## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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# ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Shredder, LLC, : t/a Abigail Room : 1730 M Street NW :

Retailer CN - ANC 2B : Summary Suspension

License No. 107468 : Hearing

Case #20-CIT-00568

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(Alcoholic Beverage : Control Board Closure - : February 17, 2021) :

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Friday
March 12, 2021

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

## PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
ALSO PRESENT:
WALTER ADAMS, DC OAG
SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
MARK BRASHEARS, DC ABRA Investigator
DAVID CHUNG, Licensee
JANIKA JORDAN, DC OAG
JASON PERU, DC ABRA Investigator
KEVIN PUENTE, DC ABRA Investigator

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, and in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 25764 of the Open Meetings Act, I'm welcoming you to an emergency meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

This meeting is being conducted pursuant to guidance made available by the District of Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding electronic meetings held by public bodies during the public health emergency.

Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's central meeting calendar. The notice included the time, date, agenda, and call-in or log-in information for public participation.

This electronic meeting is being hosted by a WebEx account provided by the District of Columbia government. Please address any questions or complaints to the OOG at opengovoffice@dc.gov.

1	My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm				
2	Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce				
3	the other members of the ABC Board who are also				
4	participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's				
5	Order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce				
6	your name. Mr. James Short?				
7	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,				
8	present.				
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato?				
10	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.				
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni				
12	Hansen?				
13	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.				
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has				
15	four members in attendance today and that				
16	constitutes a quorum.				
17	Before we get underway with today's				
18	hearing calendar, I need to make a few				
19	instructions very clear so that the conduct of				
20	these hearings is understood by everyone.				
21	There is one case on this morning's				
22	calendar. We have another case this afternoon.				
23	Once the case is called, I will take a moment for				
24	our IT specialist to elevate the rights for each				
25	party to enable their camera and microphone.				

Then, and only then, will you have the ability to enable your equipment. If your case is not being heard, you will remain mute and your camera will be disabled.

At the conclusion of each case, the parties will have the option to leave. If they choose to stay, all cameras and microphones after I conclude the case will be disabled.

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

Our first order of business today is case number 20-CIT-00568, Abigail Room, license number 107468. Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the government and the licensee and its attorney for this case, please?

Sure, stand by.

Chung, your rights have been elevated. Mr. Adams, your rights have been elevated. Mr. Puente, your rights have been elevated.

MS. ANDREWS:

Mr. Peru, your rights have been elevated. Mr. Brashears, your rights have been elevated. Ms. Jordan, your rights have been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
thank you, Ms. Andrews. All right, good morning,
everyone. This is a summary suspension hearing.
I would ask that the parties please identify
themselves for the record. Let's start with the
government, please.

MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
and members of the board. I'm Walter Adams. I'm

MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and members of the board. I'm Walter Adams. I'm representing the District of Columbia. Appearing with me is Ms. Janika Jordan who is a Ruff Fellow and law clerk for the Office of the Attorney General.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jordan, can you please introduce yourself for the record, please, and spell and state your name, please?

MS. JORDAN: My name is Janika Jordan, J-A-N-I-K-A J-O-R-D-A-N, and I'm a law clerk with

the Office of the Attorney General.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Adams, good morning. Do you have any potential witnesses that you will call in this case? Could they also identify themselves, please?

MR. ADAMS: Yes, we do have potential witnesses. We do have a preliminary matter, but we do have potential witnesses. They are

	misters, investigators Peru, Brashears, and				
2	Puente.				
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, let's				
4	have them just introduce themselves for the				
5	record so we'll have a full record. So, I'll				
6	start with Investigator, Supervisory Investigator				
7	Peru.				
8	MR. PERU: Good morning, Chair,				
9	Supervisory Investigator Jason Peru with ABRA.				
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Peru, can				
11	you please spell your name, please?				
12	MR. PERU: Sorry, J-A-S-O-N P-E-R-U.				
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.				
14	Supervisory Investigator Brashears, can you				
15	please identify yourself for the record, please?				
16	MR. BRASHEARS: Supervisory				
17	Investigator Mark Brashears, M-A-R-K, the last				
18	name is B-R-A-S-H-E-A-R-S.				
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Puente?				
20	MR. PUENTE: Investigator Kevin				
21	Puente, K-E-V-I-N P-U-E-N-T-E.				
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Chung? Mr.				
23	Chung?				
24	MR. CHUNG: Good morning, can you hear				
25	me?				

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I can now. 1 2 MR. CHUNG: David Chung, C-H-U-N-G. 3 Chairperson Anderson, I can handle this myself, but counsel has not been added to the meeting. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, that's fine. All right, okay, thank you, Mr. 6 7 All right, Mr. Adams, you said that there 8 is a preliminary matter. What is the preliminary 9 matter that you have, sir? 10 MR. ADAMS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this 11 case is a summary suspension hearing wherein the 12 licensee in this case has requested a hearing 13 today. 14 After some negotiations, we are able 15 to present to the board an offer in compromise, a 16 false offer in compromise, and just before 17 today's hearing started, we sent the written terms to the board. Of course, Mr. Chairman, I 18 19 am ready and willing to read the terms into the 20 record. 21 All right, I CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 22 don't believe -- I briefly glanced at it and I 23 don't believe, based on the timing, I do not 24 believe that all board members have had access to

see it, so why don't you state what the terms of

the OIC is, please?

MR. ADAMS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. There are 12 terms to this offer in compromise. The first one is suspension.

The respondent shall serve a 23-day suspension of its ABC license. The date of the 23-day suspension to be served shall be Thursday, February 18, 2021 through Friday, March 12, 2021, which includes time served during the summary suspension period.

The ABC license shall be lifted at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 provided all other applicable requirements in this offer in compromise have been satisfied by the respondent.

Second, fine, respondent shall pay fines in the amount of \$1,000 within 120 days, which includes a \$1,000 fine for the citation previously issued in case number 20-CIT-00568.

Three, the third provision of masks, when eating or drinking while seated, during the public health emergency, the respondent shall require that all owners and employees of the establishment wear a mask or face covering while present on the licensed premises regardless of

whether they are on duty.

The respondent shall also require patrons during the public health emergency to wear masks or face coverings prior to entering or waiting in line outside of the licensed premises, while traveling to use the restroom, or until they are seated and eating or drinking.

Four, locked doors, respondent shall not lock its front doors or main entrance to the premises if respondent is open for business, including private events, and patrons are present inside the establishment. When patrons are present inside the establishment, the rear doors shall remain unlocked from the inside.

Five, use of entertainment, respondent shall not offer live music or entertainment, including disc jockeys, while the District of Columbia remains subject to Mayor's Order 2020-067, Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order 2020-080, Mayor's Order 2020-119, and in accordance with the board's notice of ninth emergency rulemaking.

The respondent shall only offer recorded or background music that is played at a conversational level that is not heard in the

homes of District residents.

Six, operating hours, respondent shall not sell, serve, or permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages past 10:00 p.m., but may operate for patrons until midnight during any day of the week while the District of Columbia remains subject to Mayor's Order 2020-067, Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order 2020-080, and Mayor's Order 2020-119 in accordance with the board's rulemaking.

Seven, dining activities, respondent shall only serve food and alcoholic beverages to patrons seated at tables while the District of Columbia remains subject to Mayor's Order 2020-067, Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order 2020-119, and in accordance with the board's rulemaking.

Tables shall be placed so that patrons and different parties are placed six feet apart from one another with no more than six patrons per table.

Respondent shall have a menu in use containing a minimum of three prepared food items available for purchase and shall require patrons to purchase one or more prepared food items per

table. Patrons shall not be permitted to walk around the establishment with food and/or alcoholic beverages.

Eight, bar activities, respondent shall not seat patrons at indoor or outdoor bars that are being staffed or utilized by a bartender. Patrons shall not be permitted to stand at an indoor or outdoor bar to order food or alcoholic beverages.

Nine, contact tracing system, respondent shall implement a reservation system by phone, online, or onsite, and keep customer logs to facilitate contact tracing by D.C.
Health.

Ten, capacity, respondent shall limit its indoor capacity to no more than 25 percent of the lowest indoor occupancy load or seating capacity on its certificate of occupancy, excluding employees and outdoor seating, while the District of Columbia remains subject to Mayor's Order 2020-119 or Mayor's Order 2020-175, whichever applies, in accordance with the board's rulemaking.

Eleven, social distancing walkthrough, prior to lifting the suspension of the

establishment's alcoholic beverage license, an ABRA investigator shall conduct a walkthrough of the licensed establishment with respondent to evaluate the establishment's compliance with the District's social distancing requirements.

This evaluation shall include an assessment of the respondent's compliance with Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order 2020-080, and 23 DCMR Section 810.2.

Twelve, show cause, this offer in compromise applied in substance by the board constitutes resolution of the matters in confidence by the above-referenced case number.

Mr. Chairman, those are the provisions and terms that are being proposed for the parties' offer in compromise.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Adams, just for us to have a clear record, can you just give us some facts? What brought us here? What brought us to this hearing today, please?

MR. ADAMS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, this case is a case involving violations of the District's coded, well, the emergency rulemaking, the board's emergency rulemaking and the Mayor's order as they relate to the current COVID

emergency.

Essentially what happened here is that on September 19 of last year, the establishment - - the investigators went to the establishment and noticed multiple violations, including patrons who were not wearing masks, and people who were not distancing, and loud music at the establishment.

At that time, because it was ABRA's first contact with the establishment during the public health emergency, they were issued a verbal warning.

On October 31, again ABRA investigators went to the establishment. At the time, it was found at that time that once the investigators went inside that the violation specifically was of the lunch violations regarding the food sales where it wasn't clear that all patrons were being served food within the establishment, and at that time, the investigators issued the citation that was previously mentioned in the amount of \$1,000.

So, lastly, what brings us here today is that after two discussions -- after those prior two events, on January 30, investigators

went to the establishment. They noticed that the front door was locked and that patrons were going in through the back door.

And it was alleged that once the investigators went inside, that the music was above conversational level, that people were not, that patrons were not wearing masks, that the patrons were not social distanced, and some of the patrons were walking around with alcoholic beverages in their hands, and as well as the observation that, again, alleged observation that the establishment was not serving food or did not present evidence that each of the tables ordered food at the time.

So, as a result, that is why the investigators note those violations, and that is the basis for our current case based upon the findings of January 30 and from the prior findings, you know, and again the concern after repeating visits or after several visits that the establishment had not yet come into compliance.

And so that brings us here today where we have worked on this offer in compromise that encapsulates the changes. It's similar to what's been proposed for other establishments that have

had similar situations where they've had a warning, citations, and then a third event.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Mr. Adams, just in listening to your reading, you're saying that this is -- in five months, there were three violations in five months, basically September, October, and January, and it's my understanding the factual situation in this case is that we were called to report an incident that was occurring.

And in reviewing the offer in compromise, what you're saying to me is that this establishment will be -- the government has agreed that this establishment will be open.

Today is the 12th, and that the suspension will be lifted tomorrow morning.

So, we're having a hearing today and the suspension will be lifted tomorrow morning, and so therefore, there is really no -- the government is saying that there is no suspension?

Chairman, and in fact, technically there has been a suspension. On February 18, this notice, the notice of summary suspension was served upon the establishment, and the establishment has not been

MR. ADAMS:

Well, not really, Mr.

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It got found from reports from our investigators and also based upon statements from the establishment that in fact the establishment has had no activity since February 18, so in essence it is a 23-day suspension.

It's just that in this case that the establishment, for whatever, you know, for a reason did not acknowledge service until this week, but in effect, to our knowledge, the establishment has had no operations for over three weeks and I guess they can address that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, you're saying that this notice was served on February 18. Today is March 13, and that although this notice was served on February 18, you're stating that the establishment did not acknowledge receipt of the notice until the week of March 10, this week?

MR. ADAMS: That's correct. The District received -- I guess it was not until the next business day. There was an email that was received on March 9, I believe, at about 9:05 p.m. from the establishment requesting a hearing, and obviously the ABRA was not open until March

10, so I guess officially that would have been on March 10 that the acknowledgment officially occurred.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so we served this notice on February 18. The establishment acknowledged receipt on March 10, and the agency has an emergency hearing on March 12, which is today, and the OIC is proposing that the establishment would be open on March 13, is that what I'm hearing, Mr. Adams?

MR. ADAMS: Well, yes, let me just clarify. The service was -- the ABRA investigators attempted to serve physically, but the service was done electronically via email on February 18, and, yes, that it's upon the proposals that we're -- is that we propose that the -- the parties are proposing that the suspension ends today on March 12 and that they would be able to resume provided that a successful walkthrough is completed by tomorrow.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so it's also the recommendation of the government that there will be no show cause hearing, that once, if the board agrees to accept this OIC today, this matter is over and that's the recommendation

of the government?

MR. ADAMS: That is the recommendation of the government. The basis for that is that we believe that because of the nature of this being a -- where all of the observations that have been made have been based upon the, for lack of a better term, the mayor's order and the board's emergency rulemaking, that there are no other violations of the, that we're aware of, of the rules or the laws and regulations that apply to the establishment.

So, as a result, you know, we have no knowledge of there being any potential, you know, show cause changes, so, yes, that is our recommendation on this.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I just want to now -- part of the charges was that the doors were locked, there was no social distancing, that once ABRA went in that day, that folks fled the establishment, that there was -- no one was wearing masks, and that no one was wearing masks within the facility when the ABRA investigators went, and so those are factually correct in this case?

MR. ADAMS: Well, in this case, the

facts are that the front door was locked, that the back door, there was security staffed at the back door who could open the door from the back, and that in terms of the patrons, many patrons were not wearing masks. Some patrons did indeed wear masks, but, yes, other than that, Mr. Chairman, your representation is accurate.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And can the establishment, while there are patrons, can they lock their doors?

MR. ADAMS: No, Mr. Chairman, they are not supposed to lock their doors with patrons within the establishment. There was a --

In this case, part of the particulars is that there was an inspector from the fire and emergency medical services who was at the establishment along with the ABRA investigators who issued a separate citation under their rules based upon the violations that they found at the establishment.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, are there any questions of Mr. Adams by any of the board members? I'm hearing none. Mr. Chung?
Mr. Chung? Mr. Chung?

MR. CHUNG: I'm here. Sorry, I didn't

want to leave it on not muted and --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I called your name three times, Mr. Chung, and I didn't hear you, so I wanted to make sure that you're there.

So, it's my understanding as reported by the government that there is an offer in compromise, and the offer in compromise basically shortly says the suspension would be lifted as of 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning, that there is a \$1,000 fine payable within 120 days, excuse me, for case number 20-CIT-00568, that as per the mayor's orders, that the establishment has to comply with the mask mandate, that the doors cannot be locked, that the music, there are provisions regarding the music and entertainment.

There is a provision regarding operating hours and a provision regarding dining activities, bar activities, contact tracing activities, capacity, social distancing, walkthrough, and that there will be no further action as a result of this if the board was to accept this OIC. Is that your understanding of the OIC, sir?

MR. CHUNG: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 1 Is there 2 anything you want to add before the board decides 3 what decision to make? 4 MR. CHUNG: No, just that the 5 allegations brought by Mr. Adams are understood 6 and that we don't see a problem with complying 7 with the mayor's orders and the OIC, and 8 hopefully we'll be through this pandemic soon and 9 we'll get back to normal, but we have no issues with compliance and we don't feel as though it 10 11 will be a challenge for us. Thank you. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does any board 13 members have any questions for Mr. Chung? 14 right, hearing none --15 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, I just had 16 one. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, yes, 18 Mr. Short? MEMBER SHORT: 19 I just wanted to ask 20 Mr. Chung does he know the ramifications of 21 having locked doors while he has clients in his 22 establishment? 23 Good morning, Mr. Short. MR. CHUNG: 24 I was expecting that question from you given your 25 history with the fire marshal's office.

In this situation, I believe there may -- I don't want to go to trial on the facts, but we do understand that, and in this situation, we were not open for business. We were closed.

However, we don't need to get into the facts, but I do appreciate it and we would not want to ever create a life and safety issue because I know that's your main concern every time we come before the board.

MEMBER SHORT: Thank you. That's all I had, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're going to -- we have to think about this, so as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel on case number 20-CIT-00568, Abigail Room, for the reasons cited pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b)(4) of the Open Meetings Act, and deliberating upon case number 20-CIT-00568, Abigail Room for the reasons cited in D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Act. Is there a

second?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call vote on the motion that has been properly seconded by Mr. Short. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT:

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,

Mr. Short, I second.

I agree. As it appears that the motion has passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will recess this proceeding to hold a closed meeting in the ABC conference room pursuant to Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act.

As an advisement, I'm trying to figure out how best to this. I would say that it's probably -- it's 11:15. We will come back on the record. Give us a minimum of 15 minutes to have discussion.

If we need more time, we will advise you, but give us until -- I will advise you at 11:15, I'm sorry, at 11:30 where we are, okay?

So we are in recess until approximately 11:30, so 1 I will advise the board members for us now to go 2 3 into executive session to discuss this, all right? Thank you. 4 5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:16 a.m. and resumed at 6 7 11:31 a.m.) 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 9 we're back on the record. I would like everyone 10 who are able, can you please start your video if 11 you have a video? If not, we will move forward. 12 All right, this is the matter from 13 Abigail Room, case number 20-CIT-00568. An OIC was offered for the board's consideration and the 14 15 board has had an opportunity to consider the OIC, and so therefore, I make a motion to the board 16 17 that we reject the OIC. Is there a second? Who seconded the motion? 18 19 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has 21 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call vote 22 on the motion before us. Mr. Short? 23 Mr. Short, I agree. MEMBER SHORT: 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 1 2 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 4 Anderson, I agree. The board rejects the OIC 5 four to zero, and the board has rejected the OIC 6 because the board does not believe that the settlement is in the public interest, and 7 8 secondly, the board does not believe that the OIC 9 resolves the serious nature, the serious safety concerns that were brought in this case. 10 Is the 11 government ready to move forward for this 12 hearing? MR. ADAMS: 13 I apologize, Mr. Chairman. 14 I hit the wrong button. The District would like 15 to request the board's indulgence for about ten 16 minutes as we want to see if we can, the parties 17 can discuss things momentarily? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 18 It's 11:33. We 19 can be off the record until 11:45. Would that be 20 sufficient time for you? 21 MR. ADAMS: Hopefully, yes, Mr. 22 Chairman. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so 24 we will be off the record -- we will reconvene at 25 11:45 and I will again advise, so we are off the

record until 11:45 and the board will return to 1 2 executive session. All right, thank you. 3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:33 a.m. and resumed at 4 5 11:47 a.m.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Adams? 6 7 MR. ADAMS: How are you doing, Mr. Chairman? 8 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Adams? 10 MR. ADAMS: All right, so I think the 11 parties are able to present a couple of 12 amendments orally, some amendments to the offer 13 in compromise that was presented. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is 15 that, Mr. Adams? 16 MR. ADAMS: All right, so I think what we'll do, what the parties have discussed and are 17 18 willing to have is the amendment of provision 19 number one for suspension. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 21 So, what it should read is MR. ADAMS: 22 respondent shall serve a 30-day suspension of its 23 ABC license. The date the 30-day suspension 24 shall be served shall be Thursday, February 18, 25 2021 through Friday, March 19, 2021, which

includes time served during the summary 1 2 suspension period. 3 The ABC suspension shall be lifted at 4 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 20 provided all other applicable requirements in this OIC have 5 been satisfied by the respondent. 6 7 And the other change will be on 8 provision 12. Essentially that was just to 9 change that out to that to show cause, this matter will be referred to the Office of Attorney 10 11 General for a possible show cause proceeding. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Chung? Do 13 you have a camera, Mr. Chung? 14 MR. CHUNG: I do. Chairman Anderson, 15 can you see me? 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no, sir. 17 Yes, I can see you now. The government has 18 proposed, has amended the terms of the OIC for a 19 30-day -- I guess what I was told is a 30-day 20 suspension that would extend through the 19th. Ι 21 think that the business would open back up on the 22 20th. 23 I'm sorry, so the 30-day suspension 24 retroactive to February 18, and that from

February 18 through March 21, and then I think,

am I correct, that at 8:00 a.m. on March 20,
2021, that the business would -- the suspension
would be lifted, is that correct?

MR. CHUNG: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that charge, I'm sorry, tern number 12 would be that this matter would be referred to the Attorney General for a possible show cause proceeding. Is that your understanding, Mr. Chung, of the OIC?

MR. CHUNG: It is.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, unfortunately, because we are doing this remotely, I don't know where the board stands, so we have to go back in executive session to review this to see.

All right, so we have to go back in executive session to discuss. I mean, in all seriousness, I appreciate the parties trying to work this out. I mean, the board is very concerned.

We're all concerned and we want to be fair to all parties involved, and so in all seriousness, we have to discuss it, what's in the best interests of the public, what's also in the best interest -- well, what's in the best

interests of the public of the District of Columbia.

MR. CHUNG: I understand. I just want to let the board know that, just from on our end, I understand the gravity of the situation and I don't think the board has any -- will have any future concerns with this licensee.

Frankly, we may just wait. So, hopefully this pandemic is over given the new news that came out and the President's address yesterday. So, we understand the gravity of the situation.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I appreciate your representation, Mr. Chung. All right, so the board needs to go back into executive session to discuss this.

So, therefore, as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel on case number 20-CIT-00568, Abigail Room, pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b)(4) of the Open Meetings Act, and

deliberating upon case number 20-CIT-00568, 1 2 Abigail Room, for the reasons cited in D.C. 3 Official Code Section 2574(b)(13) of the Open Meetings Act. Is there a second? 4 5 Mr. Short, I second. MEMBER SHORT: CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has 6 7 seconded the motion. We will now have a roll 8 call vote on the motion that has been properly 9 seconded by Mr. Short. Mr. Short? 10 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 12 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 14 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, 16 I agree. As it appears that the motion has 17 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board 18 will recess these proceedings to hold a closed 19 meeting in the ABC Board conference room pursuant 20 to Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act. It's 11:53. We will be off the record 21 22 until 12:00, all right? So, if we need longer 23 than 12:00, I will advise the parties, but we 24 will be off the record until 12:00. So, I now

ask the board to go into executive session for us

to discuss these new terms. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:53 a.m. and resumed at 12:07 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
we're back on the record. The government had
proposed -- again, this is case number, I
apologize, this is case number 20-CIT-00568,
Abigail Room, license number 107468, and this is
a summary suspension hearing.

with an OIC for consideration. The parties had revised the OIC and the revised OIC, the two terms, I think what is here, the suspension that's dated, or the 30-day suspension that would be effective from March 18, I'm sorry, February 18, 2021 through March 19, 2021, and that the suspension shall be lifted at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 20, 2021, and term 12 of the OIC was changed where it clearly stated that this matter will be referred to the Office of the Attorney General for a show cause hearing.

The board has considered the revised terms that was made and I am going to make a recommendation to the board that the revised

1 offer be accepted. Is there a second? 2 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato seconds. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has seconded the motion. I will take a roll call 4 5 vote on the motion that has been properly seconded by Mr. Cato. Mr. Short? 6 7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 9 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 11 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 13 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes four, zero, 14 zero. 15 Mr. Adams, could you please send an updated version of the OIC to the agency so there 16 17 will be no misunderstanding of the terms? please send an -- I understand that --18 19 Well, the board was previously 20 provided a signed copy of the first OIC, so I 21 would ask that an updated version of the OIC be 22 provided to the board so when the order is written, the terms of the OIC with the signatures 23 24 of the parties will be attached to the order so

there will be no misunderstanding.

The board -- I'm sorry, Mr. Adams, 1 2 yes? You wanted to say something? 3 MR. ADAMS: Yes, I just wanted to 4 clarify to make sure that, yes, it was signed 5 before, but obviously Mr. Chung did on the record state that they accepted those terms, so I 6 7 believe that shouldn't be a problem. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, that's 9 fine, but I'm just asking to just send an updated version of it. It can be -- you can send an 10 11 updated version just with the terms and --12 MR. ADAMS: Okay. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- Mr. Chung, 14 I need you to state on the record that you -- I'm 15 sorry, you know what? Let me do this over 16 because I did something wrong. I didn't realize 17 that. 18 Mr. Chung, can you please appear on 19 the camera? Because I did something wrong, so 20 procedurally what I just did was incorrect, so I 21 have to do this over. All right, so I have to 22 take the vote back over. 23 Mr. Chung, the terms of the, the 24 revised terms of the OIC is that there will be a

30-day suspension and the suspension should start

on February 18, 2021 through March 19, 2021. 1 The suspension will be lifted at 8:00 2 3 a.m. on March 20, 2021, and term 12 of the OIC is that this matter will be referred to the Office 4 5 of Attorney General for a possible show cause Is this your understanding, sir, of the 6 7 offer in compromise? I can't hear you, Mr. 8 Chung. 9 MR. CHUNG: It is. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware that by accepting an offer in compromise that 11 12 you're giving up your right to a hearing? 13 MR. CHUNG: Yes. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also 14 15 aware that by accepting an offer in compromise 16 that you're giving up your right to appeal this 17 matter? 18 MR. CHUNG: Yes. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, with 20 that said, I make a motion that the offer in 21 compromise that was read on the record, that be 22 accepted. Is there a second? MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato seconds. 23 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has 25 seconded the motion. I will now have a roll call

vote on the motion that has been properly 1 2 seconded by Mr. Cato. Mr. Short? 3 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 4 5 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 6 7 Jeni Hansen, I agree. MEMBER HANSEN: 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 9 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes four, zero, 10 zero. 11 I apologize that procedurally I did 12 not do the vote correct the first time, so thank 13 you, Mr. Adams, for asking me more questions and 14 that reminded me that I did not bring Mr. Chung 15 back into the proceedings for him to agree that 16 he accepts the OIC. 17 Just for efficiency purposes, the 18 agency had requested that you just send us a 19 copy, a revised copy of the OIC so they'll have 20 that. 21 All right, with that said, and I want 22 to thank the parties for working this out. I 23 mean, the District, we do take this serious, but 24 I appreciate the fact that the parties were able 25 to work and the parties were able to present an

offer that the board believes is in the public interest. All right, thank you. So we are now -- the board will therefore be in recess until our 1:30 hearing. Ι now ask the board to return to executive session for further business. Thank you very much. (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 12:14 p.m.) 

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