DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Kiss, LLC, t/a Kiss Tavern

637 T Street NW : Summary Suspension

637 T Street NW : Summary Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing

License No. 104710 Case #20-CMP-00008

(Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Closure - : March 9, 2021)

> 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 RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member ALSO PRESENT: SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff EYOB ASBEHA, Licensee RHODA GLASGOW, DC ABRA Investigator JOHN LUI, DC OAG

JASON PERU, DC ABRA Investigator

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

1:39 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: As chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, and in accordance with DC Official Code, Section 25764 of the Open Meetings Act, I am welcoming you to the continuation of an emergency meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce the other members of the ABC Board who are also participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's Order 2020-054. The Board members who are participating this afternoon are Mr. James Short, Mr. Bobby Cato, Ms. Rafi Crockett, Ms. Jeni Hansen, and Mr. Edward Grandis.

The Board has six members in attendance for the conduct of business, and this is a quorum. We have one case this afternoon. And once your case is called, I will take a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the rights for each party to enable their camera and microphone.

Then and only then will you have the

ability to enable your equipment. Should you 1 2 have any questions or require technical 3 assistance during the hearing, please submit them 4 using the question and answer feature or email 5 simone.andrews2@dc.gov. Our active case, it's Case Number 21 6 7 -- it's a summary suspension hearing on Case Number 21-CMP-00008, Kiss Tavern, License Number 8 9 104710. 10 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate 11 the rights of the Government, the Government's 12 witnesses, and the Licensee and his witnesses, 13 please. 14 Sure, stand by. Mr. MS. ANDREWS: 15 Asbeha, your rights have been elevated. 16 Investigator Peru, your rights have been 17 elevated. Mr. Lui, your rights have been 18 elevated. Investigator Glasgow, your rights have 19 been elevated. And Mr. Samuel, your rights have 20 been elevated. 21 That's all, Mr. Chair. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 23 thank you. 24 If you have a camera, can you please,

I'm sorry. I'm trying to -- all right.

yes.

Let me have everyone introduce themselves for the 1 2 I need everyone to say and spell their 3 And let's start with the Government. MR. LUI: Good afternoon, Board 4 5 My name is John Lui, on behalf of the That's J-O-H-N, L-U-I. Thank you. 6 Government. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, if 8 this goes to a hearing, do you have any -- is 9 there anyone here with you? 10 MR. LUI: Yes, there is. There are 11 two investigators that will be 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can we be off 13 record for -- let's pause. Give me five minutes. 14 I apologize, I have to do something. We'll be off the record for five minutes. I apologize. 15 16 Okay. 17 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 18 went off the record at 1:42 p.m. and resumed at 19 1:43 p.m.) 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize, I 21 have to take care of something, so I'm going, 22 maybe in a couple of minutes I'm probably going to take another five minute break. So I 23 24 apologize for that. 25 I'm sorry. Mr. Lui, yes, as I stated

	before, if there are any potential withesses, who
2	are those witnesses? Can you just identify them,
3	sir?
4	MR. LUI: Chairperson, are we back on
5	the record?
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we're back
7	on the record. I apologize.
8	MR. LUI: No worries. Yes, there are
9	two investigators that will be testifying on
10	behalf of the government, Investigator Rhoda
11	Glasgow and Supervisory Investigator Jason Peru.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
13	I'll have them identify themselves later on.
14	Mr. Asbeha, can you spell and state
15	your name for the record, please?
16	MR. ASBEHA: My name is Eyob Asbeha;
17	spelling is E-Y-O-B, and last name, Asbeha, A-S-
18	B-E-H-A.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Are
20	there, do you have any potential witnesses, sir?
21	MR. ASBEHA: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who's that?
23	MR. ASBEHA: Samuel Okbaab, that's
24	Samuel
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you

	spell the name -
2	MR. ASBEHA: Okay. S-A-M-U-E-L, O-K-
3	B-A-A-B, Okbaab.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
5	thank you.
6	All right, are there any preliminary
7	matters in this case?
8	MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is that?
10	MR. LUI: The Government will not be
11	presenting evidence from the January 27th, 2021,
12	incident which is located on Page 2 of the
13	amended notice of summary action.
14	At this point, the Government orally
15	moves the Board to amend the notice of summary
16	action and to exclude testimony related to the
17	January 27th, 2021, incident. The Government
18	will just be focusing on what occurred on January
19	29th, 2021.
20	MR. ASBEHA: Objection, sir. I would
21	like the February 27 incident to be presented as
22	the report states.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I'm
24	confused.
25	MD ACREUA. Voc I'm confused

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr. -let me hear from the Government. What charges
were -- I don't have the, oh wait a minute, let
me find the -- we need to go off the record
again. I apologize, okay. So give me five
minutes, okay? I apologize. I'll have to take
care of -- all right, hold on.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 1:46 p.m. and resumed at 1:47 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize.

I have an emergency that I'm trying to deal with.

But it's okay. We're back on the record, and I should not have any further interruptions.

All right, let me find the order, because I'm somewhat confused because both the Government and the Applicant, they're not on the same page. I don't know what event -- I know the Government talked about a certain order, a certain incident.

And the Applicant is talking about a different date. So I just want to make sure that I know what it is. So let me find the order.

Let me make sure I find the order.

(Pause.)

	All right, so the Government is saying
2	that there has been no reference to the January
3	27th incident. Is that correct?
4	MR. LUI: That's correct, Mr.
5	Chairperson.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so the only
7	incident that this case will be about, is it just
8	the January 29th incident that's in the order?
9	MR. LUI: In the amended Notice of
10	Summary Action, yes.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. The
12	reason why I was confused, because the Licensee
13	is talking about some incident in February.
14	That's why I was confused.
15	So I want to make sure that the
16	Government, so there's agreement that the
17	Government and the Licensee will amend the terms
18	of the show cause order that there will be no
19	testimony on the event on January 27th, 2021, and
20	that the only incident that we will hear
21	testimony on is January 29th, 2021. Is that
22	correct?
23	MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson, that
24	is correct.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr.

Asbeha, you were talking about some February date. So I'm confused. So what date in February are you talking about, sir?

MR. ASBEHA: Not February, sir. I'm talking about the amended Notice of Summary Action that was given to me. It says January 27th and January 29th. I was given that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

MR. ASBEHA: And I'm confused also.

Three weeks ago, I don't know why, it says
amended Notice. And the one that was given to me
on January 9th, and the one that's given me on
February 9th, and the one that's given me on
March 9th, that's totally different, which is 00
it's amended. I know that, but it states from
suspension, on the amended it states the license
has to be revoked.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think, Mr.

Asbeha, and I'm not your attorney, but it's my
understanding that when the, well, at least the
amended notice that was written to you, it was
just put in your notice that the Government could
move towards revocation of your license as a
result of this hearing.

So I think there was, at least when I

signed these orders, it's my understanding it was just to put you on notice that, dependent on what decision that's made by the Board today, that revocation could be a possibility. That's the difference with the amended order that you received, sir.

MR. ASBEHA: All right, thank you.

But on the amended notice it says January 27th

and January 29th. It's still there. The January

27th is still there.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's fine, but from what I'm told by the Government today, although the amended notice has January 27th and January 29th, that the only evidence that I will be accepting today are from January 21, that was what the Government made the motion stating that they are amending the notice that there will be no testimony regarding January 27th.

The only incident that the Board will listen to today is whatever happened on January 29th, 2021, at approximately 11:15 p.m. That is the only incident that we will consider today. Is it clear to -- that's what I was told, that's what the parties agreed to, and so is that -- are we clear?

MR. ASBEHA: But I'm objecting -- that 1 2 one, because I wanted to present the January 27th 3 as evidence, because that was --(Simultaneous speaking.) 4 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Do you guys want us to go off the record while the 6 7 Government and the Applicant -- I thought that 8 both parties had agreed that they're going to 9 drop the 27th. 10 MR. ASBEHA: No, not --11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And based on 12 what I'm hearing from the Licensee, is that he's 13 not -- although he's saying it was agreed, but it 14 doesn't appear that he's in agreement. 15 I didn't --MR. ASBEHA: 16 (Simultaneous speaking.) 17 MR. ASBEHA: -- nothing, sir. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So where are 19 we? Are we going to hear testimony on January 20 27th, or are we not going to hear testimony on 21 January 27th? 22 MR. LUI: The Government will not be 23 presenting evidence arising out of the January 24 27th incident. And the Government has made an 25 oral motion just to proceed on what had occurred

on January 29th, 2021. And just to be clear for 1 2 the record, the Licensee is objecting to that. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. MR. LUI: So it is, I think, up to the 4 5 Board's decision now on how to proceed on the oral motion. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I mean, 8 the Licensee has not agreed to the motion. thought that both parties had agreed to the 9 10 motion. So therefore, since both parties have not agreed to the motion, then I'm going to then 11 12 -- let me, Mr. Asbeha, I just want to make clear, 13 you want to present evidence about what occurred 14 on January 27th, is that correct. 15 MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you want to 17 present evidence on what occurred on January 27th 18 and January 29th. Is that correct? 19 MR. ASBEHA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 21 With that said, I'm going to make a motion to the 22 Board that we deny the motion by the Government. 23 Is there a second? 24 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett 25 seconds.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
2	has seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll
3	call vote on the motion that has been seconded by
4	Ms. Crockett.
5	Mr. Short?
6	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I am
7	confused, Mr. Chair.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, the
9	
10	MEMBER SHORT: Denied. I don't
11	understand it, so I'm denying.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short
13	MEMBER SHORT: Yes?
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The purpose was
15	to vote. The Government made a motion, and we're
16	voting whether or not we're going grant or deny
17	the motion that was made by the Government.
18	MEMBER SHORT: Now that you made it
19	plain, yes, I agree with the Government.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
21	Cato?
22	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you
25	agree to, Mr. Short? I want to make sure that

you are clear. So what is the that you --1 I'm agreeing to what 2 MEMBER SHORT: 3 the Government just proposed. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 4 5 thank you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? 6 7 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think there 8 9 is, all right, I want to make sure the Board is clear. 10 11 The Government made a motion to not 12 present evidence on the 27th. It is not a motion 13 the Licensee has agreed to. Because the Licensee 14 has not agreed to the motion, I am going to deny 15 the Government's motion, because the Licensee is 16 not in agreement with the motion. If both 17 parties had agreed, I would recommend to the 18 Board -- can everyone please put their 19 microphones on mute please. The Government made a motion. 20 21 my understanding when the Government made the 22 motion that both the Government and the Licensee were in favor of the motion to not present 23

The Licensee has stated to me that he

evidence on the 27th.

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is not in agreement, that he wants to present evidence on the 27th. And so therefore, because the Licensee is not in agreement with the Government's motion, I am going to deny, I'm making a motion to the Board for the Board to deny the Government's motion.

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, with all due respect to you, sir, with all due respect, can we please go into executive session and have this clearly explained to us. Because I've never heard this happen before since I've been on the Board in eight years. This is the very first time that someone's come in. Because all the documentation I've received about this case is for the 29th.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold on. Hold on, Mr. Short.

MEMBER SHORT: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with DC 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

1	21-CMP-00008, Kiss Tavern, pursuant to DC
2	Official Code, Section 2574(b)(4) of the Open
3	Meetings Act and deliberating upon Case Number
4	21-CMP-00008, Kiss Tavern, for the reasons cited
5	in DC Official Code, Section 2574(b)(13) of the
6	Open Meetings Act.
7	Is there a second?
8	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
10	seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call
11	vote on the motion that has been properly
12	seconded by Mr. Short.
13	Mr. Short?
14	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
16	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
18	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
19	disagree.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
21	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?
23	MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
24	agree.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.

Anderson, I agree. The matter passes five to one. It is 1:59. We will be back, we will come back on the record at 2:10. So we'll be back on the record at 2:10. The Board will go into executive session, and we'll be back on the public record at 2:10. All right. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 1:59 p.m. and resumed at 2:11 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we're back on the record. Good afternoon, everyone. All right, this is where we are. The Government made a motion to exclude, that they were not going to present evidence on the, I'm sorry, on January 27th.

I thought that the motion that the Government was going to make was a joint motion. However, the Licensee stated that he does not agree. It is not a joint motion, so he does not agree with the motion that's been made by the Government.

Because it's not a joint motion, I'm going to recommend to the Board that the Board reject, deny the motion that was made by the Government. Is there a second?

1	MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
2	seconds.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
4	has seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call
5	vote on the motion that has been properly
6	seconded by Ms. Crockett.
7	Mr. Short?
8	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
10	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
12	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
13	agree.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
15	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?
17	MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
18	agree.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
20	Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 6-0-0.
21	So the Government can elect or not
22	elect to present evidence on the 27th. However,
23	apparently the Licensee will present evidence on
24	the 27th and the Government cannot, at least the
25	Government can make objections but not on the

relevancy issues. If they object to other terms, 1 the Board will consider the Government's motion 2 3 at some time if a motion is made. All right. This is a Summary 4 5 Suspension Hearing. Are there any other preliminary issues that need to be addressed? 6 7 Mr. Lui? 8 MR. LUI: None from the Government. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Asbeha? 10 MR. ASBEHA: No, sir. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 12 I'll give each side five minutes if they want to 13 do an opening statement. Let's go with the 14 Government. 15 MR. LUI: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. 16 Good afternoon, Board members. We are here today 17 in the summary action matter of Kiss LLC, trading as Kiss Tavern, located at 637 T Street, NW. 18 19 The notice in this case was first 20 issued as a Summary Suspension Notice on February 21 9th, 2021. The notice was amended to reflect the 22 full range of penalties in the summary proceeding under DC Code, Title 25. 23 24 This matter concerns the charge that 25 the Licensee's operations present an imminent

danger to the health and safety of the public.

In accordance with DC Code, Section 25826, this

Board summarily suspended the license of Kiss

Tavern, because it determined, after an

investigation, there was imminent danger.

Specifically, the Licensee is charged to have violated 23 DCMR Section 810, Mayor's Orders 2020-075, 2020-080, and 2020-119, rules put in place by the District Government to stop the spread of the Corona Virus.

The evidence will show that on January 29th, 2021, at approximately 11:15 p.m., ABRA investigator Rhoda Glasgow entered the establishment in an undercover capacity. She was allowed inside by the Licensee himself, Mr. Eyob Asbeha.

She was not asked to provide any information that would have allowed the establishment to maintain a contact tracing system as required by the Mayor to help trace infections during the current pandemic.

Also the evidence will show that, once inside the establishment, Investigator Glasgow observed patrons and staff walking around without face masks, patrons consuming alcoholic beverages

after 10:00 p.m., staff serving alcoholic beverages in shot glasses after 10:00 p.m., patrons smoking hookah, more than six patrons seated at a table, and more than 25 patrons inside of the establishment. She also determined that the music was above a conversational level.

In her undercover capacity, she was able to order two alcoholic beverages, but she was never provided with the required food menu. She was able to record these violations she witnessed around her with a video camera.

The evidence will further show that
Investigator Glasgow observed an employee rushing
to put away shot glasses. She was able to
actually secure one of her shot glasses as
evidence. The next day back at the office, she
tested the liquid using an alcoholic testing kit
and confirmed that the shot glass contained an
alcoholic beverage.

Finally, the evidence will show that while ABRA investigators and MPD officers entered the establishment, Investigator Glasgow exited.

Supervisory Investigator Jason Peru noticed that the back door was bolted and locked and asked the Licensee to unlock it for the safety of patrons.

Supervisory Investigator Peru also observed patrons in excess of the indoor capacity, alcoholic beverages sales, service, and consumption after 10:00 p.m., placement of indoor tables within six feet from one another, more than six individuals seated at a table, music above a conversational level, service of alcoholic beverages to standing patrons, patrons standing inside the bar, indoor bar, and wait staff not wearing masks, and a lack of social distancing amongst patrons.

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: With that, do you wish to make an opening statement now, or do you want to make an opening statement when you, well, do you want to make an opening statement now, or you want to do it later on when you present your case?

MR. ASBEHA: I'm not, you know, I'm not a lawyer. So I don't know what the procedures are. But with my experience, I would like to make an opening statement.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. So, yes, go ahead, sir.

MR. ASBEHA: All right. Good

afternoon, Board members. As you all know, I have been suspended - can you hear me, guys?

Yes, as you all know, I have been suspended for 35 days. And I asked my, which is ex-lawyer, to settle or ask for hearing date right after the suspension which is February 9th of 2021.

And he said he's working on it until last Wednesday which is March 3rd, last week. He said he withdrew from my cases, and he won't be able to settle the case or ask for a hearing date for his own conflict of interest. I don't know what the reasons are. None of the lawyers in the city are willing to represent me or help me with these cases.

So I'm here today to represent myself.

And I asked a hearing date on March 4th which is almost, like, eight days ago through Ms. Martha and through John Lui if they can give me a hearing date. And I got this two days ago. So I will do as much as I can with this short rate of time.

I'm here today that I completely understand and how awful this time is. I've seen a lot of people lose their jobs, their lives because of this COVID-19.

When we first opened on June 9th, when this pandemic around June, I was only allowed to put a plexiglass to separate customers between the tables. And they all are ten feet apart. And we completely blocked the whole bar with plexiglass like a bank so nobody can interfere, interactions with any customers. And we never had a bartender staff behind the bar serving liquor.

We put signs everywhere to make sure our customers and us follow all the CDC guidelines and the Mayor's order. We put sanitizers on every table and made sure my employees and I wear masks. We also provide masks for customers.

And should I mention my exhibits now or later on, sir?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Later on. Your opening statement is just to say, from your perspective --

MR. ASBEHA: I understand.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- where we are today, what your evidence will support, and then you just give a short little summary at the beginning. And then later one, when you present

your case, you can bring in your exhibits then.

But you can say you're going to introduce some

exhibits and what they will show.

MR. ASBEHA: Okay. So we presented sanitizers at every table and make sure employees and I wear masks. We also provide masks on the entry when they come in. Exhibit 4 will show pictures of the table and plexiglass.

I submitted all my exhibits, like, two, three days earlier before this as soon as they give me the hearing dates.

In addition to that, DOH came and did inspection on February 24th of 2021 right after the incident happened on January 27 and January 29th. And everything was inspected and approved that Kiss Tavern is safe and is no danger for public.

Exhibit 3 shows that DOA inspection is attached on the file. The exhibit shows that Inspector Joyce and Inspector John came, did full inspection and approved that Kiss is safe.

When we opened back even, like, it's a good example, Supervisory Investigator John Fiorentine said how well I did with the place and the outdoor area seating when we first opened

back.

And despite all the efforts I did,
which is Exhibit 1, there's a list of
establishments that shows the whole entire
lounge, bars, restaurants, and clubs had been
given verbal warning, routine warnings, and fines
while Kiss Tavern only sent to OAG without
warning or any fines during COVID-19.

MR. ASBEHA: Exhibit 1 will show the list of the establishments. Out of 80 or 60 of the establishments, I was the only one sent to OAG.

The second thing I want the Board to know is that ABRA investigators are accusing me, charging me, going and telling me that they can shut down my business.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Asbeha, remember, you're going to get an opportunity, sir, to present your case. An opening statement, as you heard Mr. Lui just said, we present evidence on the 29th and said this is what we're going to prove.

So when you present your case, everything that you're saying you can say that.

This is just a short point to say, all right,

1 okay, just what is 2 MR. ASBEHA: I'm going to make this 3 short, sir. 4 Finally, I'm here today to ask the 5 Board that I am really concerned about this Corona virus, and I'm really concerned about the 6 7 safety and public, of the public, and safety and 8 danger of the public in my establishment. 9 really worried about doing the same thing during June all come back. 10 11 And I've seen a lot of people lose 12 their lives. I've seen a lot of people lose 13 their jobs. And I've seen a lot of people close 14 their establishments. And I would sure be one of 15 them, so I would like the Board to give me a 16 chance and make a fair judgment on that since 17 I've been suspended one month. Thank you. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 19 thank you. Thank you, sir. 20 Mr. Lui, do you have a witness you 21 wish you call? 22 MR. LUI: Yes. The Government would 23 like to call Investigator Rhoda Glasgow. 24 MR. ASBEHA: Objection, sir. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the

nature of your objection, sir?

MR. ASBEHA: I've given my witnesses before four days ago, and I've never any awareness of these witnesses. And they just put me, like, send me an email an hour ago that they have witnesses and exhibits. I've not seen, exhibits, I've not seen the witness list. They just sent me 11:45.

I'm not ready to see that, because I myself, not a lawyer, sent them 48 hours earlier that what I have, witness and my exhibits. So I object any witness assigned to this matter.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, what are the guidelines regarding the submission of documents for this hearing, sir, and did you comply with them?

MR. LUI: This is a summary action proceeding. The hearing was requested by the Licensee on Wednesday and that the hearing was set today on Friday within, by statute, 48 hours.

If this was a show cause proceeding, a different type of proceeding, we would have to send our exhibits seven days prior to the hearing that has been set and scheduled.

In this case this is, again, a summary

action proceeding.

MR. ASBEHA: And I asked you on March 4th, a week ago. So why does the OAG spend all the time to present the witnesses which is an hour ago? Because I have an email attached to Ms. Martha and to Mr. John Lui that I want a hearing on March 4th. And they have a week to present the witnesses and the exhibit.

And I did the same thing, like, 48 hours earlier. So I will object the witnesses and the exhibit on this, because I haven't seen any -- I don't have time to see them. I'm not ready to see or ask the witness right now or the OAG.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have any other comments you want to make, Mr. Lui?

MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with DC Official Code, Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings Act, I move that ABC's hold a closed meeting for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our Counsel on, sorry, on Case Number 21-CMP-00008, Kiss Tavern, pursuant to DC Official

1	Code, Section 2574(b)(4) of the Open Meetings Act
2	and deliberating upon Case Number no, we're
3	not going to do (audio interference) just need to
4	seek legal advice from our counsel. Is there a
5	second? Is there a second?
6	MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I'll
7	second.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
9	seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call
10	vote on the motion. Mr. Short?
11	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
13	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
15	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
16	agree.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
18	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?
20	MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
21	agree.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,
23	I agree. As it appears, the motion has passed.
24	I hereby give notice that ABC Board will recess
25	these proceedings to hold a closed meeting

pursuant to Section 2574(b) of the Open Meetings
Act. It is 2:38. We will be back on the record
at, I'm sorry, it's 2:28. We will be back on the
record at 2:40. Thank you. I will ask the Board
members for us to return to executive session.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 2:28 p.m. and resumed at 2:40 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we're back on the record. The Government called its first witness Mr., I'm sorry, Ms. Rhoda Glasgow. The Licensee objected to the witness based on that he said that he was surprised and that he had provided his documents and witnesses to the Agency 48 hours. And the Government did not do this.

Chapter 25, 826, this hearing was brought under a summary suspension hearing under Chapter 25, Section 826. And 826(c) clearly states, "A licensee may request a hearing within three business days after service of notice of summary revocation, suspension, fine, or restriction license.

The Board shall hold a hearing within two business days of receipt of a timely request

and shall issue a decision within three business days after the hearing.

And so because this is an emergency, and the rules require that, within three days of the Licensee being served, the Board has to hold a hearing within two days after. So therefore, it would be impossible, as the Applicant stated, that the document, the witnesses should have been provided to him in sufficient time for him to be on notice.

And secondly, pursuant to 1713.10, which is the investigative report, 1713.10 refers to the investigative report. It says the investigative report, and attachment shall be part of the Board's records, and it shall not be necessary for the parties to formally move for admission of the investigative report or portions of it into the evidentiary record. And, Mr. Asbeha, did you receive a copy of the Board's investigative report that talked about the events on the 29th?

MR. ASBEHA: Did I receive it?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a copy of the report, sir?

MR. ASBEHA: Of the suspension,

	summary suspension:
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the -
3	MR. ASBEHA: I have two -
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. And
5	what other information did you receive from the
6	Board regarding the event?
7	MR. ASBEHA: The Board, but I just get
8	the amended notice of summary. A month ago, they
9	had a chance to send me an email which they get
10	to my ex-lawyer. And it was completely
11	different. And I ask only -
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, that's
13	not the question I asked you, sir. Did you get a
14	copy of the, you know why you're here today,
15	right? You know that -
16	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: because you
18	know what happened on the 29th.
19	MR. ASBEHA: Yes.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that
21	correct, you know, on the 29th, so you're here
22	today.
23	MR. ASBEHA: I received -
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll have to
25	have you state it, yes. All right. Because this

is an emergency hearing, you were provided a copy of the notice on the Board order regarding the incident. This is one of the investigators that was involved in the matter. So it should not be a surprise to you that the Board would be relying on its Board report or one of the Board's investigators.

So with that said, I'm going to deny, I'm going to make a motion to the Board that we deny your motion and allow the Government's witnesses and the Government's documents, which are the Board documents, and the investigators from the Board, from the Agency, that they testify.

Because it is not a surprise. It should not be a surprise to you that the Board would have, the Agency would have included its Board determination, I'm sorry, the case file today and the investigators who were involved in this matter. So that's why I'm recommending to the Board that we deny your request.

Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has

seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call

1	vote on the motion that's been properly seconded
2	by Mr. Short.
3	Mr. Short?
4	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
6	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
8	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
9	agree.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
11	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?
13	MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
14	agree.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
16	Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 6-0-0.
17	Mr. Lui, call your first Witness.
18	And, Ms. Glasgow, can you raise your right hand,
19	please?
20	WHEREUPON,
21	RHODA GLASGOW
22	was called as a witness, and after having been
23	first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
24	follows:
25	MS. GLASGOW: I do.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
2	Lui.
3	DIRECT EXAMINATION
4	MR. LUI: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.
5	Ms. Glasgow, can you please state and spell your
6	first and last name for the record?
7	MS. GLASGOW: Rhoda Glasgow, R-H-O-D-
8	A, G-L-A-S-G-O-W.
9	MR. LUI: Ms. Glasgow, where are you
10	currently employed?
11	MS. GLASGOW: The Alcoholic Beverage
12	Regulation Administration.
13	MR. LUI: And what is your position at
14	the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration?
15	MS. GLASGOW: I'm an investigator.
16	MR. LUI: How long have you been an
17	investigator?
18	MS. GLASGOW: About two years.
19	MR. LUI: And what are your duties and
20	responsibilities as an investigator?
21	MS. GLASGOW: I conduct inspections
22	and investigations of licensed ABC establishments
23	in the District of Columbia.
24	MR. LUI: And are you familiar with
25	Kiss Tavern?

1	MS. GLASGOW: I am.
2	MR. LUI: How are you familiar with
3	this establishment?
4	MS. GLASGOW: I visited the
5	establishment on January 29, 2021.
6	MR. LUI: What happened that evening?
7	MS. GLASGOW: At approximately 10:45
8	p.m., my supervisor, Jason Peru, advised me that
9	he received a complaint regarding Kiss Tavern.
10	And the complaint detailed that the neighbors
11	heard music in their residence. And they can see
12	patrons entering the establishment without
13	wearing face masks, and the door appeared to be
14	locked.
15	As I previously stated our
16	investigators Zollarcoffer and Puente monitored
17	the establishment and substantiated what the
18	complaint stated. And SI Peru asked if I was
19	comfortable entering the establishment in an
20	undercover capacity. And I agreed.
21	MR. LUI: And then what happened after
22	that?
	chae:
23	MS. GLASGOW: I approached the

approached the line, four more individuals stood 1 directly behind me. There was a male individual 2 3 banging on the door trying to get the attention 4 from someone inside to open the door. 5 MR. LUI: Were these individuals in front of you and behind you wearing face masks or 6 7 facial coverings? 8 MS. GLASGOW: I can't remember the 9 individuals in front of me, but the individuals behind me were not. 10 11 MR. LUI: And then what happened after 12 that? 13 MS. GLASGOW: We waited approximately 14 five minutes before someone opened a door. When 15 the door opened, it was Mr. Asbeha. He started 16 letting us in. While the first group of 17 individuals were entering the establishment, 18 there was some money exchanged between one of the 19 male patrons and Mr. Asbeha. 20 When I approached Mr. Asbeha to enter 21 the establishment, he said that it was \$20 to get 22 I responded saying I thought it was free. 23 And he said no, the patrons ahead of 24 me paid \$20. 25 At that point, we were trying to get

1	into how I can get in without paying the \$20.
2	And someone behind said something really loud,
3	and it drew his attention away from me.
4	And he asked if I was with the
5	individuals behind.
6	And I stated yes. And that is when he
7	let me in the establishment.
8	MR. LUI: Was any information
9	collected from you?
10	MS. GLASGOW: He asked to see my ID.
11	MR. LUI: Anything else for contact
12	tracing purposes?
13	MS. GLASGOW: No.
14	MR. LUI: And were you searched?
15	MS. GLASGOW: No.
16	MR. LUI: Was there a security guard
17	present?
18	MS. GLASGOW: No.
19	MR. LUI: And then you entered into
20	the establishment, right?
21	MS. GLASGOW: Yes.
22	MR. LUI: And then what did you
23	observe when you entered into the establishment?
24	MS. GLASGOW: As I entered the
25	establishment, I saw a group of more than six

1 sitting at a table. I saw patrons at the bar 2 area, I saw people walking around not wearing 3 face masks, I saw alcoholic beverages on tables 4 with shot glasses, I saw individuals smoking 5 Hookah, and the music was above a conversational level. And I did not see any food on any of the 6 7 tables. 8 MR. LUI: And again, what time was 9 this? 10 MS. GLASGOW: When I entered the 11 establishment, it was approximately 11:15 p.m. 12 MR. LUI: And then what happened after 13 that, after you made these observations? 14 MS. GLASGOW: So I continued walking 15 through the establishment towards the back. I 16 was trying to make contact with my supervisor, 17 but I couldn't call, or I couldn't hear him, because the music was really loud. So I went to 18 19 the restroom where I was able to speak with him 20 and advise him of what I saw. 21 MR. LUI: And then what happened after 22 your conversation with your supervisor? 23 MS. GLASGOW: He advised me to get 24 enough evidence, picture, videos of what was 25 going on. And he said to blend in, if I am being

watched, I should purchase some alcohol. 1 2 MR. LUI: And then what happened after 3 that? So I exited the bathroom, and I walked 4 5 out, walking through the establishment, taking more videos and taking more photos. And I 6 7 stopped at the bar area. And at that point, I 8 saw Mr. Asbeha speaking to the server. They were 9 looking at me. And the server approached me, and 10 she asked if I needed anything. 11 And at that point, I asked her for a 12 rum and coke. 13 MR. LUI: And then what happened? 14 MS. GLASGOW: And then she said that we are not serving rum and coke. The only thing 15 16 that we're serving is shots. 17 MR. LUI: And then what happened? 18 MS. GLASGOW: I said, what type of 19 shots do you have? And she said I have Patron. 20 21 And I told her that will be fine. 22 MR. LUI: And then what happened. Then she said we need to 23 MS. GLASGOW: 24 go back to your table. So I followed her back to my -- she asked me where I was sitting. 25

pointed to a table in the front, close to the 1 And we walked over there. 2 front entrance. 3 I got there, she asked for my credit card and my 4 ID to purchase the Patron. 5 MR. LUI: And did you purchase the Patron? 6 7 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did. 8 MR. LUI: And then what happened?

MS. GLASGOW: She came back about five minutes later with the Patron and a receipt. And I asked her for my ID and my credit card. And she said she is going to keep it.

MR. LUI: And then what happened after that?

MS. GLASGOW: I left the drink on the table. I did not drink it at that time. And then I was taking more photos and more videos of what was going on. And then I saw Mr. Asbeha speaking to the server again. And this time he was pointing at me. And the server came up to me and asked who I was there with.

And I told her I was waiting on some friends, and I was taking videos and photos to let them know that the party was still going on. And at that point, I just took the drink so she

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1	wouldn't ask me any more questions. And at that
2	point, she walked away.
3	MR. LUI: What did it taste like to
4	you?
5	MS. GLASGOW: Alcohol.
6	MR. LUI: How do you know it was
7	alcohol?
8	MS. GLASGOW: Personal experience.
9	MR. LUI: After you took the shot,
10	what happened after that?
11	MS. GLASGOW: I started recording more
12	videos and taking more pictures of what was going
13	on in the establishment. I was walking up and
14	down to get proper videos. And then I ordered
15	another Patron, another shot.
16	MR. LUI: And then what happened?
17	MS. GLASGOW: She brought it to me,
18	and at that point she brought back my ID and my
19	credit card. And I left the shot on the table
20	while I was taking more videos and taking more
21	pictures.
22	MR. LUI: And what happened after
23	that?
24	MS. GLASGOW: After that, I held the
25	drink in my hand while walking through the

establishment recording with the drink in my hand to determine that I was actually there with the drink being served after 11:00 p.m.

MR. LUI: And then what happened?

MS. GLASGOW: At that point, my supervisor texted me to let me know that they were approaching the establishment. So I went back to my seat and waited until they arrived.

MR. LUI: And then when they arrived, what happened after that?

MS. GLASGOW: So they told me they were outside. And at that point, I heard barking. The establishment has two entrances. There is one on T Street and one is Florida Avenue. I heard the barking on Florida Avenue. And then the barking transferred over to the bar area and then from the bar area, which is in the middle of the establishment. And then from the bar area, the barking continued to what's the entrance on T Street.

And then at that point, the lights came on and someone, an individual, started walking around with a black bin picking up glasses from tables.

MR. LUI: And then what happens?

1	MS. GLASGOW: The individual
2	approached and said that I need to drink my drink
3	and hand him the glass.
4	So I put it to my mouth, and I told
5	him I can't drink it, it's really strong, you
6	need to come back.
7	And he said okay.
8	And at that point, I saw MPD coming
9	in, and my team as well was in the establishment.
10	MR. LUI: Okay. And after they
11	entered, what happened next?
12	MS. GLASGOW: After they entered, I
13	secured the evidence, and I exited the
14	establishment.
15	MR. LUI: And where did you go?
16	MS. GLASGOW: I went back to the
17	office, the ABRA office.
18	MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, I'm
19	showing you what has been marked as Government
20	Exhibit 1 for identification.
21	MR. LUI: Court's indulgence, I'm just
22	sharing my screen here. I'll give you a moment
23	to let me know when you can see this document.
24	MS. GLASGOW: I can see it.
25	MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, what

1	is this document?
2	MS. GLASGOW: This is my investigative
3	report.
4	MR. LUI: And what is the
5	investigation number?
6	MS. GLASGOW: 21-CMP-0008.
7	MR. LUI: And when was the date of
8	occurrence?
9	MS. GLASGOW: January 29, 2021.
10	MR. LUI: Did you sign this case
11	report?
12	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
13	MR. LUI: Did you create this case
14	report?
15	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
16	MR. LUI: And there are photos
17	attached to this case report. Did you take these
18	photos?
19	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
20	MR. LUI: Is this a fair and accurate
21	representation of the case report that you
22	created from an incident occurring on January
23	29th, 2021?
24	MS. GLASGOW: Yes.
25	MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, at this

time, the Government would like to move what's 1 been marked as Government Exhibit 1 as evidence. 2 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, Mr. Lui, 4 as stated earlier, pursuant to 1713.10, the 5 Government does not have to officially move this document into evidence, because it is a part of 6 7 the record. But I will so move. I will so move 8 it, sir. 9 MR. LUI: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 11 thank you. 12 MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, I am 13 directing your attention to one of the exhibits, 14 Exhibit 3 of the case report. 15 MR. LUI: Can you see this? 16 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, sir. 17 MR. LUI: What do you see in this 18 photo, or what do you see in this document? 19 MS. GLASGOW: The document depicts individuals standing in the middle of the 20 21 establishment, it shows individuals on the left, 22 seems like it's more than six to the table and, yes, it was a lot of individuals in there. 23 24 Investigator Glasgow, I am MR. LUI:

now directing your attention to Exhibit 6 of the

	case report.
2	MR. LUI: Let me know if you can see
3	this document?
4	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I can.
5	MR. LUI: Okay, what do you see in
6	this photo?
7	MS. GLASGOW: Again, individuals
8	standing, walking around, to the right I see
9	someone, a female individual standing behind a
10	bar. And to my left, I see individuals sitting
11	at a table with more than six to a table.
12	MR. LUI: Is this female employee
13	wearing a mask?
14	MS. GLASGOW: No.
15	MR. LUI: I am now moving on to
16	Exhibit 7.
17	MR. ASBEHA: Agent, which female are
18	you talking about? Objection, which female
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
20	nature of your objection?
21	MR. ASBEHA: He said the female was
22	not wearing a mask. Which one is that?
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, can
24	you also have this Witness specifically address
25	what female that's been addressed?

1 MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, 2 looking at, again, this Exhibit 6, you testified 3 that there was a female behind the bar area. MS. GLASGOW: Yes. 4 5 MR. LUI: And then MR. ASBEHA: That's not the bar area. 6 7 Excuse me. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr., 9 let him finish first. And then let me hear, and then I'll rule on it. 10 11 MR. ASBEHA: All right. 12 MR. LUI: And could you describe what 13 you observed in this photo? MS. GLASGOW: I observed individuals 14 15 standing, walking around, I observed an 16 individual behind the bar, a female individual 17 behind the bar. And then I observed individuals 18 on the left sitting with more than six to a 19 table. 20 MR. LUI: Now, focusing on that bar 21 area, what else do you observe in that, I would 22 guess the right side of the photo, just focusing 23 on the right side of the photo? 24 MS. GLASGOW: The female appears to be 25 pouring something or holding something in her

1	hand. I am not sure what it is. I see an
2	individual standing at the bar.
3	MR. LUI: And looking closer at the
4	photo, does it appear that she's wearing a face
5	mask?
6	MS. GLASGOW: No.
7	MR. LUI: I have no further questions
8	about this exhibit.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.
10	MR. LUI: I am going to move on
11	Exhibit 17 of the case report. Court's
12	indulgence as I scroll through. There's several
13	photos here.
14	Investigator Glasgow, what is this
15	document?
16	MS. GLASGOW: It's the Certificate of
17	Occupancy.
18	MR. LUI: What is the occupant load on
19	the Certificate of Occupancy?
20	MS. GLASGOW: Ninety-nine.
21	MR. LUI: What is the significance of
22	the occupant load of 99?
23	MS. GLASGOW: As per the Mayor's
24	ordinance establishment ought to be operating
25	with a 25 percent capacity.

1	MR. LUI: And then I am going to go
2	back up to Exhibit 16. What is this a photo of?
3	MS. GLASGOW: It's a photo of more
4	than 25 percent of the establishment occupancy
5	load.
6	MR. LUI: And just going on to Exhibit
7	19 of the case report, what is this document?
8	MS. GLASGOW: It's a picture of me
9	holding one of the glass of Patron that I
10	ordered.
11	MR. LUI: I am moving on to Exhibit
12	21. What is this a photo of?
13	MS. GLASGOW: This is a photo of the
14	other glass of Patron that I ordered.
15	MR. LUI: Did you consume Could you
16	describe the Is the on the left the one you
17	consumed?
18	MS. GLASGOW: Yes.
19	MR. LUI: Okay. And then the one on
20	the right is the one secured as evidence?
21	MS. GLASGOW: Yes.
22	MR. LUI: I am directing your
23	attention to Exhibit 22. What is this document?
24	MS. GLASGOW: Those are purchase
25	receipts of the Patron that I ordered.

1	MR. LUI: What time did you make the
2	first purchase?
3	MS. GLASGOW: The first purchase I
4	purchased it at 11:22 p.m.
5	MR. LUI: And then when was the second
6	purchase?
7	MS. GLASGOW: 11:26 p.m.
8	MR. LUI: I am proceeding to
9	Government Exhibit 24. What is this document?
10	What is this a photo of?
11	MS. GLASGOW: That is a photo of the
12	alcohol testing kit that we use to test the
13	alcohol. That is the description of how to use
14	the testing kit.
15	MR. LUI: And how does the testing kit
16	work generally?
17	MS. GLASGOW: When you dip it in the
18	liquid if it is alcohol it will turn a dark
19	color.
20	MR. LUI: I am directing your
21	attention to Exhibit 26 of the case report. I am
22	going to flip the screen. The Board's indulgence
23	here.
24	Could you describe what you see in
25	this photo?

1	MS. GLASGOW: We tested three
2	substances. We tested Gatorade, water, and the
3	evidence that I left with, the Patron, and we all
4	The water and the Gatorade did not turn a dark
5	color, the testing strip did not turn a dark
6	color, however, the alcohol that I brought back
7	as evidence did.
8	MR. LUI: And just going on to Exhibit
9	28 of the case report
10	MR. ASBEHA: She's saying "we." Can
11	she specify who is "we?"
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Mr.
13	Asbeha, if you have an objection just say I have
14	an objection. I will stop and I'll ask then
15	MR. ASBEHA: Objection.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
17	nature of your objection, sir?
18	MR. ASBEHA: She is saying "we." Can
19	she describe who is "we?" Is it one person, two
20	person, or can she mention the name?
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Can
22	Mr. Lui, can you maybe rephrase the question
23	so the witness can be more specific when she
24	answers the question, please?
25	MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.

Investigator Glasgow, when you were testing the 1 2 substance who was with you? 3 MS. GLASGOW: My team, Investigator Zollarcoffer, Investigator Puente, and Supervisor 4 5 Investigator Jason Peru. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Glasgow, 6 7 can you please for the record spell Investigator 8 Zollarcoffer's name, please, if you are able to? 9 MS. GLASGOW: Sure. Jeremey, J-E-R-E-10 M-E-Y, Zollarcoffer, Z-O-L-L-A-R-C-O-F-F-E-R. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All Right. 12 Thank you, ma'am. 13 MR. LUI: Investigator Glasgow, 14 directing your attention to Exhibit 28 of the 15 case report what is this the photo of? 16 MS. GLASGOW: This is a photo of the 17 Patron that we tested. You clearly see that the 18 strip turned dark. 19 MR. LUI: The Board's indulgence here. 20 I am going to switch to what has been marked as, 21 what I am going to show as Government Exhibit 2. 22 It's a video. Just bear with me just a moment 23 here as I set this up and share screen. 24 Now, Investigator Glasgow, do you see, 25 is this appearing on your screen?

1	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, it is.
2	MR. LUI: And Board Members, this is
3	appearing on your screen?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
5	MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, thank you.
6	Investigator Glasgow, do you recognize this
7	video?
8	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I do.
9	MR. LUI: What is this video?
10	MS. GLASGOW: This is a video of
11	inside the establishment while I was there of
12	patrons walking around, patrons standing, smoking
13	Hookah, and alcohol clearly visible on the
14	tables.
15	MR. LUI: Smoking Hookah. Did you
16	record this video?
17	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
18	MR. LUI: When did you record this
19	video?
20	MS. GLASGOW: January 29, 2021.
21	MR. LUI: And approximately what time
22	was this video taken?
23	MS. GLASGOW: Between 11:15 and 11:30
24	p.m.
25	MR. LUI: And is this a fair and

accurate representation of the video that you 1 2 recorded from the evening of January 29, 2021, 3 approximately 11:15 to 11:30? 4 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, it is. 5 MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, at this time the Government would now move Government 6 7 Exhibit 2, the video that Investigator Rhoda 8 Glasgow took, into evidence. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, is this 10 a part of the case report or is this a separate 11 exhibit? 12 MR. LUI: This is -- The Board's 13 indulgence. Let me pull up the case report. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm asking for 15 a specific reason. 16 MR. LUI: Yes, please. It would be 17 Number 20 of the exhibits attached to the case 18 report of --19 (Simultaneous speaking.) 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So it is a part 21 of the case report? 22 MR. LUI: No. Whether or not -- It 23 appears it is a part of the case. It says 24 "Videos of patrons inside of Kiss Tavern," so it 25 is a part of the case report.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And as I've stated before pursuant to 1713.10 it doesn't have to be formally moved in the record, so it is a part of the record. All right, so it is a part of the record. Go ahead, Mr. Lui.

MR. LUI: Thank you. And noted for -There are two more videos that I will be
presenting and noted for these next videos that I
will skip that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, Mr. Lui.

If it is a part of the case report, I don't know, so you have to then let me, you have to let the Board know that the video is already, is a part of the case report.

I am doing this for a specific reason, Mr. Lui. Remember we started off that Mr. Asbeha was objecting to witnesses testifying and so, therefore, to ensure that we have a clean and clear record I want to make sure that the record is clear that whatever, if documents of witnesses are being moved into evidence I want it to be clear that because of -- There are certain -- The Board, these documents, the case reports and the exhibits that are attached to the case report pursuant to 1713.10 they are automatically a part

of the record. 1 So if there are exhibits that you are 2 3 then you can -- You just inform the Board that 4 this is already a part of the case report. 5 it's not then you can make a motion for me to move it. 6 7 I am doing this to make sure that if this matter doesn't end here that we have a clear 8 9 record, that's all. Thank you. 10 MR. LUI: Thank you, Mr. Chairperson. 11 The next video that will be shown is Exhibit 20 12 of the case report. It is another video that 13 Investigator Glasgow took. Just the Board's 14 indulgence here while I publish it. 15 Investigator Glasgow, can you see this video? 16 17 Yes, I can. MS. GLASGOW: MR. LUI: What is in this video? 18 19 MS. GLASGOW: It's a recording of 20 myself in the shot. It's basically to establish 21 that I was there, I purchased an alcoholic 22 beverage in the establishment. 23 Did you record this video? MR. LUI: 24 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.

MR. LUI: And approximately when did

1	you record this video?
2	MS. GLASGOW: Between 11:15 and 11:30
3	p.m.
4	MR. LUI: What else do you observe in
5	this video?
6	MS. GLASGOW: Patrons standing,
7	walking around, standing at the bar area.
8	MR. LUI: And do you observe anything
9	else?
10	MS. GLASGOW: From this shot patrons,
11	no, not from this angle. Actually, patrons
12	sitting on the table on the left here it seems to
13	be more than six to a table.
14	MR. ASBEHA: Objection, sir.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the
16	nature of your objection, sir?
17	MR. ASBEHA: Investigator keeps saying
18	"seems to be." She is not sure if there is six
19	people. She didn't make any count. On each
20	table we make sure everybody is six under one
21	table.
22	She has been saying that two times.
23	She "seems to be." She is not sure if the table
24	has six or eight or four or two.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, Mr.

1 Asbeha, when -- You're going to have an 2 opportunity to cross examine her, so you can 3 point that out. 4 I mean you can bring that up when you 5 cross examine her, sir, okay. So I am going to 6 deny, I am going to overrule the objection. 7 ahead, Mr. Lui. 8 MR. LUI: Okay. And the Board's indulgence, I am going to share one more video 9 10 here that -- And, again, it's Exhibit 20 of the 11 case report video. 12 Investigator Glasgow, do you see this video? 13 Yes, I do. 14 MS. GLASGOW: 15 MR. LUI: And what do you observe in this video? 16 17 MS. GLASGOW: Again patrons standing, 18 walking around, standing at the bar area, clearly sitting at the bar smoking Hookah, walking around 19 without face masks. 20 21 What else do you observe? MR. LUI: 22 MS. GLASGOW: More than six to a 23 table. 24 MR. LUI: And did you record this 25 video?

1	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
2	MR. LUI: How did you record this
3	video?
4	MS. GLASGOW: I recorded it with my
5	ABRA-assigned cell phone.
6	MR. LUI: And where Did you make
7	any observations from this video? What else do
8	you observe from the video?
9	MS. GLASGOW: More than Patrons
10	sitting at the bar, walking around not wearing
11	face masks, smoking Hookah.
12	MR. LUI: Okay. Mr. Chairperson, I
13	have no further questions for Investigator
14	Glasgow. Thank you.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.
16	Asbeha, you have an opportunity now to cross
17	examine her on her testimony.
18	If for some reason you need to refer
19	to exhibits from the case report I would ask Mr.
20	Lui if he could share his screen so we could have
21	those documents back on screen, okay. All right,
22	your witness, sir.
23	MR. ASBEHA: You mean my questions of
24	the witness?
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?

1	MR. ASBEHA: You are asking me to ask
2	a question to the witness or
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is your
4	opportunity to cross examine her. So if you have
5	any questions of her of the testimony that she
6	just gave you can do that now, sir.
7	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. On
8	the report, Investigator Glasgow, you say there
9	was 25 people, patrons, inside?
10	MS. GLASGOW: That is correct.
11	MR. ASBEHA: And my CFO says I can
12	have 25 people?
13	MS. GLASGOW: See, your According
14	to the Mayor's ordinance you could have 25
15	percent of your total occupancy.
16	MR. ASBEHA: How much is 25 percent of
17	the CFO?
18	MS. GLASGOW: Twenty-five percent of
19	your 99 is 25.
20	MR. ASBEHA: So that shows that there
21	is only 25 people that you counted over there.
22	It can't be 26. It can't be 27. It can be 24.
23	MS. GLASGOW: That is correct.
24	MR. ASBEHA: Do you have a clicker?
25	Did you have a clicker on that time when you

1	counted the people?
2	MS. GLASGOW: I did not have a
3	clicker, but I did count.
4	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, and you say when you
5	come in there is some girls behind you wearing no
6	masks?
7	MS. GLASGOW: That is correct.
8	MR. ASBEHA: And on your report you
9	stated I let them in?
10	MS. GLASGOW: That is correct.
11	MR. ASBEHA: Did you see the
12	individuals come in?
13	MS. GLASGOW: When I was walking in
14	the establishment I turned around and I saw one
15	of the girls was walking in, yes.
16	MR. ASBEHA: Did you have a proof of
17	that?
18	MS. GLASGOW: No, I do not. That is
19	what I saw.
20	MR. ASBEHA: All right. On your
21	report, especially on the Exhibit 25 I don't
22	know if you can play that. You state But the
23	report shows there was people standing or walking
24	out with a mask. It clearly shows that.
25	So I would like the Board to know that

the exhibit itself shows that the individuals
without masks weren't there.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. What
exhibit is that?
MR. ASBEHA: The Exhibit 25 or 25,
the video that I don't know if Mr. Lui can
play that for me.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you able to
show Exhibit 25 off the case report, Mr. Lui?
MR. LUI: The Board's indulgence here.
Let me
MR. ASBEHA: The part that shows the
bar and the part that shows people walking in,
walking out, trying to walk out.
MR. LUI: So Exhibit 25 of the case
report is this. It's of the testing kit and the
alcohol testing. But I will scroll up and you
could just tell me when to stop.
MR. ASBEHA: I am talking about the
videos.
MR. LUI: Oh, the video.
MR. ASBEHA: Yes.
MR. LUI: There were three videos.
Was it the first, the second, or the third?
MR. ASBEHA: I think it was the first,

1	I mean the second.
2	MR. LUI: Okay.
3	MR. ASBEHA: And I would like to see
4	the third, too. If you don't mind playing the
5	whole thing I wouldn't mind so I can ask her and
6	I don't have to go back and forth with you.
7	MR. LUI: Sure.
8	MR. ASBEHA: If you don't mind. Thank
9	you.
10	MR. LUI: This is the second video.
11	The Board's indulgence here as I share screen.
12	Could you let me know if you can see the video?
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we can.
14	MR. ASBEHA: Yes.
15	MR. LUI: Thank you.
16	MR. ASBEHA: On what's behind you do
17	you see a glass or I mean the plexiglass?
18	MS. GLASGOW: Yes.
19	MR. ASBEHA: Do you see that in every
20	table?
21	MS. GLASGOW: From this shot, no, I
22	can't see it on every table.
23	MR. ASBEHA: But have you seen that
24	every table has a plexiglass dividing to the
25	tables?

1 MS. GLASGOW: I see two plexiglass 2 right now in this shot. 3 MR. ASBEHA: But on the video it shows 4 that the whole entire place is covered by 5 plexiglass and the bar is blocked by plexiglass, do you see that? 6 7 MS. GLASGOW: In this particular shot 8 that you reference I only see two plexiglass. 9 MR. ASBEHA: On your investigation 10 report when you were walking around with your 11 video it shows that every table is ten feet 12 apart. 13 Every table has a plexiglass dividing 14 the customer. And why you stated there was 15 people standing by the bar, but there was no bartender staff. 16 17 And on your report on the video it 18 shows that the bar was blocked by plexiglass so you cannot have any interactions with a staff 19 20 member and on your evidence it shows everything 21 that the place and as owner, me, was concerned 22 about the plexiglass and the six feet rules that 23 it has. On the videos that you --24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Asbeha --

MR. LUI: Yes, is there a question?

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, are you
2	asking a question, sir?
3	MR. ASBEHA: I'm asking. On your
4	video can you see the signs that says six feet
5	apart on the floor, on the floor the yellow
6	back, back, back. Can you back, please?
7	Yes. On the floor it says, can you
8	see that the place has signs that say six feet
9	apart?
10	MS. GLASGOW: Is that a question?
11	MR. ASBEHA: Yes. Did you see that
12	the place has signs? Do you see the place has
13	sanitizers? Do you see place has The Mayor's
14	order that we've Do you see anything? Do you
15	see
16	MS. GLASGOW: I cannot recall seeing
17	six feet on the distance, social distancing
18	stickers on the floor. I can only recall for
19	seeing the hand sanitizer on the table where I
20	sat.
21	MR. ASBEHA: How big is six feet,
22	Investigator Glasgow?
23	MS. GLASGOW: I'm sorry?
24	MR. ASBEHA: How big is six feet? How
25	do you measure it? Do you bring a tape when you

1	come in? Did you have a tape?
2	MS. GLASGOW: I did not have a tape
3	with me, no.
4	MR. ASBEHA: How do you know it's the
5	six feet? Can you explain to me how six feet big
6	is?
7	MS. GLASGOW: Personal observation.
8	Six feet would not look like chairs seated close
9	together.
10	MR. ASBEHA: So each Like, I don't
11	know, and that's one question here. I have
12	another question, too. It states on your report
13	you came in before, after 10:00?
14	MS. GLASGOW: Yes, I did.
15	MR. ASBEHA: Do you have the proof
16	that shows that you come before 10:00 or after
17	10:00?
18	MS. GLASGOW: I have the receipts of
19	my alcohol purchases that were purchased after
20	11:00 p.m.
21	MR. ASBEHA: Can the receipts be
22	printed out after 10 o'clock?
23	MS. GLASGOW: I'm sorry?
24	MR. ASBEHA: When you close out did
25	you ask for a receipt?

	MS. GLASGOW: I received my receipt as
2	I received my drink.
3	MR. ASBEHA: Do you think that those
4	receipts can be the closed receipts? You could
5	order them before 10:00, you could order them at
6	9:00 p.m., and when you ask a receipt don't you
7	think that it is the time that is closing, that's
8	when you closed the tab?
9	MS. GLASGOW: I cannot testify to how
10	you operate your establishment when it comes to
11	receipts, sir. I cannot testify to that.
12	MR. ASBEHA: Okay. On your report it
13	says that you, Kevin Puente, and Investigator
14	Zollarcoffer that you tasted the liquor on the
15	lab, is that correct?
16	MS. GLASGOW: I drank the first glass
17	that I ordered, yes.
18	MR. ASBEHA: Can you explain the
19	relationship that you have with Mr. Puente,
20	Investigator Puente?
21	MS. GLASGOW: Excuse me? I didn't
22	hear what you said.
23	MR. ASBEHA: Can you explain the
24	relationship that you have with Investigator
25	Kevin Puente?

1	MR. LUI: Objection, relevance.
2	MR. ASBEHA: The relevance is, sir
3	MR. LUI: Wait. Mr. Chairperson?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. I
5	don't know where we are going, so let I'm
6	trying to explain because I don't know where we
7	are going. Did he just ask her
8	(Simultaneous speaking.)
9	MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Chairman?
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Yes,
11	Mr. Asbeha, what are you saying?
12	MR. ASBEHA: She said she took the
13	liquor and tasted it in lab when she went with
14	Mr. Kevin Puente, Investigator Kevin Puente, and
15	Investigator Glasgow, I mean I don't know how to
16	pronounce it How do you pronounce it,
17	Zollarcoffer.
18	I don't So we have literally an
19	issue and I have a complaint to the Mayor's
20	office about Investigator Puente that he was
21	harassing me and I sent it to the Mayor's office.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm
23	MR. ASBEHA: I'm going to come to a
24	conclusion. So there is a conflict of interest
25	here. She took that lab to test it, and which

is I don't know if it's her husband or fiance, 1 2 the relationship they have, she tested it and 3 proved it that the alcohol is -- I mean the lab 4 confirmed that's alcohol on the report. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, Mr. Asbeha, she testified that she bought two drinks. 6 7 She testified to that based on her personal 8 knowledge. The first drink she had was alcohol 9 and she testified that she took the second drink 10 11 to the office and tested it, but even if the 12 drink was taken -- I'm going to deny that on 13 relevancy. 14 I am not going to -- please, let's 15 I'll tell you what, I am going to 16 sustain the objection and please let's move on. 17 There is -- It's not relevant you asking about 18 Mr. Puente. It's irrelevant, sir. Move on, 19 please. 20 MR. ASBEHA: So from the experience --21 Can I continue? Can I proceed, Mr. Chairman? 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead, 23 sir. 24 On the experience on the MR. ASBEHA:

report you said, or on your investigation said,

1	Investigator Glasgow, that you have experience
2	drinking. Was your experience while you were at
3	work, is that what it is?
4	MS. GLASGOW: What's the question?
5	MR. ASBEHA: On your report, on your
6	witness today it was a, that experience of liquor
7	that because from your experience that you state
8	it's liquor.
9	MS. GLASGOW: Yes. My personal
10	experience when I tasted it it was alcohol.
11	MR. ASBEHA: So does it mean that you
12	had experience drinking at work?
13	MS. GLASGOW: I was advised by my
14	supervisor in an undercover capacity that I can
15	consume the alcoholic beverage.
16	MR. ASBEHA: So every time you are an
17	investigator your supervisor asks you to do or
18	drink alcohol you will do so, is that what you
19	are saying?
20	MR. LUI: Objection.
21	MS. GLASGOW: I can't
22	(Simultaneous speaking.)
23	MR. LUI: Relevance.
24	MR. ASBEHA: Relevance like
25	investigating while you have been working, that's

the relevance. 1 2 MS. GLASGOW: I --3 (Simultaneous speaking.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to --4 5 She can answer the question. Answer the question. If you can't answer the question you 6 7 can't and just move on. 8 If you can answer the question -- So 9 I am going to deny -- I am going to overrule this 10 objection. Ms. Glasgow, if you can answer the 11 question answer it. If you cannot you can't 12 answer the question. MS. GLASGOW: On the incident of 13 14 January 29, 2021, my supervisor advised me that I 15 can consume the alcoholic beverage to blend in 16 while I was in an undercover capacity. 17 MR. ASBEHA: Can I proceed, Mr. Chairman? 18 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. She 20 answered your question, sir, go ahead. 21 MR. ASBEHA: So on your report -- like 22 I said, when your supervisor asks you to drink 23 that means the two shots can make you drunk and 24 make you want to -- your judgment be not the

right thing on my end.

So, me, myself, I don't even drink 1 2 while I am working. 3 MR. LUI: Objection. Where's the 4 question? 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where -- Yes. Mr. Asbeha, where -- can you -- let's move on. 6 7 If you have a question for the witness please ask 8 a question. If not, let's move on, sir. 9 MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Chairman, I am trying 10 to explain that working or drinking while you are 11 at work will cloud your judgments and your 12 reports. That's what I'm saying. 13 (Simultaneous speaking.) 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And all I'm 15 saying, sir, if you have a question to ask her 16 you ask her a question. That's all I am saying. If you have a question, ask a question, and if 17 18 she can answer it, she can answer it. That's all 19 I was saying. 20 MR. ASBEHA: All right. Well, before you approach Kiss Tavern how was it possible that 21 22 you can come -- on your report it states you guys 23 hear a sound. 24 MS. GLASGOW: We got a complaint from 25 your neighbors that they were hearing music in

1	their residence and there seems to be patrons
2	going in the establishment without face masks and
3	the doors appeared to be locked.
4	MR. ASBEHA: Do you call for backup or
5	for police officers, MPD?
6	MS. GLASGOW: My supervisor asked me
7	to enter the establishment in an undercover
8	capacity and that is what I did.
9	MR. ASBEHA: No further questions.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
11	Thank you. Any questions of Ms. Glasgow by the
12	Board?
13	All right. Hearing none, thank you,
14	Ms. Glasgow, for your testimony. Thank you very
15	much.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, do you
17	have another witness?
18	MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is the
20	witness, please?
21	MR. LUI: Supervisory Investigator
22	Jason Peru.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Peru, can
24	you raise your right hand, please? Do you swear
25	or affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the

1	truth?
2	MR. PERU: I do.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, your
4	witness. Mr. Peru, speak into the microphone.
5	Your voice was somewhat faint, okay?
6	MR. PERU: Okay.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
8	Lui.
9	MR. LUI: Mr. Peru, could you please
10	state and spell your first and last name for the
11	record?
12	MR. PERU: Supervisory Investigator
13	Jason Peru, J-A-S-O-N, P-E-R-U.
14	MR. LUI: How long have you been a
15	supervisory investigator?
16	MR. PERU: Supervisory investigator
17	for two years.
18	MR. LUI: And were you an investigator
19	prior to that?
20	MR. PERU: I was.
21	MR. LUI: Could you tell me again just
22	for the record the agency in which you were
23	employed?
24	MR. PERU: I've been at ABRA for a
25	total of eight years, and I have 10 years in Las

1	Vegas as a police officer.
2	MR. LUI: What are your duties and
3	responsibilities as a supervisory investigator?
4	MR. PERU: I manage a team of five
5	investigators who conduct inspections and
6	investigations of ABC licenses in the District of
7	Columbia.
8	MR. LUI: Is Rhoda Glasgow one of the
9	investigators that you supervise?
10	MR. PERU: She is.
11	MR. LUI: Are you familiar with Kiss
12	Tavern?
13	MR. PERU: I am.
14	MR. LUI: How are you familiar with
15	this establishment?
16	MR. PERU: I have been to the
17	establishment while working.
18	MR. LUI: Do you recall an incident
19	from January 29, 2021?
20	MR. PERU: I do.
21	MR. LUI: What happened that evening?
22	MR. PERU: I received, as I do often,
23	anonymous calls on the ABRA hotline. This call
24	was related to Kiss Tavern, and I believe it was
25	reference to hearing noise and they even went as

far as saying they saw people entering the
establishment and looked like the doors may have
been locked. That call came in, so that's why I
initiated the investigation.

MR. LUI: And then what happened after
that? What were your steps?

MR. PERU: Well, I contacted -complaints come in all the time, so obviously we
have to look into everything that comes in. So I
instructed two of my investigators to go and
monitor the establishment to see if the complaint
was valid. A, if they could hear any noise, and
B, if they saw anybody going in and out and if
the door appeared to be locked.

MR. LUI: And who were these two investigators that you directed?

MR. PERU: I sent Investigator Puente and Investigator Zollarcoffer there.

MR. LUI: What happened after that?

MR. PERU: After they were monitoring for some time, they called me and told me that it looked like there was someone standing outside knocking on the door to get it to be unlocked and opened, and then allowing patrons to go in. They saw this occurring for some time. I can't

remember if it was a 15-20 minute time lapse or not, but they did see that, so they notified me of their observations.

MR. LUI: What did you do after that?

MR. PERU: Well, being that there has been a number of complaints against this location I spoke with Investigator Rhoda Glasgow and asked her if she was comfortable, as we do on multiple occasions, entering an establishment in an undercover capacity, which would mean unidentified as an ABRA investigator, no badge out, going in as a patron into a location.

MR. LUI: And what happened after that?

MR. PERU: She said she was totally comfortable doing it. Obviously safety is always a concern for us. She was comfortable doing it, she is experienced, so she advised me that she was going to go ahead and do so. So the next I heard, from that point on I was in communication play by play about what was going on.

MR. LUI: What was your next investigation with Investigator Glasgow?

MR. PERU: At some point when she was inside, I believe she had to go to the restroom

to call me because of the noise in the establishment. She advised me what was going on. She told me what her observations were, which she reported in her report. She stated that she didn't plan on going out to an establishment or nightclub, so she wasn't necessarily dressed for the occasion, so I'm sure she did stand out and she did draw some attention to herself, which she pointed out to me.

So at that point, of course, to blend in when you're undercover, that's what you do. I advised her to go to the bar and order a drink.

MR. LUI: What happened after that? What was your next step?

MR. PERU: The next interaction was she had the drink, she felt like she was being watched because she was by herself, possibly because how she was dressed. She wasn't a regular, obviously, to Kiss. I advised her to consume the alcohol, to take the one shot of Patron, for two reasons. One, to blend in and two, to confirm, in fact that it was alcohol that she was given, even though she was told by the server it was Patron.

I also instructed her to order a

second drink and not consume it to continue to blend in in an undercover capacity and retain that drink, if possible.

MR. LUI: And then what happened after that?

MR. PERU: Once those steps occurred, I started to coordinate entrance myself, because at this point I felt like we had enough evidence to show that the establishment was operating or serving alcohol past their approved hours and noted that several other Mayor's Order violations were observed. So for additional manpower and safety, regularly I contact the MPD local commander or district commander who's on duty to send officers to assist us at a location. As you know, ABRA investigators are not armed and do not have powers of arrest. Therefore, I like to ensure the safety of my investigators when we're doing an operation.

So I contacted MPD officers to assist, waited for them to arrive on-scene. I met with Investigators Zollarcoffer and Puente and MPD officers, and we then approached the establishment.

MR. LUI: Did you enter the

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establishment? 1 MR. PERU: Correct. It seems that at 2 3 some point -- MPD did not pull up in a discreet 4 fashion. They had their vehicles parked in an 5 alleyway right up against the front door of the business. So as we walked up, after a few 6 7 seconds of being at the door, the owner opened 8 the door for us. 9 MR. ASBEHA: Objection, sir. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's your 11 objection? The witness is testifying, go ahead. 12 MR. ASBEHA: He said the MPD 13 approached in a discretion way. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Asbeha, 15 you're going to have an opportunity -- why don't 16 you take some notes? 17 MR. ASBEHA: Okay. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're going to 19 have an opportunity to cross-examine him, and 20 during cross-examination you can further explore 21 that issue, sir, okay? 22 Yes, sir, okay. MR. ASBEHA: 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 24 MR. LUI: Supervisory Investigator

Peru, you testified that you, Investigator

Puente, Investigator Zollarcoffer and MPD entered into the establishment. What happened after that?

MR. PERU: Well, just to clarify, I directed Investigator Zollarcoffer to go to the other entrance, which I called the rear door on Florida Avenue, with MPD, to go to that back door and then Puente and the sergeant entered through the front door. We entered inside. I immediately wanted to look for my investigator to make sure she was okay and where she was at.

I spotted her, kind of gave her a look or a nod that she's good, she's done, and I immediately headed towards the rear door because I was advised by MPD that they had officers back there and the door was locked. So obviously for safety concerns, I went straight to that back door to try and open it myself.

MR. LUI: Were you able to open that back door?

MR. PERU: I was not. The back door does not have a hand-type of mechanism, deadbolt. It has a key to unlock it, and there is no pushbar, as well. So the owner was following right behind me and I turned to him and said hey, for

safety concerns this door needs to get opened.

There was a little more of an exchange than that, and finally he had to call somebody to come to him. Then he told them, hey, open this door.

They had to go retrieve the key, then they came back and then the door was then opened.

MR. LUI: And then what happened after that?

MR. PERU: Everyone was in the establishment and I started to speak to the owner and advise him of the violations that have occurred and were witnessed. I did not reveal at that time that I had an undercover investigator inside the establishment, for obvious reasons. We conducted an inspection and investigation of the business, yes.

MR. LUI: Mr. Peru, what did you -- when you entered the establishment, what were your observations?

MR. PERU: I observed patrons and employees not wearing masks, social distancing not in effect, plexiglass being used as barriers when it has not been deemed as a suitable means for a barrier. I observed alcohol shot glasses on tables, some clear, some brown in color. I

observed individuals engaging in hookah, people 1 2 standing around. 3 The observations, to make it maybe 4 simplified, in my experience it appeared that we 5 were not in a COVID state and under a Mayor's 6 Order guidance. It looked very simple as a 7 normal event was occurring and it was normal 8 operations, is what I observed, well past 10:00. 9 We're looking at probably 11:30 at that point, 10 give or take. 11 MR. LUI: I have no further questions, 12 Mr. Chairperson. Thank you. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Asbeha, 14 it's your witness, sir. 15 MR. ASBEHA: Sorry about that. I 16 would like to ask Investigator Jason Peru, 17 Investigator Peru, have you been to Kiss before? 18 MR. PERU: Yes, I have. 19 MR. ASBEHA: How would you describe Kiss? 20 21 As a nightclub and hookah MR. PERU: 22 establishment. 23 MR. ASBEHA: So on your report you say 24 that it seems to be like normal times before the 25 COVID. Does it compare to Kiss before COVID?

You know for yourself and you've seen it 1 You've said it to me on the report 2 vourself. 3 that this -- can you compare the Kiss before 4 pandemic and now, as you stated that it seems to 5 be like normal times? MR. PERU: I was simply making a 6 7 comparison to the fact that individuals were 8 standing and not seated. Is it as busy as you 9 have been in the past? Absolutely not. Was it 10 as crowded as you are during normal operations? 11 Absolutely not. However, did I observe over 12 capacity of the 25 percent allotted? Absolutely, 13 I did. 14 Did I observe people standing when 15 they shouldn't have been and drinking? 16 Absolutely I did. 17 MR. ASBEHA: When you came in, was the 18 door locked, the front door? 19 MR. PERU: I did not -- when I walked 20 up to the door, you, yourself had already been --21 MR. ASBEHA: Was it --22 MR. PERU: I did not observe -- you're not letting me talk. I did not observe the front 23 24 door locked. I did not physically pull on the 25 front door myself.

1	MR. ASBEHA: But investigation says
2	that you say the door was locked and nobody can
3	come in, or that's what you said on the report.
4	MR. PERU: That's not what I said on
5	the report. That's what Investigator Glasgow
6	reported and observed.
7	MR. ASBEHA: Did you call the fire
8	marshal?
9	MR. PERU: I did not.
LO	MR. ASBEHA: Who called the fire
L1	marshal? Did you see fire marshal that night?
L2	MR. PERU: MPD decided to call the
L3	fire marshal.
L 4	MR. ASBEHA: Did you talk to the fire
L5	marshal?
L6	MR. PERU: I did.
L 7	MR. ASBEHA: So what did you observe?
L8	What did they say?
L9	MR. PERU: The fire marshal stated
20	that by the time he got there, everyone had
21	the majority of the crowd has cleared out and the
22	doors were both open.
23	MR. ASBEHA: On your statement you say
24	that you have four investigators with you and you
25	asked for backup. Do you feel unsafe coming to

1	Kiss?
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MR. PERU: Like I mentioned, ABRA investigators are not armed. For our safety, anytime I'm entering a location that's after-hours, especially if I have someone inside and the doors are, in fact, locked on a business, I call MPD, I may call the fire marshal myself for backup or for safety, absolutely. The number of ABRA investigators does not take away from the extra safety of having MPD on hand.

MR. ASBEHA: Did you check the other exit in the back?

MR. PERU: What other exit are you referring to, sir?

MR. ASBEHA: Kiss Lounge has two exits. You only see one exit which says that I cannot open, I cannot let customers from outside. That's what my settlement argument said.

MR. PERU: Where is the other exit located you're referring to?

MR. ASBEHA: On the establishment, on the other side by the kitchen, there is an exit that is open and people can leave there.

MR. PERU: I've never seen that exit.

I was not aware of that exit. I've never seen it

1 used. 2 MR. ASBEHA: In my settlement 3 argument, you can see the door has been attached 4 and you can see the architect on the plans of the 5 establishment, there is another exit. I just want to say to the thing, to the investigation 6 7 history, to what I said. Did you ask the fire 8 marshal, do you have the report of the fire 9 marshal? 10 MR. PERU: No, I did not obtain the 11 report from the fire marshal. It was not needed. 12 MR. ASBEHA: Did you ask Investigator 13 Glasgow to take a shot? 14 MR. PERU: Absolutely I did. I told 15 her to consume the alcohol in an undercover 16 capacity, absolutely. 17 Do you believe that one MR. ASBEHA: 18 shot can impair or mislead her judgement? 19 MR. PERU: I do not. 20 MR. ASBEHA: No further questions. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any 22 questions by any board member for Supervisory 23 Investigator Peru? 24 Yes, Mr. Chair. MEMBER SHORT:

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Investigator, thank you for the excellent report and the excellent work your team did on the evening of January 29th.

Forgive me, we've been a little busy today and so we've been up for a while, so forgive me if I seem a little halted at times. These violations that you observed, especially the one with the door on the Florida Avenue side, you testified that there was no panic hardware or panic release bar on the back door so that, as required by code, no one could get out unless someone with a key would let them out, is that correct?

MR. PERU: Correct, sir.

MEMBER SHORT: And it was locked when you got there and before the fire marshal arrived, is that correct?

MR. PERU: Correct, sir.

MEMBER SHORT: Can you describe in your testimony to the best of your knowledge, and knowing you're not an expert, what can happen with the bar being crowded or over capacity with no panic hardware and having to use a key to get out should something happen at the front entrance on T Street?

MR. PERU: Sir, it would be

catastrophic and dangerous to the public, a fire that would happen, a shooting could occur inside, a fight. People could be trampled by one another, unable to exit the rear of the establishment. I'd hate to see anything like that ever happen.

MEMBER SHORT: Okay, one last question. Speaking of a shot, does the history of this establishment give you a reason or anyone in law enforcement or in inspections worry about arms being inside or persons carrying dangerous weapons inside of this particular club?

MR. PERU: Yes, sir, definitely.

There was a previous incident of a cannabis popup event that occurred and a shooting occurred.

There was a case report generated. Shell casings were recovered. That is a heightened security measure and safety concern for us when we visit a place that has had a violent act take place, yes, sir.

MEMBER SHORT: Thank you,

Investigator. Again, please forgive me if I sound a little halted. But your testimony is invaluable and thank you very much for your service.

MR. PERU: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions by any other board members? Mr. Asbeha, any questions of Mr. Peru based on the questions that were asked by Mr. Short? Remember, it's based on the questions that Mr. Short asked.

MR. ASBEHA: Yeah, Mr. Peru stated that there was cannabis and a shooting inside the establishment, which is completely false. I want to ask Mr. Peru to confirm if he saw cannabis inside or a shooting inside the establishment before that happened.

MR. PERU: I'm referring to an incident that occurred that's been documented in ABRA records that MPD initiated a closure of the business, that prior to this incident that we're talking about today, of an incident where a shooting occurred. That's what I'm talking about.

MR. ASBEHA: Was there any evidence that occurred that there was a shooting inside the establishment?

MR. PERU: I'm not going to get into the evidence detail about what the report generated. MPD investigated that, not myself.

1	MR. ASBEHA: Investigator Peru, you
2	just stated there was a shooting inside the
3	establishment and there was a bullet found.
4	That's what you said.
5	MR. PERU: Correct. Shooting on or
6	around, near the establishment and a shell casing
7	was recovered. That's my knowledge of the
8	shooting. It was investigated by MPD.
9	MR. ASBEHA: No further questions,
10	sir.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, any
12	questions based on the questions that were asked
13	by Mr. Short?
14	MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson, thank
15	you.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Investigator
17	Peru, thank you very much for your testimony,
18	sir. You are dismissed. Thank you very much.
19	Mr. Lui, does the Government have any other
20	witnesses?
21	MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Does the
23	Government rest at this juncture?
24	MR. LUI: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Asbeha, now

is your chance to -- I am sorry -- to present 1 2 your case. Do you have a witness you wish to 3 call? 4 MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, could we 5 just do a brief recess just to --CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, it's 6 7 3:50 --A bio break. 8 MR. LUI: 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It is 3:50. We will go off the record until 4:00. The board can 10 11 return to executive session. We're off the 12 record until 4:00 and the board can go into 13 executive session. Thank you. MR. LUI: 14 Thank you. 15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 16 went off the record at 3:50 p.m. and resumed at 17 4:02 p.m.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on 18 19 the record. Mr. Asbeha, do you have a witness 20 you want to call? 21 MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Chair, I was going to 22 ask that some of my witnesses, there's no 23 relevancy because the investigator of the January 24 27th is not there, so I'm going to just pass it 25 and do my exhibits.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're not
2	calling any witnesses?
3	MR. ASBEHA: No, sir.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you going
5	to testify?
6	MR. ASBEHA: If I have to, yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, you tell me
8	what you want to do. Do you want to testify?
9	MR. ASBEHA: Well, testify means like
10	do you want me
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Tell me your
12	side of the story.
13	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise
15	your right hand? Do you swear or affirm to tell
16	the truth and nothing but the truth?
17	MR. ASBEHA: I do.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you do
19	defend yourself, sir?
20	MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Chairman, can I ask
21	a question?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
23	What's the question you want to ask?
24	MR. ASBEHA: Can I use the exhibit
25	from the OAG?

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can use
2	whatever exhibits you want. If you need it, I'll
3	ask Mr so you want the case report?
4	MR. ASBEHA: No, I just want him to
5	play the three videos so I can explain better.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you want him
7	to all right, so which video do you want
8	first?
9	MR. ASBEHA: Three of them.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: First?
11	MR. ASBEHA: The first one.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lui, can
13	you please play the first video, please?
14	MS. ANDREWS: Stand by, Mr. Chair, I
15	have to give him control.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Do
17	you want to play the whole video and then you'll
18	explain, or tell us what is it you want? The
19	video is what, 13 seconds? So you want to play
20	the whole video, or what is it that you want?
21	MR. ASBEHA: I want to play it, yes,
22	sir, Mr. Chairman.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So the video is
24	
25	MR. ASBEHA: Can you pause it? Can

you pause that?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Why don't you look at the numbers and say what second do you want the video to be paused at? Or just play the whole video and pay attention to what second of the video you want him to pause on.

MR. ASBEHA: That one, that one, 14.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can we pause and go back just five seconds, please, Mr. Lui?

This here?

MR. ASBEHA: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

MR. ASBEHA: So I'm trying to explain myself that I'm really concerned about this, bad times, the COVID-19, and as much as I can I try to make Kiss Tavern as safe as possible to the public, to my employees and to my customers, and to everyone who's involved. As you can see from the video exhibit, it says that there's signs on the floor, there's signs on the wall, there's signs by the table.

I make sure on this video that each table is divided. I'm really concerned about the privacy of the group that come into the establishment. So this video will show what the

concerns I've been taking through this whole year. I think yesterday was a year. Can you play it again?

On this video it shows that on the floor, on the table, there's like, not more than six people on each table. We are highly saying that people before they come, they make reservations and they have to get reserved and they have to be less than six or six before they come in. On this video you can see there's nothing that can show there is more than six people on that table, on each table.

I would like to ask to play the second video.

MR. LUI: Just one moment.

MR. ASBEHA: Thank you. Back those three seconds, from one to five. As you can see, that's me in the back with the mask and a Kiss hoodie and a jacket. It shows that I'm really concerned and I'm wearing a mask and I make sure my employees wear masks and have been from day one. I have parents, my dad and my mom lives with me, who are older than 80 years old.

I'm a little concerned about it and every time I make sure this place is safe for

public, and I make sure the place is clean and safety to the public. You can see I'm wearing a mask in the back. Can you play it again, please? You can see the place is empty. I can't even count more than 25 people. You can see everything. You can see the hallway.

This is the best thing that can happen in a lounge. I've been to different lounges. As you can see there's a lounge that had 300, 400 people, worse than me. Can you go back? You can see one of my staff with a Kiss shirt has a mask on her face, that one? That's one of my employees. You can see her with mask. Keep going. She's approaching. You can see the blue mask, the same as Investigator Glasgow has.

You can see her, she is approaching towards Investigator Glasgow. Keep going, keep going.

MR. LUI: The video ends after that.

MR. ASBEHA: That's enough, sir.

MR. LUI: Go on to the next video?

MR. ASBEHA: Appreciate it. You can go to the next video. If you don't mind, that's enough for me. On the next video you can see people, especially the customers, walking with

masks. That's what it shows. You don't see anybody without a mask.

MR. LUI: Did you want me to play the video or no?

MR. ASBEHA: It doesn't matter. If you want to see it, you can see it. You can play it. It's just a waste of my time or your time because I hold you all this time. I'm not lawyers, I'm trying my best to prove that -- can you pause it, please? Go back to the first -- you see one of my customers, two of them, wearing masks. I make sure that each customer, as much as I can, to prevent and make sure the place is safe.

It has been safe since day one. We've never had an issue. I'm really concerned about it because I have kids, I have five kids and I have my mom and my dad living with me. When I go back home I make sure I'm safe to my family. You can go, that's it. You can go back to that area if you want to because earlier, Investigator Glasgow claimed that -- go back to the bar. That's what she said, it's not a bar. That's a table.

The bar is all the way to the end.

You can play it. You can play it all the way.

That one, that's a table. That's not a bar.

That's just a high chair table and everybody is supposed to sit. You can see the bar empty. Can you pause that? Can you pause that, please?

Pause it, please. Go back a little bit. Yes, you can see the plexiglass on the bar that you cannot -- there's no bar service at the bar.

The bar is blocked. The Mayor's Order states that you cannot stand by the bar if a bartender is working behind the bar. There is no bartender working. You see me with a mask and going back and forth, but we don't have a constant staff or a bartender staff that sits there all night serving people.

You can see the bar is empty.

Investigator Glasgow claimed that the bar was giving service, and you can see there is plexiglass that blocks the service. It is not convenient to serve, it's not convenient to talk. That's all I can see on this video. Appreciate it.

Moving forward to my exhibits, I would like to show you Exhibit No. 3 that has been approved.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let me ask you
2	a question. Do you have the ability to share
3	your screen? Do you have the exhibits on your
4	computer?
5	MR. ASBEHA: I presented all these
6	documents to
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Listen to me,
8	sir. Do you have them on your computer to share
9	your screen?
10	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, that's what I'm
11	trying to do, sir.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So Ms. Andrews,
13	can you give him the ability to share his screen
14	so he can play these videos that were disclosed?
15	Just give him the ability, Ms. Andrews, to share
16	his screen please.
17	MR. ASBEHA: Appreciate it, Mr. Chair.
18	MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I thought you
20	said so what is it that you want to share with
21	us? What are we looking at?
22	MR. ASBEHA: This is DOH approved that
23	on March 4th, I mean, February 4th after the
24	incident happened on January 27 and 29th, it's a
25	full inspection being done by Health Inspector

Joyce and Health Inspector Jamal that Kiss Tavern 1 2 is safe for the public and passed all their 3 supervision that's been taken. You can see all that, I have evidence, 4 too, that shows Kiss Tavern is safe for the 5 safety of the public and there is no danger 6 7 inside the establishment. That's the proof that 8 I have. That's legitimate from the Government. 9 That's the first thing I'm going to present. 10 On Exhibit 2nd, I would like to show 11 a video on January 27th that happened. 12 MS. ANDREWS: You still have the 13 rights. You can share, sir. 14 I'm trying to share. MR. ASBEHA: Ι 15 want to show you -- do you want me to just play 16 it and keep quiet or do you want to move forward? 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know 18 what this is, sir, so if you're presenting --19 MR. ASBEHA: This is the incident that 20 happened on January 27th, which OAG or the 21 Government didn't want me to present. I would 22 like to present that so you can have what's going 23 on on investigator and harassment and targeting 24 and everything, so I would like to play this 25 video.

One of the investigators have been told, I have been following all this CDC guidelines and the Mayor's Order while the investigator himself was not following the rules and recommendations of the Mayor's Order. I would like to play it. The investigator was not wearing a mask. He was spitting on the floor in front of us and employees, and it shows that my concern, too, about this, so I would like to play this video please.

[VIDEO PLAYING]

MR. ASBEHA: On this video it shows he was not wearing a mask. You can see in the next video that he was spitting on the floor.

[VIDEO PLAYING]

MR. ASBEHA: I'm trying to calm down because one of my friends was telling him to calm down and talk in a manner, in a respectful way, in a professional way. In fact, you saw him without a mask and you can see that he was --

[VIDEO PLAYING]

MR. ASBEHA: This video it shows him spitting on the floor in front of us.

[VIDEO PLAYING]

MR. ASBEHA: He's not wearing the mask

1	properly, he's not covering his nose. At the
2	same time he's accusing me of me not following
3	the guidelines and everything. You can see the
4	way he was very disrespectful, unprofessional and
5	he was accusing me of violating the Mayor's
6	Order. I would like the board to see this and
7	consider it.
8	So I move forward to Exhibit 1.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You said you
10	have another exhibit. What's Exhibit 1?
11	MR. ASBEHA: I will show you, Mr.
12	Chairman. Just give me one second. I'm not good
13	at this, but I'm trying my best. Exhibit 1, can
14	you see that, Mr. Chairman?
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, what is
16	Exhibit 1? It says Exhibit 1. I don't know what
17	it is. What is Exhibit 1?
18	MR. ASBEHA: Exhibit 1 shows that
19	hold on. Can you see it, sir? Can you see the
20	paper?
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I can see
22	the paper. I don't know what it is. That's why
23	I'm asking you what is it.
24	MR. ASBEHA: It shows how unfair I've
25	been treated by the administration. I don't know

what to say, I'm not a lawyer, but it seems that on this you can see all the ABC licensees, which there are 80 of them, who had a chance to have a verbal warning, a written warning and a fine. I was the only one referred to OAG to a show cause hearing by the board.

It shows that I have been unfairly treated by the administration. I should get the same privilege as the other establishments. You can see most of them have verbal, three, four times verbal warnings, three, four times written warnings, and you can see the fine. But I've never had any incident. I've never had any privilege or chance to get those written warnings, verbal warnings for the whole year when it comes to COVID.

I would like the board to consider that I have been safe and I care about this COVID-19 or this virus. I've been trying to do as much as I can to prevent unsafe atmosphere at Kiss Tavern. I would like the board to make the fair judgment that I should be given a chance. I've been suspended for 35 days. I think that's the situation at hand.

That's the only thing I can say, that

1	I can show you, Mr. Chairman and the board.
2	You've seen Exhibit 4, which has already shown
3	you that I'm clearly concerned about this
4	pandemic. Should I make a closing statement now
5	or later on?
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Later on. Are
7	you done?
8	MR. ASBEHA: I'm done, Mr. Chairman.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So now Mr. Lui
10	will have an opportunity to cross-examine you if
11	he has questions of you.
12	MR. LUI: Just some very brief
13	questions, Mr. Asbeha. You were present at the
14	establishment on the evening of January 29, 2021?
15	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.
16	MR. LUI: And you allowed undercover
17	Investigator Glasgow into the establishment?
18	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.
19	MR. LUI: And there is video footage
20	of you wearing a mask?
21	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.
22	MR. LUI: And there was also video
23	footage of you not wearing a mask.
24	MR. ASBEHA: There is none of them
25	that does not wear a mask. I didn't see it.

MR. LUI: And then after Investigator 1 2 Glasgow left the establishment, ABRA 3 investigators and MPD officers entered the 4 establishment? 5 Yes, sir. MR. ASBEHA: MR. LUI: And Supervisory Investigator 6 7 Jason Peru was one of these investigators? 8 MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir. 9 MR. LUI: And he went to the back of the establishment on the Florida exit? 10 11 MR. ASBEHA: There's two exits by 12 Florida, sir. 13 MR. LUI: And Investigator Peru 14 testified that that entrance couldn't open? 15 There's two exits and the MR. ASBEHA: That he would have to ask us because 16 entrance. 17 our settlement agreement says we cannot let 18 people inside through Florida Avenue, which is by 19 DCRA we are allowed to do so. So we make sure 20 that door, nobody comes in because prior to this 21 incident we have issue with the investigators 22 telling me I cannot let people inside that door 23 except to exit. 24 I told them this door, I can open it 25 but most of the time it's open. Because we were

1	closed and I opened the other door to exit, the
2	safety concern was not an issue because there was
3	another exit. If there is hazards or any
4	incident to happen, I make sure my customers are
5	safe and exit from both doors, both areas, T
6	Street and Florida Street. Both exits are open.
7	MR. LUI: I have no further questions.
8	Thank you.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
10	Lui. Mr. Asbeha, I just want to follow up. You
11	said that you were suspended for 35 days, is that
12	correct?
13	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, Mr. Chairman.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When were you
15	suspended for 35 days?
16	MR. ASBEHA: From March 9th until now.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
18	date? March what?
19	MR. ASBEHA: On the second and ninth,
20	from February 9th until now.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And why were
22	you suspended, sir? Why was your license
23	suspended?
24	MR. ASBEHA: I asked my lawyer at the
25	time and he told me he's going to work with the

Government or with OAG to do a settlement, OIC or a hearing date. He said just lay low and I will give you the hearing date or I will give you the OIC. Then I waited and I waited two, three weeks and I kept asking him, you're my counselor, please, I need this. I have to make a living to my family.

Recently I signed a mortgage and a loan purchasing that property so I can be financially stable. I told him can you please help me? He said okay. I waited for a month until March 3rd. He told me he can no longer represent me after I waited a month. I told him why. He said he cannot say anything it's for his own conflict of interest.

On March 4, I emailed Ms. Martha and Mr. Lui to give me a hearing date because I want to know why I'm suspended. I want to know what's going on because for a whole month there's no response that was given to me.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you don't know why you were suspended for 35 days?

MR. ASBEHA: No, I know what suspend, but I was closed but you were asking if I was suspended because the Government thinks that the

place is unsafe for public.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Since in the last year, do you know how many times that an ABRA investigator has been to your establishment?

MR. ASBEHA: I've been telling you Mr. Chairman, since day one, more than 500, I can count it.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm just asking, why would an ABRA investigator come to your place over 500 times?

MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Chairman, as much as they have visited me, I could've get more than like 200, 300 violations, but I'm a person that knows and stays in this business for eight years. I know what's going to happen. Every time they come here I make sure I'm doing everything right, but as you can see on the video, those interactions with investigators. Every time I do right, they tell me I'm doing wrong.

You can see it on the January 27th video incident that the people from -- I respect Mr. John as a matter of fact, except that incident, but he saw people outside the establishment. Outside, which is by the pandemic we close at 12:00. But he saw people outside at

12:10, and he's telling me -- those people have the right to be outside because we're closed.

And 12:10, they have the right to call Uber or taxi outside.

People just because you see outside, it doesn't mean I was open for them. So this kind of investigation is not being -- defaming my name toward the board and administration. I know, Mr. Chairman, I have been in front of the board so many times, but I feel like the investigators are defaming my name and they're not willing to work with me.

I know Jason Peru. I've never had an incident with him. I know all the investigators. I've never had any issues, but none of the lawyers can represent me. I'm willing to pay and they say no, we cannot represent you because we can't. I've asked more than 10 after Mr. Richard Bianci said he cannot represent me. I've asked so many lawyers and they say no, we cannot represent you because we're told we cannot by the administration.

That's why I'm here. I don't know -just with my experience I'm here representing

1	myself.					
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Any					
3	other questions from any other board members?					
4	MEMBER SHORT: Yes, Chairman. Good					
5	afternoon, Mr. Asbeha. Good afternoon, Mr.					
6	Asbeha.					
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Asbeha.					
8	MEMBER SHORT: Asbeha.					
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Asbeha.					
10	MR. ASBEHA: That's right.					
11	MEMBER SHORT: On January 29, 2021,					
12	Mayor's Order 004-2021, which all establishments					
13	like yours was required to close at what time?					
14	MR. ASBEHA: At 12:00, Mr. Short.					
15	MEMBER SHORT: Are you sure it was					
16	12:00?					
17	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, alcohol stops at					
18	10:00, the business closes at 12:00.					
19	MEMBER SHORT: And Mayor's Oder					
20	supersedes that, do you agree? The COVID Mayor's					
21	Order 2021-004 supersedes what your license says,					
22	is that correct?					
23	MR. ASBEHA: What do you mean when you					
24	say supersedes? I don't know the word. Can you					
25	explain this word?					

1	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. You said your			
2	regular hours are what? If it were not for			
3	COVID-19 and the Mayor's Order, what time would			
4	you have regular closed on January 29, 2021?			
5	MR. ASBEHA: January 29th is Friday so			
6	I have to close at 3:00 a.m.			
7	MEMBER SHORT: Do you understand the			
8	Mayor's Order?			
9	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.			
10	MEMBER SHORT: What does the Mayor's			
11	Order say about closing time?			
12	MR. ASBEHA: Closing time during the			
13	pandemic or before? You asked me before.			
14	MEMBER SHORT: I'm asking you during			
15	the pandemic.			
16	MR. ASBEHA: During the pandemic			
17	MEMBER SHORT: On January 29th. Go			
18	ahead.			
19	MR. ASBEHA: During the pandemic, the			
20	alcohol stops at 10:00, but people can eat food			
21	until 12:00. That's what it says.			
22	MEMBER SHORT: What time on the 29th			
23	did Investigator Glasgow, what time did you let			
24	her in your club?			
25	MR. ASBEHA: I asked her the question			

and she say she doesn't know what time it was because she couldn't explain. I don't even know what time she came in. She said she might come after 10:00, I don't know, sir.

MEMBER SHORT: Were you operating and selling alcohol after 10:00 p.m. on January 29, 2021?

MR. ASBEHA: Not to my knowledge, sir.

MEMBER SHORT: How did Investigator

Glasgow get a shot of alcohol delivered to her at her table on that date, January 29, 2021? How did she, after 10:00 p.m. get a shot of alcohol delivered to her table, which she paid for with her credit card?

MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Short, I know
Investigator Glasgow works for ABRA before, and I
know that she was there to do investigations, so
I was concerned to make sure everybody is okay.
But I didn't see or know that my server or my
bartender, whatever it is, gave her a drink. I
did not acknowledge that?

MEMBER SHORT: Are you responsible, even though you didn't acknowledge it, are you responsible for the club and the alcohol that's served within that club, especially when you are

1 present? 2 MR. ASBEHA: I'm always present at the 3 time and I do, I'm responsible for that. If that 4 happened, that's why I'm asking for like, excuses 5 if it happened. I don't think it happened that night. 6 7 MEMBER SHORT: It did happen. 8 MR. ASBEHA: Mr. Short, I'm just 9 telling you I've not done but if it does, I would 10 like to apologize to the board and the 11 administration. It was a mistake and it was the 12 first time during the pandemic that it happened. 13 MEMBER SHORT: Okay, let's grant that 14 it was a mistake. Are you, as the owner and 15 licensee of that business, still responsible even 16 though you say it was a mistake? Are you 17 accountable for your license? 18 MR. ASBEHA: Yes, Mr. Short. 19 MEMBER SHORT: No further questions, 20 Mr. Chair. Thank you very much for your 21 testimony. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other 23 questions by any other board members? 24 MEMBER CROCKETT: I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON:

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Go ahead, Ms.

	Crockett.
2	MEMBER CROCKETT: Good afternoon.
3	MR. ASBEHA: Good afternoon.
4	MEMBER CROCKETT: On January 29th when
5	Investigator Glasgow was there, she was served
6	drinks after 11:00 it appears. Was there any
7	food being served in your establishment at the
8	time?
9	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, ma'am. We have the
10	best food in town, Ethiopian food and we have
11	wings, fish and chips and fries that we serve all
12	the time. You can see on the 27th the receipt or
13	exhibit that says there was food being sold at
14	the establishment.
15	MEMBER CROCKETT: I'm speaking
16	specifically about the 29th.
17	MR. ASBEHA: Yes, ma'am.
18	MEMBER CROCKETT: We have video that's
19	been shown to us on the 29th. You did not offer
20	us any evidence that there was food. Ms. Glasgow
21	has testified that she didn't receive a food
22	menu. Is your understanding of the Mayor's Order
23	that you must have food alongside drink, correct?
24	MR. ASBEHA: 100 percent.
25	MEMBER CROCKETT: So was Ms. Glasgow

served food alongside her two shots of Patron? 1 2 MR. ASBEHA: I asked my server and she 3 asked Ms. Glasgow if she wants to eat. She gave 4 her a menu, I wasn't there because I don't have 5 full acknowledgment of that. When she comes in I know she works for ABRA. I told my server that 6 7 she works for ABRA and make sure you treat her 8 like, make sure you do the right thing. She said 9 okay. 10 I always watch out, and we have food. 11 I'm not going to just argue with you. 12 If you go on the website or if you go to food. 13 the social medias, we serve food on the 29th, 14 before, people would come from other states to 15 taste our food. 16 MEMBER CROCKETT: So is it your 17 testimony that you did or did not serve Ms. 18 Glasgow a drink after 10:00 p.m.? 19 MR. ASBEHA: As I told you, ma'am, not 20 to my acknowledgment because I was not next to 21 I was managing the place. 22 MEMBER CROCKETT: So you said that you 23 know her, you recognized her as an ABRA 24 investigator.

She had been there

MR. ASBEHA:

1 before. 2 MEMBER CROCKETT: Right. So did you 3 notice that she was there for 90 minutes? MR. ASBEHA: I didn't count the time 4 5 because I was not doing anything wrong at that So I wasn't worried about that. 6 7 comes in, she showed me her ID and I checked her 8 She had to put her mask on, but I let her 9 As a professional man, I cannot search her. 10 I did see her, what she did as the report. 11 girls behind her, I didn't let them in because 12 they were under age. So on that testimony there 13 was nobody there. 14 MEMBER CROCKETT: Thank you. I don't 15 have any further questions. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other 17 questions by any other board members? 18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Yes, sir. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Grandis? 20 21 MEMBER GRANDIS: Sir, I also want to 22 thank you for participating today and giving us

your side of the events. I'm somewhat confused

about the receipts. It seems you do understand

the Mayor's Order. So you had a server provide

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two receipts for two separate shots, do you agree with that?

MR. ASBEHA: I saw that but at the time when she ordered.

MEMBER GRANDIS: Yeah, so if you were following the Mayor's Order, there should have been at least one food order on one of those two receipts.

MR. ASBEHA: Yes, sir.

MEMBER GRANDIS: So what steps have you taken since that, when you became aware that this server did not follow the Mayor's Order, what steps have you taken to make sure that all receive a food item because they cannot get a drink without a food item?

MR. ASBEHA: After that we shut down, but we always encourage people to drink food [sic] and prior to the investigations I have videos. When Jason Peru and everything observe that, there was food on the table. I give a warning she cannot serve liquor or alcohol without food. I would like people to eat, and we had a meeting with her. We had a meeting with the staff that she cannot do that.

If a customer walks in -- most of the

time we do reservation only, but sometimes if, like you say, it was empty. The place was empty. Investigator Glasgow said it was 25 people or more and I'm really concerned about that. I'm really concerned and I would like to have a staff meeting. I had a meeting with them that they have to have a menu. They have to have food on the table while they are serving liquor. I completely understand that.

MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you. No more questions.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions by any other board members? Mr. Lui, any questions of Mr. Asbeha based on the questions that the board asked?

MR. LUI: No, Mr. Chairperson, thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Before you close, Mr. Asbeha, I know the board members asked you questions. Do you need to further explain anything before you close? This is not closing, I'm still going to give you an opportunity, but I know that they asked you questions. Do you have any explanations based on maybe -- do you want an opportunity to further elaborate any of the

answers you just gave to board members?

MR. ASBEHA: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it?

You said yes or no?

MR. ASBEHA: Yes. I will try to make it brief. Yes, Mr. Chairman. I am a person that is very responsible, that supports a family and I'm really concerned. I'm really, really concerned about the safety of the public. I've been doing that since day one. All investigators I appreciated, like John Fiorentine came when I first opened and did the outdoor seating.

I spent a lot of money to do the outdoor seatings. I even asked the board and the administration to give me a rooftop application. I applied that and I'm willing to do or follow the Mayor's Order for the safety of the public. I'm a man who admits a mistake. If I made a mistake I will admit that, and I will have the consequence for that.

This is the first time through the pandemic, while the whole city was giving excuses or warnings, verbals, and I was only one left and sent to OAG. If I made a mistake, I don't know if it's -- I will apologize. It was an honest

1	mistake and I would like the board to give me a				
2	chance.				
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to				
4	give you an opportunity to do a closing. This is				
5	not closing. Normally				
6	MR. ASBEHA: I'm just explaining that				
7	some of them are right. That's what I'm trying				
8	to say.				
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll still give				
10	you an opportunity to do a closing. As you				
11	stated, you don't have any witnesses you want to				
12	call, is that correct?				
13	MR. ASBEHA: It's not necessary, Mr.				
14	Chairman.				
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So do you rest				
16	now based on				
17	MR. ASBEHA: Yes.				
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,				
19	fine. Mr. Lui, do you wish to make a closing				
20	statement?				
21	MR. LUI: Yes, very briefly. Today				
22	the Government has proven by preponderance of the				
23	evidence that it is more likely than not that the				
24	licensee's operations present an imminent danger				
25	to the health and safety of the public, DC				

residents. The Government has met this burden by presenting evidence that showed that the licensee violated 23 DCMR Section 810 and three of the Mayor's Orders, 2020-075, 2020-080 and 2020-119.

Accordingly, the Government has met its burden under DC Code Section 25(a)26. We've heard from Investigator Glasgow that on January 29, 2021 at approximately 11:15 p.m. she approached the establishment in an undercover capacity. Her undercover work showed that the licensee, Mr. Asbeha, was personally involved in permitting the sale, service and consumption of alcoholic beverages after 10:00 p.m. in violation of the Mayor's Orders and this board's rules.

It was Mr. Asbeha who let Investigator Glasgow into the establishment after 10:00 p.m., and it was also Mr. Asbeha who failed to ask Investigator Glasgow for any information that would satisfy a contact tracing system. We also heard from Investigator Glasgow that once inside, she observed patrons and staff walking without face masks, patrons consuming alcohol beverages, staff serving alcoholic beverages in shot glasses, patrons smoking hookah, and more than six patrons seated at a table, all violations of

the public health emergency rules and orders.

Additionally, more than 25 patrons were inside the establishment, in excess of the 25 percent of the establishment's occupancy. She also determined that the music was above a conversational level and she herself purchased two shots of Patron that evening. These findings are all supported by her video recordings.

We also heard from Investigator
Glasgow that ABRA and MPD eventually left and
that the establishment understood their conduct
that night was prohibited. For instance, a male
employee immediately started picking up shot
glasses, placed them in a bin. He was rushing
Investigator Glasgow to consume her drink.
However, Investigator Glasgow was able to secure
this as evidence, took it back to the Agency,
used an alcohol testing kit, which showed that it
tested positive for alcohol.

We also heard from Supervisory

Investigator Jason Peru. While ABRA investigators

and MPD officers entered the establishment,

Investigator Glasgow exited. Supervisory

Investigator Jason Peru noticed that the back

door was bolted and locked, and asked the

licensee to unlock it for the safety of patrons. 1 He also observed numerous pandemic 2 3 violations, including that the wait staff were 4 not wearing masks, patrons standing at the indoor 5 bar, and sales, service and consumption of alcohol after 10:00 p.m. The evidence the 6 7 Government presented, when taken as a whole, shows that the licensee violated several 8 9 requirements of this board's public health 10 emergency regulations, and there are 15. 11 1. Patrons in excess of the indoor 12 capacity. 13 2. On-premises alcoholic beverage 14 sales, service, and consumption after 10:00 p.m. 15 Placement of indoor tables within 3. six feet of one another. 16 17 4. No menu containing prepared food 18 items. 19 5. No requirement to purchase a prepared food item. 20 21 6. More than six individuals seated 22 at a table. 23 7. Patrons waiting outside while not 24 six feet apart.

Music above a conversational

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1	level.					
2	9. Service of alcoholic beverages to					
3	standing patrons.					
4	10. Standing at the indoor bar.					
5	11. Seating at the indoor bar while					
6	being staffed and utilized by bartender.					
7	12. Wait staff not to wear masks.					
8	13. Patrons not to wear masks while					
9	waiting in line outside of the establishment.					
10	14. No reservation system.					
11	15. Lack of social distancing amongst					
12	patrons.					
13	The Government has therefore met its					
14	burden and asks the board to summarily revoke					
15	Kiss Tavern's license under DC Code Section 25(a)					
16	26. The licensee's disregard for the health and					
17	safety of DC residents merits this severe					
18	penalty. Thank you.					
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.					
20	Lui. Mr. Asbeha, this is an opportunity, it's					
21	your closing argument so you can close the case					
22	and tell us what you want the board to do, sir.					
23	MR. ASBEHA: All right. I'm not a					
24	lawyer but I'm trying to do my best to make it					
25	short. As you all know, I've been suspended for					

35 days and I couldn't be able to hire a lawyer.

So I'm here today that I completely understand
how awful this time is. I've seen a lot of people
lose their lives and their works because of the
COVID-19.

I proved that on my exhibit, on my video that the pandemic that I showed you that the lounge has made enough concern about this. I tried to do two separate plexiglasses from each table, and I ensure those tables are 10 feet, which I put in my Exhibit 4. I completely blocked the bar so they didn't have any interactions. The Mayor's Order states that you cannot serve or stand by the bar if the bartender is there.

There was no bartender. There was no interactions between the staff, and there was nobody standing by the bar. You can see it. When Investigator Glasgow didn't have proof that says there was not six feet between tables. There was no capacity, 25 percent, she only said there was more than 25 people. It can be 26, it can be 24.

Exhibits show that the place was empty. In addition to that, DOH came and did an inspection, full inspection right after that.

They told us we have to remove the hookah and we

have to get fined. We closed the business, we closed it. We made sure there was no hookah in the establishment. We get fined. After that they came back and inspect the whole premises and make sure that place is safe for public, and we reopened back. This happened before the suspension.

DOH came after the incident and we made sure that we followed the CDC guidelines. They checked and as I stated before, the DOH inspection is in Exhibit 3. The harassment is obvious. You saw the harassment that has been going on, and the unfair judgement. I'm not a person who is hostile or I'm not a person who is trying to make a false statement or to have a negative impact on the administration or the board.

I would like to have smooth relationship with the investigators, with the board. I tried my best, despite the fact that the investigator was trying to disrespectfully and unprofessionally talk to me. I was trying to calm down. I was trying to handle it as much as I can. I just want to say, my closing statement is I'm here today to ask the board to give me a

chance with their fair judgment that one-month suspension is enough.

It's killing my business and I can't feed my family, my five kids and my family and employees cannot feed, as well. During this difficult time, I've seen a lot of businesses closed and a lot of people lose their job. I'm sure that you don't want another business to shut down. Recently I signed a loan mortgage to purchase the property. It would be hard for me to pay the mortgage, the SBA loan and everything.

I'm here at the board to ask the board to give me a chance. I'm sorry, I'm here today to prove to the board and the public that Kiss Tavern is safe for public, and I will do anything to make sure that my staff, and I will follow the Mayor's Order and the CDC guidelines like we have been before. I really appreciate it.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and the board for your time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'd like to thank the parties for their participation today and their presentation. Let me close this case and then I'll state what the next step is. The board will take this matter under advisement and

pursuant to 25(a), 26(c). We will issue a decision within three business days. I believe that the decision will be issued -- you'll receive a written decision by close of business on Wednesday.

As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
Beverage Control Board for the District of
Columbia, in accordance with DC Official Code
Section 2574B 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 No. 21-CMP-00008, Kiss Tavern, pursuant
to DC Official Code Section 2574B of the Open
Meetings Act and deliberating upon Case No. 21CMP-00008, Kiss Tavern for the reasons cited in
DC Official Code Section 2574B.13 of the Open
Meetings Act. Is there a second?

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

MEMBER SHORT:

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

Mr. Short, I second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? 1 2 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 3 agree. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 5 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 6 7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 9 Anderson, I agree. 10 As it appears that the motion has 11 passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board 12 will recess this proceeding to hold a closed 13 meeting in the ABC conference room pursuant to 14 Section 2574B of the Open Meetings Act. We are 15 no adjourned for the day. Thank you very much 16 for your presentation today. As stated, by 17 statute we have to issue a decision within three 18 business days. So, therefore, the decision will 19 be issued by close of business on Wednesday. 20 Have a great day. Thank you very 21 We are adjourned. I'll now the direct 22 that the board members return to executive 23 session. Thank you. 24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 25 went off the record at 4:59 p.m.)

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