1 MR. CELO: 2 that he might be 15 minutes late for this hearing 3 due to a matter at 10:00 a.m. in Montgomery 4 County, Maryland, but he expected to be on by 5 now. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 6 Let 7 me pass this case now and I'll come back since we have another case. So let -- I'll recall this 8 9 case. 10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:56 a.m. and resumed at 11 12 11:40 a.m.) 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm 14 going to recall Case Number 21-CMP-00045, 15 Georgetown West Inn/Casta's Rum Bar, License 16 Number 109462. I believe the attorney for this case has -- I'm sorry, it's Sidon Yohannes. 17 18 She's the attorney representing this matter. 19 Ms. Hansen is recusing herself from this case. 20 All right. I see -- where's Ms. Yohannes? 21 right. Will the parties please introduce 22 themselves for the record, please? 23 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes. 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Go 25 ahead, Ms. Yohannes, spell your name for me,

	please?
2	MS. YOHANNES: S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-A-N-N-
3	E-S, and I am here on behalf of Wabbit, LLC.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5	Thank you. And the who's with you who else
6	is with you, ma'am?
7	All right. I'm sorry. Who is the
8	other person there?
9	MS. YOHANNES: Right. Counsel is here
10	for who's representing Georgetown Inn.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
12	Sir, can you please spell and state your name for
13	the record, please? I'm talking about counsel
14	for Georgetown, LLC. I can't hear you, sir.
15	MR. SCHUWOLFE: My apologies. I had
16	you on mute. I'm sorry about that. My name is
17	Andrew Schuwolf, last name S-C-H-U-W-O-L-F,
18	counsel for Georgetown Suites, LLC.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20	Thank you. The government?
21	MR. CELO: Attorney Anthony Celo,
22	Assistant Attorney General, C-E-L-O, on behalf of
23	the government.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
25	Good morning, everyone. Are there any

1 preliminary matters by either party? 2 MR. CELO: Yes, Your Honor. We have 3 -- the government has presented an offer in 4 compromise in this matter. There are -- this is 5 a shared liquor license. There are two equal owners, that being Georgetown Inn West End and 6 7 Casta's Rum Bar. We have spoken to Attorney 8 Schuwolf regarding his client's position. 9 not yet spoken to attorney Yohannes regarding her 10 client's position. However, at this time, based on what knowledge I do have, I do not anticipate 11 12 that we will be able to reach settlement in this 13 matter. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 15 Thank you for that presentation --16 representation. Any preliminary matters by the 17 other two attorneys? 18 MR. SCHUWOLFE: No, Your Honor. We 19 just request the evidentiary hearing be held. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes? 21 MS. YOHANNES: No, nothing for us. 22 Thank you. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 24 fine. This matter then is scheduled for a show

cause hearing on February 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

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1	What I'm asking all parties to do seven days
2	before the hearing, since we're now dealing with
3	three attorneys, I expect the attorneys to
4	exchange their documents and witnesses to each
5	party so, therefore, if the documents and
6	witnesses are not disclosed seven days before the
7	hearing, you will not be allowed to present the
8	case if the documents or witnesses are if
9	your documents and witnesses are not disclosed to
10	each side and to ABRA seven days prior to the
11	hearing. Is everyone clear?
12	MS. YOHANNES: Yes.
13	MR. CELO: Yes. I would ask Attorney
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15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry,
16	who's speaking because please identify
17	yourself when you're speaking, please.
18	MR. CELO: Attorney Anthony Celo.
19	That is clear. I would ask that Attorney
20	Yohannes contact me with her contact information
21	so I can make the disclosure directly to her, not
22	her client.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. So
24	please provide that information, Ms. Yohannes, to

the government.

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1	MR. SCHUWOLFE: And this is Andrew
2	Schuwolf. I don't have Ms. Yohannes's contact
3	information. I assume she doesn't have mine
4	either so
5	MS. YOHANNES: I actually I'm with
6	Veritas Law. You have Scott Rome's information.
7	MR. SCHUWOLFE: Okay.
8	MS. YOHANNES: We can speak.
9	MR. SCHUWOLFE: All right. Thank you.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
11	fine. So now all the parties, they're familiar
12	with each other, so fine. So I will see you then
13	on February 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Thank you
14	very much. Have a great day.
15	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.
16	MR. SCHUWOLFE: Thank you.
17	MR. CELO: Thank you.
18	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
19	went off the record at 11:45 a.m.)
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