



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

2 3:09 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just before  
4 we're going to call the next case, but for the  
5 parties for Bravo Bravo, Case Number 21-251-  
6 00036, that case will not start prior to 4  
7 o'clock.

8 It's my understanding that the  
9 Licensee had requested an interpreter. We have  
10 an interpreter who is available at 4 o'clock so  
11 even if this case, the next case that we're going  
12 to call to hear that case is over before 4  
13 o'clock the Bravo Bravo case will not start no  
14 earlier than 4 p.m.

15 Just want to, just to let everyone  
16 know that the Bravo Bravo case will not start  
17 until 4 p.m. at the earliest.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our next case  
19 is a fact-finding case, in Case Number 21-251-  
20 00036, Bravo Bravo, license number 71564. Ms.  
21 Fashbaugh, can you please elevate the rest of the  
22 parties in this case please.

23 MS. FASHBAUGH: Please stand by.  
24 Interpreter Sandra Tapia, your rights are  
25 elevated. Investigator Felicia Dantzler, your

1 rights have been elevated.

2 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: Thank you.

3 MS. FASHBAUGH: Edgar Uriona, your  
4 rights have been elevated. Lorenzo Da Silva,  
5 your rights have been elevated. That is all, Mr.  
6 Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Ms.  
8 Tapia, do you have a camera please?

9 MS. TAPIA: I do, thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, Ms. Tapia,  
11 good afternoon, ma'am. Can you raise your right  
12 hand please?

13 MS. TAPIA: Good afternoon.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you swear or  
15 affirm that you will faithfully translate these  
16 proceedings from English into Spanish and from  
17 Spanish into English to the best of your  
18 abilities?

19 MS. TAPIA: Yes, I do.

20 (THE INTERPRETER WAS SWORN.)

21 (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ALL ANSWERS  
22 ARE GIVEN THROUGH AN INTERPRETER).

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I do not know  
24 who the person interpreted for so can you find  
25 out. I'm not sure if it's Mr. Da Silva or Mr.

1 Uriona. Ms. Tapia, can you ask that person to  
2 please, first of all, turn the camera on and  
3 please --

4 MS. TAPIA: Foreign language spoken.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Dantzler,  
6 who is it I would see in this case please?

7 MS. TAPIA: Say that again.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm asking a  
9 question to someone else here.

10 MS. TAPIA: Okay, sorry.

11 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: Mr. Anderson,  
12 our, the licensee --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

14 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: -- we have  
15 Edgar Beizaga and Armando Beizaga.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are Edgar  
17 Uriona and Lorenzo Da Silva? Can you ask those  
18 people to identify themselves please, ma'am?

19 MS. TAPIA: -- and interpreter needs  
20 repetition for the second name. What was the  
21 second name, please?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Lorenzo Da  
23 Silva. I see him on my screen.

24 MR. DA SILVA: I'm here, Lorenzo Da  
25 Silva. I'm starting my video.

1 MS. TAPIA: There's three --

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who are you,  
3 Mr., tell him, Mr. Da Silva, are you the one that  
4 requested an interpreter?

5 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir, for Edgar  
6 Uriona or Edgar Beizaga, yes, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You, who are  
8 you, sir?

9 MR. DA SILVA: I'm the General  
10 Manager, Lorenzo Da Silva.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is  
12 Edgar Uriona?

13 MR. DA SILVA: He's the owner, sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so  
15 can you please spell and state your name for the  
16 record please, sir?

17 MR. DA SILVA: My name is Lorenzo Da  
18 Silva, L-O-R-E-N-Z-O, Da Silva, D-A S-I-L-V-A and  
19 I'm the General Manager of Bravo Bravo.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For some  
21 reason, for some strange reason, we're unable --  
22 Mr. Uriona is not responding. Is he on the line?  
23 We have an interpreter here. Is he on the line,  
24 do you know what's going on? I see his name in  
25 front of my screen, but I don't know, he's not

1 responding.

2 MR. DA SILVA: (FOREIGN LANGUAGE  
3 SPOKEN.) Okay, he's there. Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, hold on.  
5 Ms. Tapia, can you please ask him to spell and  
6 state his name for the record? Does he have, ask  
7 him first and foremost, does he have a camera and  
8 if not, if he does can he turn it on and can he  
9 please spell and state his name for the record  
10 please?

11 MR. URIONA: I am turning my camera  
12 on. I've been having some trouble with my camera  
13 and my name is Edgar Uriona Beizaga.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you  
15 spell all of that please?

16 MR. URIONA: E-D-G-A-R, is my name,  
17 Uriona is U-R-I-O-N-A and the other name is  
18 Beizaga, it's B-E-I-Z-A-G-A.

19 MS. TAPIA: Do you need me to repeat  
20 that, Your Honor?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. No,  
22 I can, we're fine with the name. All right.  
23 This is a fact-finding hearing and the reason why  
24 we have this hearing is because of an incident  
25 that occurred on November 28, 2021, at 3:46 a.m.

1                   The victim was a patron from Bravo  
2 Bravo nightclub when he was involved in a verbal  
3 altercation with another patron inside of the  
4 club.

5                   The victim left the location and  
6 returned to his vehicle on 17th Street in the  
7 1700 block of K Street Northwest.

8                   MS. TAPIA: I'm sorry, Your Honor, I  
9 couldn't hear well what you said. The victim is  
10 what?

11                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The victim left  
12 the location and returned to his vehicle in the  
13 1700 block of K Street Northwest. The suspect he  
14 had argued with in the club returned to his  
15 vehicle obtained a handgun and then fired  
16 multiple times at the victim.

17                   A suspect was apprehended by the  
18 Police and taken into custody. And so based on  
19 the occurrence that occurred, a request was made  
20 from us by, to us from the Chief of Police that  
21 we have a fact-finding hearing to gather some  
22 further information from this Licensee to see if  
23 an ABRA violation occurred.

24                   This is just a fact-finding hearing  
25 where the Board is gathering information to

1 determine whether or not if we believe that a  
2 violation occur, then we'll send this matter over  
3 to the Office of the Attorney General. Or if we  
4 determine no violation occur, then we'll say no  
5 further action.

6 And so, because it's a fact-finding  
7 hearing, no one has been sworn in. We're just  
8 gathering information.

9 We'll start up by having the  
10 investigator who will provide some information  
11 and once the investigator provides some  
12 information about what happened on the night in  
13 question, then the licensee, the Board will ask,  
14 might ask questions of the investigator.

15 The licensee can ask questions on the  
16 investigator and then if the licensee wants to  
17 make a statement on their behalf then they can do  
18 that.

19 MR. URIONA: Okay, very well. Thank  
20 you.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
22 Thank you. So, Ms. Dantzler, can you state your  
23 name for the record please?

24 MR. URIONA: Edgar.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm sorry.



1 No, no, no, no, no. I'm calling the Board's  
2 witness, Ms. Felicia Dantzler who is going to go  
3 through her report and share with us what  
4 occurred.

5 So I am going to ask Ms. Dantzler to  
6 go through the case report and once Ms. Dantzler  
7 goes through the case report, then the Mr., then  
8 the licensee can ask questions.

9 MR. URIONA: Okay, thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Ms.  
11 Dantzler.

12 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: This case is  
13 about a shooting that occurred within the  
14 vicinity of Bravo Bravo. On November 28th, 2021,  
15 a shooting occurred in the 1700 block of K Street  
16 Northwest.

17 Bravo Bravo is located around the  
18 corner from the shooting. I came aware of this  
19 investigation when my supervisor advised me on  
20 November 29th, to investigate the shooting.

21 ABRA's investigation started on  
22 Monday, November 29th, 2021. Through a language  
23 line interpreter, I learned that a complainant  
24 number one and complainant number two were  
25 patrons inside of Bravo Bravo.

1                   According to complainant number two,  
2 he and complainant number one arrived at Bravo  
3 Bravo approximately 12:30 a.m. Complainant  
4 number two stated that he and complainant number  
5 one were coming from the restroom when  
6 complainant number one accidentally bumped into the  
7 suspect.

8                   Complainant number two stated a verbal  
9 dispute erupted between complainant number one  
10 and the suspect. Once the verbal dispute ended,  
11 complainant number two stated he and complainant  
12 number one returned to their table.

13                   Complainant number two stated that he  
14 felt like someone was watching them. Complainant  
15 number two stated that he thought -- complainant  
16 number two stated he looked up and saw the  
17 suspect looking in their direction.

18                   Complainant number two stated shortly  
19 thereafter they decided to leave Bravo Bravo. On  
20 Tuesday, November 30th, 2021, I telephonically  
21 interviewed MPD Officer Michelangelo Matthews.

22                   MS. TAPIA: Matthews?

23                   INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: Yes.

24                   MS. TAPIA: Okay. Thank you.

25                   INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: According to

1 Officer Matthews, he arrived at Bravo Bravo and  
2 found the front door locked. He was able to make  
3 entry into Bravo Bravo.

4 MS. TAPIA: Interpreter needs  
5 clarification, he was able to make entry you  
6 said?

7 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: Yes. He went  
8 inside. He saw no patrons inside and observed  
9 the staff cleaning up. Officer Matthews stated a  
10 staff person told him that someone was grazed by  
11 a bullet.

12 Officer Matthews stated a female was  
13 grazed by a bullet, however, she left the  
14 establishment before he arrived. On November  
15 29th, 2021, I telephonically interviewed MPD  
16 Officer Beshoy Agaiby.

17 Officer Agaiby stated that he visited  
18 Bravo Bravo and spoke with a security guard.  
19 Officer Agaiby stated that he learned a female  
20 was injured, however, the security guard stated  
21 that the injury was not due to a shooting.

22 Officer Agaiby stated he believed the  
23 security person was the manager or in a  
24 management position. On Saturday, December 11th,  
25 2021, I visited Bravo Bravo and met with Tatiana

1 Cruz and Michael Lawson.

2 Ms. Cruz and Mr. Lawson both were  
3 working on the night of the incident. Ms. Cruz  
4 identified herself as the ABC Manager and Mr.  
5 Lawson identified himself as the Head of  
6 Security.

7 Ms. Cruz and Mr. Lawson stated that  
8 the night for the most part was incident free.  
9 Ms. Cruz stated that she was sitting in the  
10 office and was in the process of closing when she  
11 happened to look at the security cameras and  
12 observed several patrons running into the  
13 establishment.

14 Ms. Cruz stated that she went to  
15 learn, she went to see what was happening and  
16 learned that someone was shooting outside. Ms.  
17 Cruz stated as quickly as patrons entered the  
18 establishment, patrons left.

19 As I was speaking with Ms. Cruz and  
20 Mr. Lawson, there was a male sitting in the  
21 office who identified himself as the owner Edgar  
22 Beizaga. According to Ms. Cruz and Mr. Lawson,  
23 the establishment --

24 MS. TAPIA: Go ahead, go ahead. I'm  
25 sorry.

1                   INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER:  -- the  
2 establishment is equipped with 30 security  
3 cameras.  On the night of the incident, 27  
4 cameras were operational.

5                   I requested the establishment to  
6 provide me with a copy of the video showing the  
7 male's restroom area.  The following week, I  
8 received two videos depicting the restroom area.

9                   The video began at 12:15 a.m. and  
10 ended at 4:00 a.m.  The video depicted the male's  
11 restroom and the female's restroom and a hallway  
12 leading to the same.

13                   I did not see any disturbances in the  
14 video.  Michael Tony is the reporting officer or  
15 the PD 251.  I made several attempts to contact  
16 Officer Tony, however, our schedules conflicted  
17 and I was unable to interview him.

18                   Complainant number two confirmed the  
19 Police Report that a shooting occurred outside of  
20 the establishment.  Bravo Bravo does not have a  
21 settlement agreement.

22                   However, Bravo Bravo does have a  
23 security plan.  I did not find any violations of  
24 the security plan.  Lastly, I took photographs of  
25 the security personnel.  Their uniforms were

1 clearly identified those were security.

2 I asked the owner, Mr. Edgar Beizaga,  
3 and Ms. Cruz and Mr. Lawson, does the  
4 establishment participate in the MPD reimbursable  
5 detail.

6 All three stated, yes, however, Mr.  
7 Beizaga stated that they had not seen an officer  
8 in quite some time. On November 29th, I  
9 contacted Brenda Smith, RDO coordinator, for the  
10 reimbursable detail.

11 After several emails, I learned that  
12 Bravo Bravo was in good standing. I also learned  
13 that police presence from the reimbursable detail  
14 is not guaranteed.

15 Due to more critical public safety  
16 needs, those officers could be re-assigned there.

17 MS. TAPIA: The Interpreter needs  
18 repetition. Can you please repeat that?

19 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: That  
20 concludes my statement.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Dantzler,  
22 she wanted, the Interpreter is asking you to  
23 repeat the last statement you made.

24 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: Oh.

25 MS. TAPIA: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: I'm sorry.

2 Sorry, Madame.

3 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: The request to  
4 have reimbursable detail officers are not  
5 guaranteed because they could be used for more  
6 critical public safety needs.

7 MS. TAPIA: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Any  
9 questions? Mr. Uriona, do you have any questions  
10 of Ms. Dantzler regarding her report?

11 MR. URIONA: No. I think that that's  
12 correct. It's very good. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any, Ms.  
14 Dantzler, in your report, I believe you had, what  
15 was the video footage of you had in your report?

16 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: I had -- I  
17 requested video footage of the restroom area of  
18 the male's restroom.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So did you  
20 receive the video? Did you receive that?

21 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I was  
23 asking, I saw in your report it says that you  
24 had, it was one of the exhibits so what is it, if  
25 you recall, what is it that the video showed?

1                   INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: The video  
2 varied with pedestrian, the video varied with  
3 patrons. It started --

4                   MS. TAPIA: Go ahead, ma'am.

5                   INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: -- it started  
6 with just a few patrons and then it would swell  
7 to a line of patrons waiting to use the restroom.  
8 This was seen throughout the four hours of video.

9                   I also watched as the male security  
10 guard and the female security guard would peep  
11 into the respective restrooms to make, it seemed  
12 as though they were making sure everything was  
13 okay.

14                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you see and  
15 of the, did you see at least, were you able to  
16 see any video that showed what had happened  
17 between the two?

18                  INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: I believe I  
19 requested the correct video to see not only the  
20 restrooms, but the hallway leading to that area  
21 to go to the bathroom.

22                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So did you see  
23 any video that would have given you any idea of  
24 what was going on?

25                  INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: I believe the



1 video was clear and unobstructed for the entire  
2 four hours of the video. It showed males and  
3 females moving throughout the hallway, entering  
4 the restroom and leaving.

5 At times, there was a line for the  
6 male's restroom, but I saw no verbal or physical  
7 altercation.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Were you able  
9 to establish whether or not any ABRA violation  
10 had occurred?

11 INVESTIGATOR DANTZLER: No, the  
12 establishment complied with the log entry because  
13 there was no incident to their knowledge, no log  
14 entry was made.

15 The establishment had working wands  
16 that they produced to me and also had  
17 identifiable clothing on recognizing them as  
18 security.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Any  
20 questions of the Investigator by any Board  
21 Members? Mr. Uriona, do you wish to make a  
22 statement? You or your General Manager about  
23 what occurred?

24 MR. URIONA: Well, not really because  
25 you know what happened, we obviously learned

1 about what happened when people were leaving or  
2 because that basically when we learned.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You have  
4 nothing else to say, no response to, regarding  
5 the report that was made by the Investigator?

6 MR. URIONA: Well we, the whole staff,  
7 all the staff members cooperated. We always try  
8 to protect our clients and have security. And we  
9 are trying to broaden to order things, more  
10 things for example, to have better control. We  
11 continue working on that.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
13 Sir, all right, our witness report is that there  
14 was a verbal altercation between patrons inside  
15 the premises on November 20th, 2021, while one of  
16 the patrons went to the restroom. Did any one of  
17 your staff observe the incident?

18 MS. TAPIA: Oh, it was kind of cutting  
19 off at the end, but I'm going to see what I heard  
20 so far.

21 MR. URIONA: No, not that I know of,  
22 not as far as I know. You know, we just heard or  
23 they just heard a couple of shots and, you know,  
24 the people that were leaving, they came back  
25 again.

1                   They start coming in again, people  
2                   that were leaving. And then they closed the door  
3                   for about five or ten minutes until things seemed  
4                   to be safe and then we opened it again.

5                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I, the  
6                   question I was asking him was, did his, did any  
7                   member of his staff observe the incident that  
8                   occurred inside the club?

9                   MR. URIONA: No, none of them. We  
10                  thought everything was fine because there was no  
11                  report by security at all.

12                 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I find  
13                  the restrooms are concerning. Where are, where's  
14                  -- all right, do you have security stations,  
15                  security guards stationed close to the restrooms?

16                 Tell me about the placement of  
17                  security as far as the restrooms are concerned.

18                 MS. TAPIA: I'm sorry, the Interpreter  
19                  is having a hard time understanding Mr. Uriona  
20                  because it gets cut off and it's hard to  
21                  understand.

22                 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well can you  
23                  tell that in Spanish please?

24                 MR. URIONA: Yes, I understand. I'm  
25                  listening to everything.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't think  
2 he understood what you said, ma'am. You just  
3 said that you're having a problem understanding  
4 him because he's cutting off so I need you to  
5 tell him that so if he can correct that maybe he  
6 can.

7                   MR. URIONA: Okay. Do you want me to  
8 repeat again what I said?

9                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well then what  
10 is it you didn't understand for him to, for you  
11 to interpret for us?

12                  MS. TAPIA: Interpreter needs the line  
13 to be clear so it doesn't cuts and I can hear the  
14 entire sentence and phrase.

15                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I need you  
16 to tell him that ma'am so maybe there's something  
17 he can on his end.

18                  MR. URIONA: Okay. I'm understanding  
19 everything perfectly.

20                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
21 ma'am. Let me do this one more time. Are you  
22 understanding everything that he's saying for you  
23 to interpret for us?

24                  MS. TAPIA: Interpreter is having  
25 trouble understanding when the line gets cut off.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know, ma'am.  
2                   And I'm asking you to tell him that you're having  
3                   concerns hearing him because his line's cut off,  
4                   but whatever you're saying to him and whatever  
5                   you're interpreting to me is not responsive  
6                   because he's saying to me at least you're telling  
7                   me he's saying that he understands everything.

8                   So I don't understand how is he saying  
9                   he understands everything if you're saying that I  
10                  can't hear you?

11                  MS. TAPIA: Your Honor, Interpreter  
12                  has interpreted everything back and forth into  
13                  English and into Spanish. There's nothing  
14                  Interpreter can do to make somebody understand.

15                  Interpreter has it said into Spanish  
16                  everything you and I have said, and Interpreter  
17                  has said everything into English that everybody  
18                  else that speaks Spanish have said.

19                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I just  
20                  want to make sure that he understands that you're  
21                  saying you have issues hearing him --

22                  MS. TAPIA: Your Honor --

23                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- because of  
24                  his --

25                  MS. TAPIA: -- I'm sorry, --

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am?

2 MS. TAPIA: -- Your Honor, but it is,  
3 it helps a lot of communication if you speak  
4 directly to him and Interpreter only interprets.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, I'm on  
6 this line because you broke in by saying, I'm  
7 having problems understanding him. That's why  
8 we're having this conversation.

9 And so therefore, I said to you, just  
10 let him know that in Spanish that you're having  
11 issues because he's breaking up. That's the only  
12 thing.

13 I would never have interceded if you  
14 did not tell me that you were having a problem  
15 hearing him. That's the only reason we're having  
16 this conversation.

17 So I'll continue asking my questions,  
18 ma'am, and we'll see where we go from there. All  
19 right.

20 MS. TAPIA: Would you like me to  
21 interpret everything you just said?

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's your  
23 call, ma'am.

24 MR. URIONA: Very good.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 Tell me, Mr. Uriona, how many security guards,  
2 security personnel are working on the club?

3 MR. URIONA: I think it was around 15,  
4 I don't recall exactly, but I think it was  
5 something between 15 and 17.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And on a  
7 typical night is the same security that you  
8 employ to work in the establishment?

9 MR. URIONA: Yes, yes.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And if folks  
11 were yelling or inside of, yelling or fighting  
12 inside of the establishment, were your security  
13 personnel able, are they able to detect this?

14 MS. TAPIA: Interpreter was not able  
15 to hear the portion.

16 MR. URIONA: Yes, security can notice  
17 when something, there is an incident because they  
18 are distributed all over covering the whole area.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
20 Tell us about your closing procedures. Are  
21 security, are they directed to be outside and if  
22 they're directed to be outside, how long do they  
23 stay outside to manage the departure of your  
24 guests?

25 MS. TAPIA: Interpreter needs to

1 repetition.

2 MR. URIONA: We have about four, four  
3 or five of people, security agents outside when  
4 we're clearing making sure that, you know, that  
5 people are clear and in case that there is  
6 anything that they can intervene.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How long do  
8 they remain? Do they remain until all guests  
9 have departed or until the crowd? Tell me, how  
10 long do they remain within the vicinity?

11 MS. TAPIA: The Interpreter needs the  
12 repetition. Interpreter has suggested that he  
13 could move to a place where he has a better  
14 signal.

15 MR. URIONA: Okay.

16 MS. TAPIA: Can you hear me now? Yes.

17 MR. URIONA: Normally it takes about  
18 15 minutes for people to leave from inside to go  
19 from inside to outside it takes about 15 minutes  
20 and then they remain outside for another 10  
21 minutes to make sure all of the people are clear.

22 And then, we secure the door because  
23 we continue inside working, cleaning and doing  
24 things like that.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just generally,



1 do you recall how many log entries, if any, do  
2 you have and have you reported, I'm sorry, if  
3 you've recorded in '21 and in '22 of incidents?

4 MR. URIONA: Yes, there was an  
5 increase of incidents to what it was before the  
6 pandemic.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I  
8 didn't hear. I did not hear. I didn't  
9 understand what you said.

10 MR. URIONA: There has been an  
11 increase of incidents compared to what it was  
12 before the pandemic.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is it a  
14 significant increase or, I'm just trying to find  
15 out, is it a significant increase of incidents or  
16 just, yes.

17 MR. URIONA: No, no, there was only  
18 the incidents outside, but inside we have  
19 everything under control.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you recall  
21 like how many times have you called MPD for  
22 assistance last year and so far this year have  
23 you made any calls yet, calls to MPD for  
24 assistance?

25 MR. URIONA: As far as I remember, I

1 think it's only one of five that was taking place  
2 outside and we called the Police because somebody  
3 was attacking somebody else so we called the  
4 Police for help, so that they could take, so that  
5 they could solve the problem because we cannot  
6 arrest the person ourselves.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Was this in '21  
8 or '22?

9 MR. URIONA: That was 2022, actually  
10 2021.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
12 It's my understanding, I read somewhere and I'm  
13 not sure if it's in your report that there have  
14 been 63 calls for service at your address. Are  
15 you aware of that?

16 MR. URIONA: The security guards do  
17 that when it's needed.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I'm  
19 saying, all right, it was reported that there was  
20 I think for, in '21 that there were 63 calls for  
21 service to your address. Was, is he aware of  
22 that and is that correct that?

23 MR. URIONA: So many, no. No, there  
24 were some of them were made when it was  
25 necessary, but some people call because when

1 they're having a problem, they call because well,  
2 I don't know.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have  
4 reimbursable detail?

5 MR. URIONA: I'm sorry, what is that?  
6 What?

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have the  
8 MPD reimbursable detail?

9 MR. URIONA: No, no, no, no.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Maybe I  
11 shouldn't, maybe there's a translation issue. Is  
12 he aware of the MPD reimbursable detail where you  
13 will hire off-duty police officers to work in  
14 front of, within the vicinity of your  
15 establishment?

16 MR. URIONA: I'm sorry. I couldn't  
17 hear you well.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Will you ask  
19 him to repeat it please?

20 MR. URIONA: I couldn't hear you well.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Let  
22 me repeat the question. I think, there's a beep  
23 in someone's phone and I'm not quite sure, I keep  
24 on hearing a beep. Let me, all right, ask him if  
25 he has a security plan?

1 MS. TAPIA: Your Honor, Interpreter  
2 kindly suggests that you speak directly to avoid  
3 further misunderstandings. Talk directly.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I said, ask  
5 him, I'm asking him a different question, ma'am.  
6 That's why, I said, does he have a security plan?  
7 Do you have a security plan?

8 MR. URIONA: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware  
10 that in your security plan that you're supposed  
11 to have MPD reimbursable details on Fridays,  
12 Saturdays and Sundays between 11:30 and 4 a.m.?

13 MR. URIONA: Yes, --

14 MS. TAPIA: Interpreter needs  
15 repetition. The Interpreter is unable to  
16 interpret.

17 MR. URIONA: Maybe you can talk to the  
18 Security Manager, with Lorenzo, because I don't  
19 have good signal where I am. Maybe he can answer  
20 the questions.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is  
22 that?

23 MR. URIONA: He's Bravo's manager.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is he on the  
25 line? I can ask him the question.

1 MR. URIONA: Yes, he's on the line.

2 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir, I'm here.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr.  
4 Da Silva, doesn't your, is currently you're the  
5 General Manager at that facility. Is that  
6 correct?

7 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware  
9 that per your security, I'm sorry, your security  
10 plan, that you're supposed to have reimbursable  
11 details on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights  
12 between 11:30 and 4 a.m.?

13 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir. Yes, we have  
14 them. We've always had them. We, they just did  
15 not have enough available sometimes and so  
16 sometimes we don't have them, but we've always  
17 been paying for reimbursable.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, from what  
19 I see, November 28th was a Sunday and do you know  
20 whether or not specifically security detail are,  
21 I'm sorry, are you were requested for that day?

22 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, I believe so. We  
23 were in good standing. We just did not have  
24 officers there.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well I'm asking

1 two different questions, sir. The question I'm  
2 asking, not that whether or not you're in good  
3 standing is whether or not was a specific request  
4 made or to have RDO on the day in question.  
5 That's the question I'm asking.

6 MR. DA SILVA: I guess we're always  
7 supposed to have an RDO out there. We pay Brenda  
8 and she sends them out. I'll look at the emails  
9 and when there's not sufficient officers, she  
10 lets us know.

11 I think that's what was happening. So  
12 that month, we have some sort of email exchange.  
13 But yes, we're always monitoring it and  
14 wondering, you know, because sometimes we've gone  
15 for a long span without and so we're wondering  
16 what's going on.

17 So I think during that time we got the  
18 explanation that they were just short staffed.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So let me ask  
20 you a question. What's the process of, does the  
21 RDO officers, are they there every Friday,  
22 Saturday and Sunday or do you have to request for  
23 them to show up? That's what I'm trying to  
24 establish.

25 MR. DA SILVA: Oh they're there every

1 week. Exactly sir, yes, it's re-occurring.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So  
3 you don't have to, you do not have to make an  
4 affirmative request to MPD for them to send RDO.  
5 It's based on the relationship between yourself  
6 and Brenda Smith from MPD that whenever, if they  
7 are available, RDO is at your establishment  
8 without you specifically requesting them. I  
9 just, that's what I'm just trying to find out.

10 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
12 Thank you. Are there any other questions by any  
13 of the Board Members? All right. Before if,  
14 okay, no questions by any Board Members. Before  
15 I wrap this up any final statement you want to  
16 make Mr. Uriona?

17 MR. URIONA: No, thank you, no, that's  
18 fine.

19 MR. DA SILVA: May I add something,  
20 Lorenzo Da Silva, the Manager?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Da  
22 Silva, go ahead.

23 MR. DA SILVA: Well it just wasn't  
24 mentioned, but during that period of time, Edgar  
25 had fired the promotor that we had extra so we

1 don't want any of that crowd that was coming in.

2 And then we also have taken steps to  
3 acquire a ID scanning company to come in and then  
4 we're going to connect with a cloud network so  
5 that anybody that gets scanned in other venues  
6 that get banned from there, we'll be informed and  
7 we can share that information with the Police  
8 Officers.

9 And you know, make the community a  
10 safer place and so we're paying about \$15,000 for  
11 an updated on that end security. Just wanted to  
12 let you know.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for  
14 providing that clarification, Mr. Da Silva. All  
15 right, I just want to thank, I will thank you,  
16 Mr. Uriona, for making yourself available. The  
17 Board will take this matter under advisement.

18 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chairman?

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.  
20 Hold on, hold on. Mr. Short, I had asked the  
21 Board if they had any questions and so therefore  
22 I was giving the, prior to wrapping up the  
23 hearing, I was giving the Licensee a final  
24 opportunity to make a concluding statement for us  
25 to log on. I didn't realize that Mr. Short --



1                   MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, if you  
2 could, or if you would, --

3                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So do you have  
4 a question you want to ask, Mr. Short?

5                   MEMBER SHORT: I --

6                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, you  
7 have to give the translator an opportunity to  
8 translate before you respond. Okay?

9                   MEMBER SHORT: Okay. This question is  
10 for the General Manager.

11                  MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

12                  MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Da Silva, are you  
13 familiar that the District of Columbia has passed  
14 a new law or, and it's going to be enacted very  
15 soon, that all security officers in the District  
16 of Columbia have to be registered with the  
17 District of Columbia Metropolitan Police  
18 Department?

19                  MR. DA SILVA: Yes, I did hear about  
20 that. Can I put you, if Mike Lawson, he's our  
21 Head of Security, if he's on here, could I put  
22 you with him?

23                  MEMBER SHORT: No, thank you. I just  
24 want to make sure that you're aware of it.

25                  MR. DA SILVA: Okay.

1                   MEMBER SHORT: And also and one other  
2 thing I'd like for you to do since you say you're  
3 going to spend a lot of money with your ID, are  
4 you willing to put that as a part of your  
5 license?

6                   MR. DA SILVA: I don't see why not.  
7 Right? I would have to ask counsel on that I  
8 guess. It would have to go through Edgar, of  
9 course.

10                  MEMBER SHORT: Okay, I was just  
11 checking with you, sir, and that's all I have for  
12 right now, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

13                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
14 Short. All right. Any other before I'm going to  
15 bring this hearing to a close. Any questions by  
16 anyone else? All right. Thank you for your  
17 appearance today.

18                  The Board will take this matter under  
19 advisement meaning that based on our findings  
20 today, we will either refer this matter to the  
21 Office of the Attorney General for further  
22 development if we believe that a violation of our  
23 rules occur or if we do not believe a violation  
24 occur, then we'll, then this matter will take no  
25 further action.

1                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
2 Thank you very much.

3                   MR. DA SILVA: May I say one thing,  
4 Mr. Donovan?

5                   CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Da  
6 Silva.

7                   MR. DA SILVA: Oh, I just remembered  
8 you asking a question about the bathrooms and how  
9 many guards we had posted there. We have one  
10 male by the men's bathroom and we have one female  
11 right by the female's bathroom directing traffic  
12 and making sure people are out of the bathroom  
13 and enough people are going in.

14                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, very  
15 much, sir.

16                  MR. DA SILVA: Thank you, sir.

17                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So as I said  
18 before, the Board will take this matter under  
19 advisement and we'll advise you what further  
20 developments, if any, the Board will take. Thank  
21 you very much and have a great day.

22                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're free to  
23 go, Ms. Tapia. Thank you very much.

24                  MS. TAPIA: Thank you, Your Honor.

25                  MR. URIONA: Thank you.

1 MR. DA SILVA: All right, bye-bye.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're at the  
3 end of our agenda items for the day and so I'm  
4 going to close the record. As Chairperson of  
5 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District  
6 of Columbia and according U.S. Title 3, Chapter  
7 45 Office of Open Government, I move that ABC  
8 Board hold a closed meeting on March 2nd, 2022  
9 for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports  
10 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of  
11 alleged criminals, personal misconduct or  
12 violation of law or regulation and seeking legal  
13 advice from our legal counsel under Board's  
14 investigative agenda, legal agenda and licensing  
15 agenda for March 2nd, 2022 as published in D.C.  
16 Register on February 25th, 2022. Is there a  
17 second?

18 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett  
21 has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll  
22 call vote on the motion before us now that it has  
23 been seconded.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?

25 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? Ms.  
2 Crockett?

3 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I  
4 agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

6 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

8 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis  
9 agrees.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you there,  
11 Mr. Cato?

12 MEMBER CATO: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you agree  
14 that we close this hearing? I was taking a  
15 motion.

16 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato agrees.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

18 And, Mr. Anderson agrees. As it appears that the  
19 motion has passed, I hereby give notice that the  
20 ABC Board would hold its afore-mentioned closed  
21 meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

22 Notice will also be posted on the ABC  
23 Board Hearing Room Bulletin Board, placed on  
24 electronic calendar on ABRA's website and  
25 published in D.C. Register in as timely a manner

1 as practical.

2 Before we adjourn for the day, I would  
3 like to thank the members of the public who have  
4 participated in this hearing today. Thank you for  
5 your participation. Also I would like to thank  
6 the Board Members who have participated today.

7 And now I -- so have now -- we are now  
8 adjourned for the day and I would ask that all  
9 the Board Members return to Executive sessions  
10 for further action. Thank you very much.

11 (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-  
12 entitled matter was concluded at 5:30 p.m.)

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