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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:
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Empire, LLC ,
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t/a Empire Lounge
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1909 9th Street NW : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)
License No. 110702
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Case #21-CMP-00065
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(Noise Violation)
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Wednesday
February 16, 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:

- RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee's Counsel
SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff
JAMES JORDAN, DC OAG

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

2 10:36 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is a show cause hearing status,
5 case number 21-CMP-00065, Empire Lounge, license
6 number 110702.

7 Ms. Fashbaugh, can you please elevate
8 the rights of the government and the Licensee in
9 this case, please?

10 MS. FASHBAUGH: Good morning,
11 Chairperson, please stand by.

12 Richard Bianco, your rights have been
13 elevated.

14 I do not see the Licensee --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco is
16 representing the Licensee so I'm not sure if the
17 Licensee will be here.

18 MS. FASHBAUGH: James Jordan, your
19 rights have been elevated.

20 That is all, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

22 All right, good morning, everyone.
23 Mr. Bianco, just before -- is your client joining
24 you this morning, sir?

25 MR. BIANCO: No, Mr. Chair, he won't

1 be here this morning.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

3 Thank you.

4 Mr. Jordan, good morning, can you
5 please spell and state your name for the record,
6 please?

7 MR. JORDAN: Good morning, Mr.
8 Chairman, James Jordan, that's J-A-M-E-S, J-O-R-
9 D-A-N, on behalf of the district.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
11 Mr. Jordan.

12 Mr. Bianco, can you please spell and
13 state your name for the record, please?

14 MR. BIANCO: Sure. Richard Bianco,
15 last name B-I-A-N-C-O, I am here on behalf of the
16 Licensee.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

18 All right, are there any preliminary
19 matters in this case, please?

20 MR. BIANCO: No, Mr. Chairman, the
21 parties do not have an OIC at this time.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
23 thank you.

24 Then this matter is scheduled for a
25 show cause hearing on March 23, 2022, at 10:30

1 a.m..

2 I will again want to remind all
3 parties that seven days -- if this matter goes to
4 a hearing, seven days before the hearing each
5 side is required to exchange documents and
6 witnesses to each side and also to the agency.

7 Any questions?

8 MR. BIANCO: None from the Applicant.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
10 thank you.

11 Thank you very much, have a great day.

12 MR. BIANCO: Thanks.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off
14 the record at 10:38 a.m.)

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