DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Space DC Restaurant and :
Lounge, Inc., :

t/a Space DC

1355 U Street NW : Show Cause Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing

License #124237 : Case # 24-CMP-00066 :

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(Violation of Settlement: Agreement, Failed to Make: a Copy of Settlement: Agreement Immediately: Accessible):

Accessible) :

Wednesday April 9, 2025

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson SILAS GRANT, JR., Member RYAN JONES, Member DAVID MEADOWS, Member TERI JANINE QUINN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
SHEWAKENAW ETANA, Licensee
ALYCIA HOGENMILLER, DC OAG
SOPHIA MIETUS, DC OAG
INVESTIGATOR JERRITA MILLINGTON, DC ABCA

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

1:32 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon everyone and welcome to the afternoon session of the ABC Board. My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm chairperson of the Board. Joining me this afternoon are four other board members;

Mr. Silas Grant, Mr. Teri Janine Quinn, Mr. David Meadows, Mr. Ryan Jones. The Board has five members in attendance for the conduct of business this afternoon and that constitutes a quorum.

Before we get underway with this afternoon's hearing calendar, I need to make a few instructions very clear and that everyone's conduct is understood. We have five cases scheduled for this afternoon. Once your case is called, I will take a moment for IT specialists 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. If your case has not been heard, you'll remain mute and your camera will be disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the parties will have the option to

1 leave. If the party chooses to stay, all 2 3 cameras and microphones for the concluded case will be disabled. Should you have any questions 4 5 or require technical assistance during the 6 hearing, please submit them using the question 7 and answer feature. 8 The first case in our calendar is Case 9 No. 24-CMP-00066, Space DC, License No. 124237. 10 Good afternoon, Mr. Orellana. Can you 11 please elevate the government and the licensee in 12 this case? 13 MR. ORELLANA: Good afternoon. 14 Shewakenaw Etana, your access has been elevated. 15 Sophia Mietus, your access has been elevated. 16 Investigator Jerrita Millington, your access has 17 been elevated. That is all, Chairman. 18 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir. 20 MS. MIETUS: We are also waiting for 21 Assistant Attorney General Alycia Hogenmiller to 2.2 join us. 23 Alycia Hogenmiller, MR. ORELLANA:

That is all, Chairman.

your access has been elevated.

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
2	The licensee, do you have a camera to
3	turn on? For the licensee, do you have access to
4	a camera you can turn on?
5	MR. ETANA: I'm here. I'm trying to
6	figure it out.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All
8	right. If you don't have a camera to turn on,
9	then fine. All right.
10	Let's start. Let me have the parties
11	identify themselves for the record. Ms. Mietus,
12	can you please spell and state your name for the
13	record? You're on mute, ma'am.
14	MS. MIETUS: Thank you. Assistant
15	Attorney General Sophia Mietus, S-O-P-H-I-A
16	M-I-E-T-U-S, on behalf of the District.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,
18	ma'am. Ms. Hogenmiller, can you please identify
19	yourself for the record?
20	MS. HOGENMILLER: Alycia Hogenmiller,
21	A-L-Y-C-I-A $H-O-G-E-N-M-I-L-L-E-R$, on behalf of
22	the government.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon.
24	Mr. Etana, can you please spell and
25	state your name for the record, sir?

1 MR. ETANA: Shewakenaw Etana, 2 S-H-E-W-A-K-E-N-A-W, last name E-T-A-N-A. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is 4 your relationship to this establishment, sir? 5 MR. ETANA: The owner. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, 6 7 sir. 8 Ms. Mietus, this is your case, is that 9 correct? 10 MS. MIETUS: Yes. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 12 All right, fine. This is a show cause hearing. 13 Are there any preliminary matters in this case, ma'am? 14 MS. MIETUS: Yes. The licensee this 15 16 afternoon has agreed to the settlement agreement 17 We have agreed that we do not have a 18 signed agreement yet to present. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can do it 20 the way we used to do it. So if you can put what 21 the terms are on the record, I will ask him if he 2.2 agrees, and the Board will vote on it, and the 23 case is over. You don't have to sign anything. 2.4 So why don't you share with us what the offer in 25 compromise is?

MS. MIETUS: Yes. The offer in compromise terms are as follows. Charge one, fail to follow settlement agreement. This is a first secondary tier violation. The statutory authority is D.C. Code Section 25-823(a)(6). The fine would be \$250, payable within 30 days, or the license shall be suspended indefinitely until that fine is paid.

The second charge is fail to have available the settlement agreement, another first secondary tier violation. The statutory authority there is D.C. Code Section 25-711-8(a)(3)(a), and for that one, the fine is a warning only.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that's it, ma'am?

MS. MIETUS: Yes, just two charges.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

Mr. Etana, it's my understanding there's an offer in compromise. It's my understanding that for charge one, you have agreed to pay a fine of \$250, payable within 30 days. And for charge two, you have agreed to a warning. Is this your understanding, sir, of the offer in compromise?

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1	MR. ETANA: Yes.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
3	that by accepting an offer in compromise that
4	you're giving up your right to a hearing?
5	MR. ETANA: Yes.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also
7	aware that by accepting an offer in compromise,
8	you give up your right to appeal this matter?
9	MR. ETANA: Yes, sir.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. With
11	that said, I make a motion that the offer in
12	compromise for charge one, a fine of \$250,
13	payable within 30 days, and for charge two, a
14	warning be accepted. Is there a second?
15	MEMBER GRANT: I second the motion.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has
17	seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call
18	vote.
19	Mr. Grant?
20	MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant. I agree.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Quinn?
22	MEMBER QUINN: Ms. Quinn. I agree.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Meadows?
24	MEMBER MEADOWS: I agree.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Jones?

Τ	MEMBER JONES: Mr. Jones. 1 agree.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
3	Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5-0-0.
4	The Board will issue a Board order
5	and, sir, once the Board has issued the Board
6	order, you have 30 days from that Board order to
7	pay the fine. Any questions, sir? All right.
8	So there's no other there's no
9	the government the document does not need to
10	be signed because the Board has voted and
11	accepted the offer in compromise, and so this
12	matter is over.
13	Thank you very much for your
14	presentation today. Have a great day.
15	And Ms. Millington, thank you for
16	being I know you didn't introduce yourself for
17	record, but thank you for being here today.
18	Everyone, have a great day. Thank you.
19	MS. MILLINGTON: Thank you.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21	Bye-bye.
22	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
23	off the record at 1:39 p.m.)
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