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2 10:03 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of
6 Columbia I am welcoming you to the regularly
7 scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage
8 Control Board.

9 This meeting is being conducted
10 pursuant to guidance made available by the
11 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
12 regarding electronic meetings held by public
13 bodies during the public health emergency.
14 Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's
15 meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the
16 meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's
17 central meeting calendar.

18 The notice includes the time, date,
19 agenda, and call-in or log-in information for
20 public participation. This electronic meeting is
21 being hosted by a WebEx account provided by the
22 District of Columbia government. Please address
23 any questions or complaints to the OOG at
24 Opengovoffice@dc.gov.

25 My name is Donovan Anderson and I'm

1 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
2 the other members of the ABC Board who are also
3 participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's
4 order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce
5 your name.

6 Mr. James Short.

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
8 present.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rema
10 Wahabzadah.

11 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,
12 present.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni
14 Hansen.

15 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis.
17 Unmute your microphone, Mr. Grandis.

18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Good morning. Ed
19 Grandis, present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
21 five members in attendance for the conduct of
22 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

23 Before we get underway with today's
24 hearing calendar, I need to make a few
25 instructions very clear so that the conduct of

1 these hearings is understood by everyone.

2 There are five cases on this morning's
3 calendar. Once your case is called, I will take
4 a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the
5 rights for each party to enable their camera and
6 microphone. Then, and only then, will you have
7 the ability to enable your equipment.

8 If your case has not been heard, you
9 will remain mute and your camera will be
10 disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the
11 parties will have the option to leave. If the
12 parties wish to stay, all cameras and microphones
13 for the concluded case will be disabled.

14 Should you have any questions or
15 require technical assistance during the hearing,
16 please submit them using the question and answer
17 feature or email simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

18 Our first order of business today is
19 a protest hearing status Case No. 20-PRO-00055,
20 Charles Corner, License No. 094783.

21 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
22 the rights of the licensee and the protestant,
23 please.

24 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, they are not
25 online.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Let
2 me move on the calendar and wait. You can
3 continue to see if anyone is there.

4 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
5 off the record at 10:07 a.m. and resumed at 10:30
6 a.m.)

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
8 on our calendar is Case No. 20-PRO-00055, Charles
9 Corner, License No. 094783.

10 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
11 the rights of the licensee and the protestant,
12 please.

13 MS. ANDREWS: Commissioner Adofo, your
14 rights have been elevated.

15 Mr. Chair, the licensee has not joined
16 yet but he called to say he's trying.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, he
18 called to say what?

19 MS. ANDREWS: He's trying to log in
20 now.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine.
22 Thank you.

23 MS. ANDREWS: Once he logs in I'll
24 elevate his status.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

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MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, which business is this again?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Charles Corner, the first case on our calendar.

MEMBER SHORT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Andrews, can you let the licensee know that if he's unable to log in, he can call in. That will work.

MS. ANDREWS: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

Good morning everyone. We're back on the record. This is Case No. 20-PRO-00055, Charles Corner, License No. 094783.

Can I have the licensee identify himself for the record? I need him to spell and state his name for the record, please.

MR. OH: Sorry, I can't understand. Can you repeat?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is your name, sir?

MR. OH: My name is Charles Oh.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you spell your name?

MR. OH: Charles, C-H-A-R-L-E-S O-H.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
2 spell your name, sir?

3 MR. OH: You are ABC Board, you know.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
5 spell your name?

6 MR. OH: You're the ABC Board now.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
8 spell your name? Can you spell your name for me,
9 please, sir?

10 MR. OH: C-H-A-R-L-E-S.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is your
12 last name?

13 MR. OH: Last name O-H.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And can you say
15 your name for the record?

16 MR. OH: For the record is ABC Board.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, sir.
18 What language do you speak, sir?

19 MR. OH: What?

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What language
21 do you speak?

22 MR. OH: One number.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What language
24 do you speak?

25 MR. OH: Korean.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Korean?

2 MR. OH: Yes, Korean.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you want a
4 Korean interpreter?

5 MR. OH: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

7 Hold on.

8 All right. Good morning. We're going
9 to continue this hearing to February 4th at
10 10:00.

11 MR. OH: Okay. Thank you very much.
12 Thank you. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. We
14 will provide you an interpreter.

15 MR. OH: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This hearing is
17 scheduled for 10:00.

18 MR. OH: Okay --

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir.
20 This hearing was scheduled for 10:00. I was on
21 the record at 10:00 and neither you nor the ANC
22 were on this call. If you did not show up, I was
23 going to dismiss this protest.

24 It's now February 4th at 10:00. We
25 will provide you a Korean interpreter. If you're

1 not on the call at 10:00, I'm going to dismiss
2 the protest.

3 That's for you, Mr. Adofo. This is at
4 10:00. Yes, sir. Go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: I apologize for
6 the confusion. My question earlier was myself
7 and the licensee wanted to extend our mediation
8 so I was asking would that be possible if he
9 hadn't showed up because when we did have the
10 mediation, we agreed to continue.

11 We didn't work it all out in that one
12 meeting so I was under the impression that we
13 could continue it and we didn't have to have this
14 meeting. I apologize for the confusion.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
16 Thank you for the clarification, sir. Do you
17 have the information -- do you have Ms. Randall's
18 information?

19 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21 Speak to Ms. Randall.

22 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: All right. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She will let
25 you know if you guys -- if you guys are close to

1 a settlement agreement, and if you want to
2 postpone it, you can talk to Ms. Randall. She
3 will give you some direction what to do.

4 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir. I
5 apologize. I didn't mean for the Board to come
6 together. I apologize. Also, I have a hearing
7 on February 4th for another license.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Speak to
9 Ms. Randall. We will provide -- also, if the
10 licensee -- if there's an issue with
11 communication, and if you need a translation
12 service, speak to our agency. We will also
13 provide him a translator so you can communicate
14 with him in these sessions. Okay?

15 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Speak to Ms.
17 Randall. She will let us know. If both parties
18 are not available on the 4th, then we will
19 postpone it but you have to tell the agency. If
20 you have any questions, since you've been in
21 communication with April Randall, speak to her.
22 She will guide you. You cannot just show up
23 because if you did not show up this morning, I
24 was going to dismiss your protest.

25 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir. I

1 apologize. I have a hearing scheduled for the
2 4th already.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You let Ms.
4 Randall know.

5 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll change
7 the date.

8 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.
10 I'm sorry, Mr. -- what's his name?

11 Mr. --

12 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Oh. Mr. Oh.

13 MS. ANDREWS: His last name is Mr. Oh.
14 His name is Mr. Oh.

15 MR. OH: Yes, yes. I'm speaking.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Oh. All
17 right. I will make sure that Ms. Randall also
18 speaks to you and provide you a Korean
19 interpreter. Okay, sir?

20 MR. OH: Thank you very much. When?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll try to
22 contact you today or in the next couple of days
23 to provide you a Korean interpreter. Okay?

24 MR. OH: Okay. Around the 1st of next
25 month?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I don't
2 know what it is but don't worry about it.

3 MR. OH: Can you send an email?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I will make
5 sure that the ABC -- the agency provides you
6 instructions and provide you a Korean interpreter
7 so you will understand what the process is moving
8 forward. Okay?

9 MR. OH: Yes, wonderful.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
11 Thank you. Have a great day.

12 MR. OH: Okay. Can you send an email
13 for the schedule?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. We
15 will do that.

16 MR. OH: Okay. Thank you very much.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
19 Have a great day.

20 I appreciate your explanation, Mr.
21 Adofo, so at least I'm not -- you don't leave me
22 at the end of this hearing upset with you.
23 Okay?

24 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir. I do
25 have another question.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

2 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: I'm having a very
3 difficult time understanding all of this to be
4 honest with you.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Speak to Ms.
6 Randall. April Randall, she is your -- she is --
7 she will work with you. Whatever questions that
8 you have, ask her.

9 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: She will walk
11 you through the process. She will walk the
12 licensee through the process. This is not -- our
13 agency is here to assist both sides. We are also
14 having a series of training. Are you a new ANC
15 commissioner?

16 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: No, sir. This is
17 my second time. I've done the training.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we're
19 having some training coming up. We're having
20 three trainings coming up shortly. You need to
21 participate in that. I think Sarah Fauschbaum, I
22 believe, also does that. She is also your
23 contact.

24 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have her

1 information?

2 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

4 Now, she's actually even a better person to speak
5 to because she's not -- her job is to work with
6 ANCs and her job is to work with the community so
7 you can talk to her about whatever it
8 is.

9 Whatever you don't understand she can walk
10 you through the process. She can hold your hand.
11 Whatever you don't understand, you have Sarah
12 Fauschbaum and you also have April Randall and we
13 will work with you to make sure you have a smooth
14 process. Okay?

15 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Yes, sir.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

17 Thank you very much.

18 COMMISSIONER ADOFO: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great
20 day. Thanks.

21 With that, the Board will -- we will
22 adjourn until -- the Board will be in recess
23 until 1:40 this afternoon. 1:40. That's when
24 we'll come back on the record at 1:40.

25 I'll have -- I'll ask that the Board

1 now move back to executive session. Thank you.
2 We'll be back on the public record at 1:40 this
3 afternoon. Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
5 off the record at 10:49 a.m.)

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