DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Friendship Heights

Convenience Store, LLC : t/a Friendship Heights : Convenience Store

5252 Wisconsin Ave NW : Show Cause Retailer B - ANC 3E : Hearing (Status)

License No. 122502 Case #23-CMP-00101

(Substantial Change in Operation Without : Board Approval, Provided: False or Misleading : Information)

Wednesday March 13, 2024

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson SILAS GRANT, JR., Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff HAILE MARYAM MEGASH, Licensee GREGORY LEE, Licensee Counsel MATTHEW EMMICK, DC OAG

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	11:06 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the
4	next case in our calendar is case number 23-CMP-
5	00101, Friendship Heights Convenience Store,
6	license number 122502. Mr. Orellana, can you
7	please elevate the rights of the licensee in this
8	case?
9	MR. ORELLANA: Gregory Lee, your
10	access has been elevated. That is all, Chairman.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
12	MR. LEE: Yes, good morning.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one
14	minute, hold on please. Good morning, Mr.
15	Emmick, can you please identify yourself for the
16	record?
17	MR. EMMICK: To the chair and the
18	board, Matthew Emmick, M-A-T-T-H-E-W E-M-M-I-C-K
19	on behalf of the district.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
21	Mr. Emmick. Mr. Lee, can you identify yourself
22	for the record?
23	MR. LEE: Yes, good morning. Name is
24	Gregory Lee, G-R-E-G-O-R-Y L-E-E of Law Office of

Gregory Wiley, PLLC. And on behalf of the

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1 respondent. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning. 3 And I see, is the respondent with you this 4 morning, sir? 5 MR. LEE: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Megash is here right next to me. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, have Mr. 8 Megash introduce, spell and state his name for 9 the record. 10 My name is Haile Maryam MR. MEGASH: 11 Megash, H-A-I-L-E M-A-R-Y-A-M, my last name is M-12 E-G-A-S-H. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 14 sir. Mr. Emmick, are there any preliminary 15 matters in this case? I would just note for the 16 MR. EMMICK: board that I believe we have a tentative offer in 17 18 compromise that the parties have reached. 19 be drafting that documentation, providing it to Mr. Lee and his client for submission to the 20 21 board as soon as possible. 2.2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 23 thank you for that representation. All right, if 2.4 this matter then is not settled, this matter will

be scheduled for a show cause hearing on May 1st

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1 at 10:30 a.m. I just want to just remind the 2 parties if this matter actually goes to a 3 hearing, you are required to, seven days before 4 the hearing, to exchange documents and witnesses 5 that will be relied upon. Failure by either side to disclose the 6 documents and witnesses, the board would be 7 8 empowered to prevent that side from moving forward. And so if this matter is going to be 9 10 settled, it can be settled through a paper OIC, 11 and the board will consider. If not, we will see you on May 1st at 10:30. Thank you very much, 12 13 have a great day. 14 MR. LEE: Thank you. 15 MR. MEGASH: Thank you. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Bye. 17 MR. LEE: Bye bye. 18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:09 a.m.) 19 20 21 2.2 23 2.4

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