

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:
Space DC Restaurant and Lounge, Inc. t/a Space DC
1355 U Street NW Retailer CT - ANC 1B License No. 124237 Case #24-CMP-00066
(Violation of Settlement Agreement, Failed to Make a Copy of Settlement Agreement Immediately Accessible)
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Wednesday
March 12, 2025

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

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member
RYAN JONES, Member
DAVID MEADOWS, Member
TERI JANINE QUINN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

- JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
SHEWAKENAW ETANA, Licensee
JOSE JEAN-BAPTISTE, DC OAG

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

2 10:56 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case Number 24-CMP-00066,
5 Space DC, License Number 124237.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the licensee and the Government in
8 this case?

9 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing. Shewakenaw
10 Etana, your access has been elevated. And Jean-
11 Baptiste, your access has been elevated.

12 That is all, Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. The
14 licensee, if you have a camera, can you turn the
15 camera on, please? Okay. Thank you. I can hear
16 you, sir. Hold on, please

17 MR. ETANA: My name is Shewakenaw --

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Go
19 ahead, sir. Please spell and state your name for
20 the record. I'm sorry.

21 MR. ETANA: Yeah. Shewakenaw Etana,
22 S-H-E-W-A-K-E-N-A-W, last name E-T-A-N-A.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
24 relationship to this establishment, sir?

25 MR. ETANA: The license holder.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
2 Mr. Jean Baptiste. Please spell and state your
3 name for the record.

4 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: Good morning, Mr.
5 Chairperson. Assistant Attorney General Jose
6 Jean-Baptiste, J-O-S-E J-E-A-N hyphen B-A-P-T-I-
7 S-T-E, here on behalf of the District of
8 Columbia.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
10 Mr. Jean-Baptiste. Are there any preliminary
11 matters in this case?

12 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: No preliminary
13 matters, Mr. Chairperson.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Etana, any
15 preliminary matters that you have that you want
16 to bring to the attention of the Board, sir?

17 MR. ETANA: I think this is in regard
18 of the windows being open.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, this case
20 is -- I think that our -- it's violation of a
21 settlement agreement, fail to make a copy of
22 settlement agreement immediately accessible.
23 That is the charge that was assessed against your
24 establishment, sir.

25 All right. So that's the charge. So

1 if you need to speak to the Government -- whose
2 case is this Mr. Jean-Baptiste?

3 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: This case is
4 Assistant Attorney General Medis (phonetic). And
5 I believe they have been in communication. The
6 last email was emailed to the licensee. We
7 haven't heard back in regards to it.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, have you
9 received any contact -- not this substance, but
10 have you received any contact from the Government
11 regarding this case, sir?

12 MR. ETANA: Well, I only received an
13 email for if they served it. But, Ms. Sophie has
14 something -- the case holder -- I was aware of
15 that there -- about the case about the window,
16 but I didn't know. I didn't know, yeah.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir, I believe
18 that maybe you need to have some further
19 conversations with the Government --

20 MR. ETANA: Okay.

21 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: -- regarding what
22 this case is about to make sure that you and the
23 Government are on the same page because this
24 matter is scheduled for a show cause hearing on
25 April 9.

1 MR. ETANA: Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so on April
3 9, this matter is scheduled for a show cause
4 hearing on April 9 at 1:30 p.m. And if this case
5 is not settled, on April 9 if when -- if you're
6 going to contest this case, then you have to,
7 seven days before the hearing, you need to
8 provide documents to the Government and also to
9 ABCA legal to say who are the witnesses you are
10 going to call to support your position and what
11 documents you will rely on to support your
12 position.

13 MR. ETANA: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Do
15 you understand what you need to -- if you do not
16 understand the process you need to follow, sir,
17 you can reach out to our agency. And our agency
18 will provide you with some guidance.

19 But it's very important that if this
20 matter goes to a hearing, that seven days before
21 the hearing, you exchange documents and witnesses
22 with the Government and also provide a copy to
23 our agency. The Government will also do the same
24 thing, too. They will also provide you with
25 documents and witnesses that they will rely upon

1 at this hearing on April 9 at 1:30.

2 MR. ETANA: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
4 by either side?

5 MR. JEAN-BAPTISTE: None for the
6 Government.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8 Thank you. So again, if this matter is not
9 settled, the hearing is scheduled for April 9 at
10 1:30 p.m.

11 Thank you very much. Have a great
12 day.

13 MR. ETANA: Yeah, thanks.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
15 went off the record at 11:02 a.m.)

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