DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

9th Street Lounge, LLC, :

1920 9th Street NW : Show Cause Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing License No. 111950

Case #21-CMP-00054

(Noise Violation)

Wednesday March 16, 2022

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, JR., Member RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member ALSO PRESENT: SARAH FASHBAUGH, DC ABRA Staff SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel JAMES JORDAN, DC OAG ANTOINE WILLIAMS, DC OAG

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	11:32 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4	on our calendar is Case No. 21-CMP-00054, Mirror
5	Lounge, License No. 111950. Ms. Fashbaugh, can
6	you please elevate the rights of the parties in
7	this particular case, please.
8	MS. FASHBAUGH: Please stand by.
9	Sidon Yohannes' rights have been elevated.
10	Antoine Williams' rights have been elevated. I
11	do not see an investigator present. Looks like
12	it would be Investigator Murray.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I believe that
14	we're okay at the moment without an investigator,
15	I believe, but we'll see.
16	All right, let's have the parties
17	identify themselves for the record, starting with
18	the Government, please.
19	MR. JORDAN: Mr. Chairperson, I don't
20	see Attorney Williams, but I can present this,
21	Mr. Chairperson.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
23	then. Then, fine. All right, go ahead,
24	Mr. Jordan.
25	MR. JORDAN: James Jordan on behalf of

That's J-A-M-E-S, J-O-R-D-A-N. 1 the District. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning 3 again, Mr. Jordan. Ms. Yohannes, can you please 4 identify yourself for the record, please? Sure. Sidon Yohannes. 5 MS. YOHANNES: S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S, on behalf of the 6 7 licensee. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 9 thank you, Ms. Yohannes. All right, so the Case 10 No. 21-CMP-00054, this matter was scheduled for a 11 show-cause hearing. Are there any preliminary 12 matters in this case? 13 MR. JORDAN: Yes, Mr. Chairperson. 14 The parties have agreed to a global offer-in-15 compromise to address many cases. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what are 17 the cases, what are the cases that are being 18 addressed, and what are the crimes? 19 MR. JORDAN: For the instant case, 21-CMP-00054, the charge of loud music to emanate 20 21 from the establishment, and the fine is a \$1,000 22 fine within 120 days, or the license shall be 23 suspended until the fine is paid. 24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 25 went off the record at 11:34 a.m. and resumed at

1 11:37 a.m.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on 2 3 the record. Ms. Yohannes, have you had any conversation with Mr. Jordan? 4 5 MS. YOHANNES: We have not. However, I am aware of what you all have in terms of the 6 7 global OIC. 8 MR. JORDAN: All right, 9 Mr. Chairperson. I'm sorry to step in. Attorney 10 Williams has informed me he's back and would like 11 to be elevated. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 13 Ms. Fashbaugh, can you please elevate the rights 14 of Mr. Williams, please. 15 MS. FASHBAUGH: His rights are 16 elevated. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. And 18 I want to thank Mr. James Jordan for stepping in. 19 So, let me recall Case No. 21-CMP-00054, Mirror 20 Lounge, License No. 111950. Let's have the 21 parties identify themselves for the record. I'11 22 start with the Government, please. 23 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Apologies, 24 Mr. Chairperson. I got disconnected there. МУ 25 name is Antoine Williams, A-N-T-O-I-N-E, last

name Williams, W-I-L-I-A-M-S. I'm representing 1 2 the District this morning. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you. Mr. Yohannes, can you please identify 4 5 yourself for the record, please. MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes. 6 7 S-I-D-O-N, Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S, on behalf of the 8 licensee. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good 10 morning. All right, now this matter is scheduled 11 for a show-cause hearing. So, Mr. Williams, are 12 there any preliminary matters in this case? 13 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Your Honor. Ι 14 mean, Mr. Chairperson. We've come up with a 15 global OIC. There's actually five separate cases 16 involved that we are going to basically handle 17 this morning. 18 So, the case that's today, the fine is 19 going to be for \$1,000. And that's payable 20 within 120 days. 21 If I may, I just wonder MS. YOHANNES: 22 if the Board's received the written OIC that was 23 submitted? If not, are you looking for the 24 remaining case numbers for the other cases? 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I apologize for

doing what I'm doing, for going off the record. 1 2 And, Mr. Williams, can you check your email, 3 Mr. Williams, please. I apologize for doing 4 this. 5 MR. WILLIAMS: Give me one second. So, Mr. Chairperson, I'm going to need to discuss 6 7 this with Ms. Sidon briefly, and --8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so 9 we're off the record. 10 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And let the 12 parties discuss. So, we'll be off the record 13 for -- it's 11:41, we'll be off the record until 14 11:50. 15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 16 went off the record at 11:41 a.m. and resumed at 17 11:51 a.m.) 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on 19 the record, Mr. Williams, Ms. Yohannes. 20 apologize for going on the record, going off the 21 record, but there's some things that I personally 22 had to do. 23 So, I'm not going to blame the 24 attorneys. That's just my, in managing this 25 calendar, so I'm going to take the blame for the

management this morning of this calendar.

In the case at hand, it's Case
No. 21-CMP-00054, Mirror Lounge, License
No. 111950. This matter was scheduled for a
show-cause hearing this morning.

So, Mr. Williams, what is it that the Government plans to do regarding Case
No. 21-CMP-00054? Thank you.

MR. WILLIAMS: Yeah. Mr. Chairperson, we would like to push this hearing one week. We had agreed to a global OIC yesterday afternoon. It was submitted. Upon further review, it appears there is an issue as far as the calculation, as far as what the fines need to be, as far as this, because it involves five separate cases.

The breakdown is going to be \$1,000, but it's a matter of if that \$1,000 is going to be split between more than one case.

Yesterday, when we did the global OIC, which was signed off by Ms. Yohannes, we were good. But this morning we got some further feedback. Got an email that that has changed.

So, we just want to push this hearing for a week because we feel certain that we can resolve this

1	matter without necessarily a show-cause hearing
2	for this case, as well as four other cases
3	related to the same violation.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes,
5	what's your position?
6	MS. YOHANNES: That is correct.
7	Everything that Mr. Williams just said is
8	correct. I agree.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then we will
10	then make a motion to continue this case for one
11	week. I then make a motion that the Board
12	approve this motion. Is there a second?
13	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I second.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
15	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
17	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett. I
18	agree.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
20	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. I agree.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?
22	MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis. I
23	agree.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And
25	Mr. Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 6-0-0.

1	So, we will
2	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Chair, I seconded
3	the motion, but did you call me for the vote?
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr
5	MEMBER SHORT: Well, I vote yes, I
6	approve. But I don't think
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If I did not
8	call you, Mr. Short, I apologize. All right,
9	that Mr. Short has stated he also seconded the
10	motion and he also voted in favor of the motion
11	to postpone this case for a week. So, this
12	matter is postponed for one week. Again, I
13	apologize to the parties.
14	MS. YOHANNES: Thank you, Chair. We
15	appreciate the clarifications.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
17	right, thank you.
18	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
19	went off the record at 11:55 a.m.)
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