

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

2 10:41 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of
6 Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code
7 Section 2576 of the Open Meetings Act, I am
8 welcoming you to the regular scheduled meeting of
9 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

10 This meeting is being conducted
11 pursuant to guidance made available by the
12 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
13 regarding electronic meetings held by public
14 bodies during the public health emergency.
15 Pursuant to those guidelines, notice of today's
16 meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the
17 meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's
18 Central Meeting Calendar. The notice included the
19 time, date, agenda and call-in or log-in
20 information for public participation.

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

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1 My name is Donovan Anderson, I'm
2 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
3 the other members of the ABC Board, who are also
4 participating electronically, pursuant to Mayor's
5 Order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce
6 your name. Mr. Bobby Cato.

7 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato present.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi
9 Crockett.

10 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett
11 present.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen.

13 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen present.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward
15 Grandis.

16 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis
17 present.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
19 five members in attendance for the conduct of
20 business today and that constitutes a quorum.
21 Board Member Short is having some technical
22 difficulties. He should join us at some point,
23 but because we have a quorum and I know that the
24 public is waiting that's one of the reasons why
25 I'm moving forward and he will join in once his

1 technical difficulties have been settled.

2 All right, before we get on the way
3 with today's hearing calendar, I need to make a
4 few instructions very clear so that the conduct of
5 these hearings is understood by everyone.

6 There are four cases scheduled for this
7 morning's calendar. Once your case is called, I
8 will take a moment for our IT specialist to
9 elevate the rights for each party to enable their
10 camera and microphone. Then, and only then, will
11 you have the ability to enable your equipment. If
12 your case has not been heard, you will remain mute
13 and your camera will be disabled. At the
14 conclusion of each case, the parties will have the
15 option to leave. If the party chooses to stay,
16 all cameras and microphones for the concluded case
17 will be disabled. Should you have any questions
18 or require technical assistance during the
19 hearing, please submit them using the Question and
20 Answer feature or e-mail simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

21 Our first case on our calendar this
22 morning is case number 20-CMP-00012 Sohal Wine &
23 Spirits, formerly Sunset Wine & Spirits, licence
24 number 95926. Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
25 the rights of the parties in this case, please?

1 MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by. Mr.
2 Ortiz, your rights have been elevated. (Pause.)
3 That's all, Mr. Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank
5 you.

6 Mr. Ortiz, good morning. Have you had
7 any conversation with the licensee in this case
8 since it appears that the licensee is not on the
9 line this morning?

10 MR. ORTIZ: Good morning, Mr.
11 Chairperson and all Board members. I believe
12 there was some contact, but I don't know if they
13 actually were best contacted in the sense that a
14 phone call was made and it went to voicemail and
15 the district was unable to leave a voicemail
16 because the mailbox was full.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank
18 you. All right, Mr. Ortiz, can you please
19 identify yourself for the record, please?

20 MR. ORTIZ: Stephen Ortiz on behalf of
21 the District of Columbia, that's S-T-E-P-H-E-N O-
22 R-T-I-Z.

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24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Got it. Good
25 morning. I just want to, is there a Mr. Singh on

1 the call anywhere? If he is there, can you
2 identify yourself through the chat? So, if Mr.
3 Singh is somewhere there and your -

4 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, he's not on
5 the line.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, okay.
7 Thank you. All right, this matter is then--this
8 is a show cause hearing status and so therefore
9 this matter will be scheduled for a show cause
10 hearing at a date to be determined.

11 Thank you, Mr. Ortiz.

12 (Whereupon, the proceedings went off
13 the record at 10:47 a.m.)

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