

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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TMI International, :

Inc., t/a 1812 Lounge :

(formerly-Sip) :

1812 Hamlin Street NE :

License #95164 :

Retailer CT - ANC 5C : Show Cause

Case # 19-251-00038 : Hearing

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(Exceeded Capacity, :

Operating After Board :

Approved Hours, Failed :

to Follow Security Plan, :

Permitted Nude Dancers :

in the Establishment) :

Wednesday  
February 3, 2021

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  
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff**

**TEMITOPE IJITI, Licensee**

**JOHN LUI, DC OAG**

**KEVIN PUENTE, DC ABRA Investigator**

**SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel**

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

2 10:44 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case Number 19-251-00038, 1812  
5 Lounge (formerly Sip), license number 95164.

6 Are these the same parties for this  
7 case or are they different parties?

8 MS. YOHANNES: I will be representing  
9 1812 Lounge.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, is  
11 your client participating today?

12 MS. YOHANNES: He is.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the name  
14 of the client?

15 MS. YOHANNES: Temi Ijiti.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please  
17 elevate the rights of Mr. Ijiti?

18 MS. ANDREWS: Sure, standby. Mr.  
19 Ijiti, your rights have been elevated.  
20 Investigator Puente, your rights have been  
21 elevated. That's all there is to share.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. I  
23 remember we had a hearing recently and a  
24 translator was requested. So, there's no request  
25 today for a translator, I just want the record to

1 be clear.

2 Is that correct?

3 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, that is correct.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Not that I do  
5 not have any confidence in your representation,  
6 Ms. Yohannes, but I want to make sure that Mr.  
7 Ijiti has verified that he's not requested a  
8 translator.

9 So, it's correct, Mr. Ijiti, that you  
10 are not requesting a translator today, is that  
11 correct?

12 MR. IJITI: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.  
14 Let's have the parties introduce themselves for  
15 the record, starting with the Government.

16 MR. LUI: Good morning, Mr.  
17 Chairperson and Board Members, John Lui on behalf  
18 of District of Columbia. That's J-O-H-N, L-U-I.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms.  
20 Yohannes, please identify yourself for the record  
21 and spell your name?

22 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on  
23 behalf of the licensee and that is S-I-D-O-N, Y-  
24 O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ijiti?

1 MR. IJITI: Temi Tope Ijiti, T-E-M-I,  
2 T-O-P-E, last name I-J-I-T-I.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your  
4 relationship to the establishment, sir?

5 MR. IJITI: Owner.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.  
7 I'll ask all parties if you're not speaking,  
8 please mute your microphone. Mr. Lui, this is a  
9 show-cause hearing that was scheduled for today.

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11 Are there any preliminary matters in  
12 this case?

13 MR. LUI: Yes, there is, Mr.  
14 Chairperson.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what are  
16 the preliminary matters in this case, please?

17 MR. LUI: There was an offer in  
18 compromise to present to the Board.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is  
20 that, please?

21 MR. LUI: This offer in compromise  
22 addresses two pending show-cause matters. The  
23 first Case Number is 19-251-00038 and the second  
24 pending show-cause matter Case Number is 19-CMP-  
25 00185.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

2 MR. LUI: There are six terms to  
3 present to the Board in the offer in compromise  
4 and it is as following.

5 Number 1, the Respondent will  
6 surrender the license for safekeeping on  
7 Thursday, February 4, 2021.

8 Number 2, Respondent will file an  
9 application for transfer of license within 90  
10 days of the Board's approval of the OIC.

11 Number 3, Respondent will have no  
12 ownership interests in the new license holder who  
13 must be a bona fide purchaser.

14 Number 4, Respondent may not withdraw  
15 the license if the Board disapproves a transfer  
16 but he may file a new transfer application, no  
17 deadline.

18 Number 5, the protest proceeding will  
19 be stayed until the Board determines that the  
20 transferee may receive the license for  
21 safekeeping.

22 And Number 6, if I a transfer  
23 application cannot be filed in 90 days because no  
24 bona fide purchaser is secured, Respondent must  
25 file a report with the Board detailing efforts to

1 secure a purchaser within 90 days of the Board's  
2 approval of the OIC or the license will be  
3 cancelled.

4           Thereafter, Respondent must file a  
5 report every 90 days detailing efforts to secure  
6 a bona fide purchaser until a transfer  
7 application is filed.

8           In the event that the license is not  
9 transferred to a new owner by February 3, 2022,  
10 the license shall be deemed by the Board to be  
11 cancelled.

12           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 2022, okay.  
13 Ms. Yohannes, it's my understanding there is an  
14 offer in compromise and Mr. Lui has entered the  
15 terms of the OIC in the record.

16           Is this your client's understanding of  
17 the offer in compromise? Please turn your  
18 microphone on.

19           Is your client aware that by accepting  
20 an offer for compromise he is giving up his right  
21 to a hearing?

22           MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

23           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client  
24 also aware that by accepting an offer in  
25 compromise that he's given up his right to appeal

1 this matter?

2 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any  
4 questions by any Board Members regarding the  
5 terms of the offer in compromise?

6 And Mr. Lui, is it the Government's  
7 position that if the Board accepts this offer in  
8 compromise, this is a fair resolution of the  
9 matters at hand?

10 MR. LUI: Yes, it is, Mr. Chairperson.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With that said,  
12 I'll make a motion that the Board accepts the  
13 offer in compromise and the offer in compromise  
14 is the following.

15 The Respondent shall surrender the  
16 license for safety equipment on Thursday,  
17 February 4, 2021.

18 Number 2, that the Respondent file an  
19 application for transfer of license within 90  
20 days of the Board's OIC approval.

21 Term 3, Respondent will have no  
22 ownership interest in the new license holder who  
23 must be a bona fide purchaser.

24 And 4, Respondent may not withdraw the  
25 license if the Board gets approved to transfer



1 but he may file a new transfer application.

2 There's no deadline to do that.

3 Number 5, the protest proceeding will  
4 be stayed until the Board determines the  
5 transferee may retrieve the license for  
6 safekeeping.

7 And Number 6, if a transfer  
8 application cannot be filed in 90 days because no  
9 bona fide purchaser is secured, Respondent must  
10 file a report with the Board detailing efforts to  
11 secure a purchaser within 90 days of the Board's  
12 approval of the OIC or the license will be  
13 cancelled.

14 Thereafter, the Respondent must file  
15 a report every 90 days detailing efforts to  
16 support a bona fide purchaser until a transfer  
17 application is filed.

18 In the event the license is not  
19 transferred to a new owner by February 3, 2022,  
20 the license shall be deemed by the Board to be  
21 cancelled.

22 This offer in compromise covers a 19-  
23 251-00038 in Case 19-CMP-00185. I make a motion  
24 that the offer in compromise be accepted. Is  
25 there a second?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
3 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call  
4 vote in the motion that has been properly  
5 seconded by Mr. Short.

6 Mr. Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: I agree.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

9 MEMBER CATO: I agree.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Wahabzadah?

11 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

13 MEMBER CROCKETT: I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

15 MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

17 MEMBER GRANDIS: I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,

19 I agree. The offer in compromise has been

20 accepted by the Board by a vote of 7-0-0.

21 I would like to thank the parties for  
22 coming to an agreement regarding this matter and  
23 thank you for resolving this matter. Have a  
24 great day. Thank you.

25 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

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MR. IJITI: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
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