DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

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2461 Corporation : t/a Madam's Organ :

2461 18th Street NW : Show Cause Retailer CT - ANC 1C : Hearing

License No. 25273 Case #23-251-00016

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(Failed to Follow : Security Plan) :

Thursday
April 25, 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 BILL DUGGAN, Licensee RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee Counsel CHRISTOPHER N. SOUTHCOTT, DC OAG ZACHARY MILLER, Witness SARA REYNOLDS, Witness

11:10 a.m.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The

next case on our calendar is case number -- it's a show cause hearing, a continuation of a show cause hearing, Case Number 23-251-00016, Madam's Organ, License Number 25273.

Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the rights of the parties in this case?

MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing. Richard Bianco, your access has been elevated. Christopher Southcott, your access has been elevated.

I believe Sara Reynolds, your access has been elevated. And we have a call-in user, has been elevated. That's all, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank you. Mr. Bianco, can you mute your line, sir? Thank you.

Okay. All right. This matter comes before the Board today to conclude the show cause Case number 23-251-00016 in the matter of 2461 Corporation, trade name Madam's Organ.

By way of background, this hearing was originally scheduled for March 20, 2024, and the

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But time did not permit the Board or the parties to finish the entire hearing. Specifically, the Government finished their case in chief and at the conclusion of the Government's case, excuse me, the Respondent moved to dismiss the matter.

The Board took oral argument on the record at that time, but deferred making a decision until after the conclusion of the entire hearing.

The Board's position has not changed under course of action. And we will now turn our attention to the Respondent's case in chief.

Let me have the parties identify themselves for the record. Mr. Southcott, will you please spell and say your name for the record?

MR. SOUTHCOTT: Good morning, Mr.

Chair. This is Chris Southcott, first name C-HR-I-S, last name S-O-U-T-H-C-O-T-T, from the

D.C.'s Office of the Attorney General,
representing the District.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so Mr. Bianco, can you please introduce yourself for

1 the record? 2 MR. BIANCO: Yes, Good morning, Mr. 3 Chair and members of the Board. My name is 4 Richard Bianco. I represent the licensee in this 5 matter, R-I-C-H-A-R-D, B-I-A-N-C-O. MR. SOUTHCOTT: So Mr. Bianco, how 6 7 many witnesses do you have that you want to call 8 this morning? 9 MR. BIANCO: I have three, Mr. Doug and Ms. Reynolds, and a third, Zach Miller. 10 And 11 looks like Mr. Miller is having trouble 12 getting on. 13 He was the call-in user and isn't able 14 to get on using the link. He's actually texting 15 with me as we speak. He's a fact witness. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is the 18 first witness you wish to call? 19 MR. BIANCO: So I was going to call 20 Mr. Miller first, but he's --21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so, 2.2 all right, so, we'll figure out how to get Mr. 23 Miller on. So what is the concern that Mr. Miller 2.4 is having so our IT can assist him? 25 MR. BIANCO: So when he clicks the

1 link it says the address is invalid. And then to 2 join from his browser. And then when he tries to download the 3 app, it doesn't download. So he had called in 4 5 earlier. I'm glad to prove his number to the IT 6 7 folks as well. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I sent to 9 you, well, the link is provided in the -- the link is provided in the chat. 10 11 Maybe he should be able to access the 12 link that's in the chat. 13 MR. BIANCO: So I am going to send him this link that's in the chat. 14 15 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Mr. Chair, if --16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir? MR. SOUTHCOTT: If this witness is to 17 18 be -- if the purpose of this witness's testimony 19 is to be an eyewitness to the incident in 20 question, then the District would be objecting to 21 testimony of this witness being as 2.2 relevant to these proceedings. 23 The only charge before the Board is whether the establishment abided by the terms of 2.4 25 its security plan, particularly with respect to

whether they created an incident report, contacted EMS on the night of the incident in question.

So to that end, actual eyewitness testimony about the incident itself isn't relevant to the charge whether the establishment abided by its security plan.

MR. BIANCO: So my response to that,
Mr. Chair, would be that the overwhelming
majority of the District's case consisted of
several hearsay statements specifically about the
incident.

So then, which were objected to, by the way. So to now come in and say the incident is not relevant is a curious position to take.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, let me ask a question, Mr. Southcott. Was this witness -- was this witness identified under disclosure?

MR. SOUTHCOTT: He was.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So I'm going to deny your motion, then. All right.

MR. BIANCO: Okay, so my witness has just texted me saying -- with a screenshot of the message he's getting, which says, so far you can't open the page because the address is

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	Invalla.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But the address
3	is not invalid. I mean, how can the address be
4	invalid if this is the address that the IT person
5	provides?
6	MR. BIANCO: I understand, and I think
7	it's the one that the rest of us used to get in.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ask him what
9	browser is he using. Maybe he needs a different
10	web browser.
11	MR. BIANCO: Sure, he's using,
12	according to the message, the screenshot he just
13	sent me, he's using Safari.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Tell him he can
15	use a different web browser. That shouldn't be
16	that difficult.
17	MR. BIANCO: Okay.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Or use Google
19	Chrome. Any luck, sir?
20	MR. BIANCO: He's trying that now, Mr.
21	Anderson.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I
23	see there's a call-in user. Is that the person?
24	MR. BIANCO: Yes, that's correct.
25	That's him. I was just trying to get him in

	because of the Board's preference for being able
2	to see the witnesses, which I certainly
3	understand.
4	He's having some trouble getting
5	Chrome downloaded to try and use that.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7	MR. BIANCO: As a camera, but
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we
9	need to move on. So, he needs to unmute himself.
10	Hello?
11	MR. DUGGAN: Hey, good morning.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
13	what's the first witness? What's your first
14	witness, Mr. Bianco?
15	MR. BIANCO: My first witness is Zach
16	Miller.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Miller?
18	MR. DUGGAN: Yes, good morning.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know
20	what location you're in, sir, but there is a lot
21	of background noise. Is there any way you can
22	relieve the background noise, sir?
23	MR. DUGGAN: Let's see if I can make
24	it a little quieter. Is that better?
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So far, so

1	good. Can you raise your right hand, sir? Let
2	me know when your hand is raised, sir.
3	MR. DUGGAN: My hand is raised.
4	WHEREUPON,
5	ZACHARY MILLER
6	was called as a witness by Counsel for the
7	Licensee and, having been first duly sworn,
8	assumed the witness stand, was examined and
9	testified as follows:
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness,
11	Mr. Bianco.
12	DIRECT EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. BIANCO:
14	Q Thank you. Could you state your name
15	for the record and spell your last name, please?
16	A Zachary Miller, M-I-L-E-R.
17	Q Okay. Are you familiar with the
18	establishment trading as Madam's Organ Restaurant
19	and Bar?
20	A I am.
21	Q And how are you familiar with that
22	establishment?
23	A I worked down the street from that
24	establishment starting in 2005, and sometimes
25	patron. It's just another establishment on the

1	block for which I worked for a very long time.
2	Q Okay. So do you have any formal
3	affiliation or employment with the establishment?
4	A No, I do not.
5	Q So you mentioned that you worked a few
6	doors down for quite some time. What is your
7	A Correct.
8	Q What is your experience in the
9	hospitality business?
10	A Long-time head of security, front of
11	house, ABRA certified manager. Been working in
12	restaurants since I was 9 years old.
13	My parents owned restaurants and I've
14	been doing it a very long time.
15	Q How about in Adams Morgan
16	specifically? How much time have you been
17	A I started in 2005.
18	Q And have you ever worked in licensed
19	establishments with a security plan?
20	A Yes, that entire time.
21	Q Okay. And do you recall the evening
22	of May 20 into the early morning of May 21 of
23	2023?
24	A I do.
25	Q Okay. And did you see any unusual

occurrences on 18th Street at that time? 2 Nothing beyond the average 18th Street 3 goings on. Okay, and can you describe what you 4 0 5 saw at approximately 2:45 a.m.? Yes, I was down the street hanging out 6 7 in front of the diner and heard a bunch of noise. 8 Someone started screaming and that always gathers 9 attention. So being nosy, I walked up the street 10 11 to see what was going on. And there was a 12 gentleman yelling and screaming at who I assumed 13 was the door person that evening at Madam's. 14 And just your average drunk, yelling. 15 Then the door person or whoever, like I said, 16 I'm assuming it was the door person, I didn't 17 know at the time, was standing there, just 18 saying, "no, you cannot come back in, you cannot come back in." 19 And that's it. I walked up to see 20 21 what the conversation was about. Okay, and was the person saying that 2.2 23 the individual who was saying, "you cannot come back in, " was that person yelling? 2.4 25 No, more agitated that anything else. Α

1	I think he was just tired of repeating himself.
2	Once you make a decision, you can't go back on
3	that.
4	So if I've already told you no, it
5	ruins my credibility to change my mind and now
6	let you in. The answer is already no.
7	Q Okay.
8	A And it's more exasperation. I'm just
9	tired of repeating myself.
10	Q Was he using any profanity?
11	A No.
12	Q Okay. And where was the door person
13	standing in relation to the establishment?
14	A At the front. Below the steps. Just
15	trying to keep you can't come back on the
16	property.
17	It's late. You've been told to go.
18	You're not allowed back on the property. You
19	cannot come.
20	Just blocking the way saying, no, you
21	cannot come back.
22	Q Okay. So the door person was standing
23	between the individual and the establishment
24	blocking his path. Is that right?
25	A That is correct.

1 All right. How far apart were they? 0 2 A couple feet. The gentleman was, the Α more he kept yelling about wanting to get back 3 in, the closer he got. 4 5 0 And --6 But they weren't -- they were within 7 arm's reach but they weren't bumping or anything 8 like that. 9 Okay, and what happened after the 0 individual on the street was yelling at the door 10 11 person? The door person, like I said, was just 12 13 exasperated, tired of repeating himself. "go home, go home." 14 15 And it looked like the guy tried to 16 get past him, the gentleman on the street, and 17 they fell. 18 And that's it. Ιt looked like 19 somebody had already -- all I know is somebody 20 out and grabbed the door guy off came 21 sidewalk and pulled him back on to the property. 2.2 And the other guy got up, yelled, and 23 was screaming, and then walked away. And I walked back down the street. 2.4

It wasn't a major situation that --

1 nothing to stay -- nothing to stay for, you know 2 what I mean? Not saying that I --3 So --4 0 5 Α There was just nothing worth --I just want to ask --6 7 Α The guy walked away and the other guy 8 went in, someone pulled him inside, and that was it. 9 So, I want to ask a little bit more 10 11 detail on the physical contact. So I think your testimony is it looked like the person on the 12 13 street tried to get past the door man and they 14 fell. What direction did they fall in? 15 Α Back to the street, onto the sidewalk. 16 Not onto the property. 17 Okay, and --0 18 Because I think, well --19 0 And did you see how the person and the 20 door man landed on the ground? 21 Α They both fell sideways. I think what 2.2 -- I think the guy tried to push past him, and 23 when he pushed him, the other guy, the door person grabbed him so he didn't fall, and then 2.4 25 they both fell sideways.

1 And while the -- how long were the two 0 2 on the ground? 3 A matter of Α Not lona. seconds, 4 because somebody was there to pick the person --5 the security person had been blocking 6 pathway. 7 Someone picked him up and pulled him 8 back onto the property and told him -- and got 9 him inside. 10 And while the two 0 Right. were 11 engaged, did you see the door person throw any 12 punches? 13 Α No. 14 0 Did you see him take any other 15 physical actions toward the person who was trying 16 to get in? 17 Α No. 18 Were there any other people around on 19 the street? 20 Yes, there's always bystanders around. 21 0 Was it crowded or was it empty? 2.2 would you describe the scene on the street? 23 It was late in the evening, so it was Α 2.4 15-20 people scattered about. just Ιt was 25 nothing crazy.

1	Q And you said this person got up and
2	walked away. Did you see anyone follow him as he
3	walked away?
4	A No, not that I remember.
5	Q Okay. Now, the person who was trying
6	to get back in, did you see were you able to
7	see any injuries on him when he got up and walked
8	away?
9	A No, I just remember he got up yelling
10	and walked on up the street toward the
11	McDonald's. He was all sad and he couldn't get
12	in and looked like an idiot. Sorry. My bad. I
13	apologize for that.
14	Q How far away were you standing for
15	this incident?
16	A I got up to within 6-10 feet. I was
17	in front of the Madam's property. So whatever
18	the bar area outside is. I don't know, 10 feet
19	or so, 8 feet.
20	Q How long did the incident last from
21	beginning to end?
22	A I probably was up there 30-40 seconds.
23	It was less than a minute. It wasn't long at
24	all.
25	Q Okay. And in your personal

1	experience, how would you let me ask you this.
2	How would you describe this particular
3	interaction?
4	A Commonplace. Adams Morgan is, it's
5	unpredictable. It was really a non-issue as far
6	as I thought.
7	Q In your personal experience, would you
8	describe what you witnessed as an emergency?
9	A No, not at all.
10	MR. BIANCO: Thank you. I don't have
11	any further questions of this witness.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Southcott?
13	CROSS-EXAMINATION
14	BY MR. SOUTHCOTT:
15	Q Thank you. Mr. Miller, where were you
16	working on the night of the incident?
17	A I was just down I was not working.
18	I was just down at the diner that night.
19	Q And you said that this incident
20	started when you heard some commotion. Could you
21	hear what the could you make out what that
22	initial yelling was?
23	A About wanting to get back inside.
24	Q So the only thing that you heard from
25	the patron or prospective patron was him wanting

1 to get back inside? 2 Α Correct. And was that prospective patron with 3 anybody else? 4 5 Α There was а few, like I said. scattered people on the block, but I believe he 6 7 was by himself. 8 0 Okay. 9 Α There was no one standing directly next to him when he was trying to get in, when I 10 11 turned to see what the commotion was about. 12 Okay, so there wasn't like a woman who was also with him? 13 14 Α Not that I remember, no. There were, 15 like I said, there were people around, but I 16 don't remember seeing someone standing like on this, next to this person. 17 18 Okay, so there certainly wasn't a 19 woman who was pointing her finger in the face of 20 the door person? 21 It's quite possible, but not that I 2.2 remember, no. 23 Well, if there wasn't anybody there, 24 then how could there be another woman who was 25 pointing a finger, her finger, in the face of the

1 door person? 2 You're saying that there was. Α Well, I'm asking you whether there 3 Was there a woman who was pointing her 4 was. 5 finger in the face of the door person? Not that I remember. 6 7 Okay. So you described the physical 8 altercation as taking place just because you said 9 it seemed like the patron was trying to get back into the establishment and made a move to do so, 10 11 and then came into contact with the door person 12 and they then fell but got up pretty shortly 13 thereafter. Is that correct? 14 Α That is correct. 15 0 Okay. Was there -- would you say that 16 the patron grabbed the door person in a clench and tried to move his hands? Did you see that? 17 18 I was not -- I just saw the -- I was Α 19 watching the gentleman yell, and then next thing 20 I know, he's trying to move past. 21 Okay. 0 2.2 Like shove and push out of the way and try to get into the door. 23

arms around the legs of the door person once they

Okay. Did you see the patron wrap his

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1	were on the ground?
2	A Not that I remember. He might have
3	grabbed at him when the door person got pulled
4	up.
5	Q Okay, was there a bystander who had to
6	pry the patron's hands from around the door
7	person's legs?
8	A That I could not answer.
9	Q Okay. So you said that you were just
10	outside on the street, correct?
11	A Correct.
12	Q So you weren't in Madam's Organ prior
13	to your first hearing about this? You weren't
14	inside the bar, were you?
15	A That day, that evening, no, I was not.
16	Q So, you couldn't say whether the
17	confrontation originated inside the bar or
18	whether it only took place outside the bar?
19	A I had no knowledge of anything until I
20	heard the yelling outside on the street. I don't
21	know what happened otherwise.
22	MR. SOUTHCOTT: I have no further
23	questions for this witness.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
25	by the Board members? Mr. Miller?

1	MR. DUGGAN: Yes.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Would you
3	I'm sorry. What alerted you to what alerted
4	you to this event?
5	MR. DUGGAN: Just the loud yelling on
6	the street. Whenever anything is loud, it gains,
7	you know, gathers your attention.
8	I've been on the street a long time,
9	so if I hear someone being loud, I turn to look
10	and see what it is.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how far away
12	were you when you heard it get loud?
13	MR. DUGGAN: There is 40-50 feet away,
14	maybe.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You heard this
16	loud yelling 40-50 feet away and so you
17	MR. DUGGAN: Maybe, between, there's a
18	coffee shop and a small pizza place between
19	Madam's and where I used to work, and the diner
20	where I was standing that evening.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so because
22	of this loud yelling, you went to investigate.
23	Is that correct?
24	MR. DUGGAN: Correct. I was just
25	being nosy.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you
2	typically hear loud noise in this area and you
3	typically go and investigate?
4	MR. DUGGAN: If it's close by. If
5	it's close by and I'm not working, yes, I'll go
6	see what's going on.
7	If I'm working, I'm always keeping an
8	ear out to make sure that where I'm at is safe
9	and the people, the customers that are going to
10	come into my establishment are safe.
11	You just keep an open eye and an open
12	ear in this neighborhood.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I
14	don't have any other questions. Thank you, sir.
15	MR. DUGGAN: Thank you.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Hold
17	on. Hold on, sir.
18	MR. DUGGAN: No, that's fine.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Southcott,
20	do you have any questions of the witness based on
21	the questions I asked?
22	MR. SOUTHCOTT: No redirect.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco? Mr.
24	Miller, thank you very much for your testimony
25	today. Have a great day.

1	MR. DUGGAN: Thank you.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold
3	on, I'm sorry. Hold on, Mr. Miller.
4	MR. DUGGAN: Yes.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short, I
6	had asked first and no one that's why I had
7	asked a question. I apologize.
8	Are you still there, Mr. Miller?
9	MR. DUGGAN: Yes, I am.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a
11	question you want to ask him, Mr. Short?
12	MR. SHORT: How are you today, Mr.
13	Miller?
14	MR. DUGGAN: I'm doing very well,
15	thank you. Yourself?
16	MR. SHORT: Okay. Now, you said in
17	your testimony that you have been associated with
18	security and clubs or restaurants in the area for
19	a while?
20	MR. DUGGAN: That is correct.
21	MR. SHORT: Can you explained where
22	you were trained to be a security person or have
23	you had any formal training?
24	MR. DUGGAN: I have had, well, I lived
25	in Seattle for a few years and I was licensed

1 there for security. 2 I had to do it for the state there. We had a security plan when I started working at 3 4 the diner in 2005. 5 We always had lines outside and we had 6 two door people and there was rules to conduct 7 service by. 8 MR. SHORT: What years was that you 9 were in Seattle that you were trained? MR. DUGGAN: So, I worked in Adams 10 11 Morgan from 2005-2011. I was in Seattle from 2011-2015. And I moved back and started working 12 13 in Adams Morgan again in 2015. 14 MR. SHORT: So before you went to 15 Seattle, were you licensed in the District of 16 Columbia as a security person? I was not licensed as a 17 MR. DUGGAN: 18 security person, no. It was part of my job at 19 the time. I was trained by the people who worked 20 there at that time. MR. SHORT: 21 Okay, so, in Seattle they 2.2 required you to have the training? Is that why 23 you had to be licensed? 2.4 That is correct. MR. DUGGAN: 25 MR. SHORT: Thank you, Mr. Miller.

1	That's all I have, Mr. Chair.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Any
3	other questions by the other board members? Hold
4	on, Mr. Miller. Mr. Southcott, I apologize
5	again. Do you have any to do you have any
6	questions of this witness?
7	MR. SOUTHCOTT: No, no further
8	questions.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco, any
10	questions of this witness?
11	MR. BIANCO: No further questions.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Miller,
13	thank you very much fo your testimony today.
14	Have a great day.
15	MR. DUGGAN: Thank you very much.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
17	thank you. Mr. Bianco, do you have another
18	witness?
19	MR. BIANCO: I do. We call Sara
20	Reynolds.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do we have, all
22	right, Ms. Reynolds. Can you raise your right
23	hand, please?
24	WHEREUPON,
25	SARA REYNOLDS

1	was called as a witness by Counsel for the
2	Licensee and, having been first duly sworn,
3	assumed the witness stand, was examined and
4	testified as follows:
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness,
6	sir.
7	DIRECT EXAMINATION
8	BY MR. BIANCO:
9	Q Thank you very much. Can you please
10	state your name and spell it for the record?
11	A Sara Reynolds, S-A-R-A, R-E-Y-N-O-L-D-
12	S.
13	Q And Ms. Reynolds, what is your
14	affiliation with the licensee trading as Madam's
15	Organ?
16	A I'm the general manager.
17	Q And how long have you been the general
18	manager of the establishment?
19	A It will be a year in three days.
20	Q Okay, and before working at Madam's,
21	what was your experience?
22	A I have been in the industry in D.C.
23	for about 20 years. Directly prior to working at
24	Madam's, I was the general manager at Grand
25	Central about five years down for about three

1	years.
2	Q Okay.
3	A And then before that, I've worked at
4	various places in management and bartending.
5	Q Okay, and as the general manager, what
6	are your job duties?
7	A I do everything from the ordering,
8	inventory, the cash handling, the hiring,
9	interviewing, onboarding, scheduling. So kind of
10	all the things.
11	Q Okay. And is the well, you
12	mentioned onboarding. Is there any training that
13	employees get when they are onboarded?
14	A Absolutely. It depends on what
15	position you are being hired for. Bartenders do
16	three days of training.
17	Security personnel does two days of
18	training. Just different. If it's a bartender,
19	they do training at different bars or different
20	floors just to kind of get the lay of the land.
21	Same with security. They just
22	obviously train on something different.
23	Q Okay. And is your security in-house
24	or do you hire outside companies?
25	A In-house.

1	Q Okay, and do you have a security plan?
2	A Yes.
3	Q Are you familiar with it?
4	A Yes.
5	Q Is it in any way incorporated into the
6	training that employees receive?
7	A Absolutely.
8	Q And can you describe how?
9	A So, our main thing with training,
10	we've got a few different points. The ID
11	recognition, just being vigilant.
12	We train them on where all the
13	emergency equipment is, whether it's fire
14	extinguishers or our first aid kits.
15	We teach them when to call the police
16	in case of an emergency. We teach them about
17	like the occupancy levels, exit procedures in
18	case of a fire or whatever the case may be.
19	We train them at the front door on
20	line management and how to spot someone that
21	probably shouldn't come in before they come in
22	and become an issue once they enter the building.
23	And we just train them on how to kind
24	of handle every situation directly related to the

person because of the unpredictability of how

1 people are under the influence of alcohol. 2 Okay. And I am going to share my 3 screen with you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 4 Mr. Orellana, 5 can you please allow Mr. Bianco to share? quess it's so. All right, thank you. 6 7 BY MR. BIANCO: 8 Do you recognize the 0 Thank you. document on the screen right now? 9 10 Α Yes. 11 And what do you recognize that to be? 12 Α Our security plan. 13 Okay, I want to quickly direct your 0 14 attention to Paragraph A of that security plan. 15 Do you see that? 16 Α Yes. Okay, and under that, there are three 17 18 bullet points, security or change to recognize and deescalate conflict, police and/or EMS are 19 20 called for any emergency situation, and then front door staff maintains constant control to 21 2.2 maintain capacity and uses a manual counter. 23 Are those three components part of 2.4 your security training? Absolutely. 25 Α

1 Okay. Now, if you could just bear 2 with me for a second. So, the second of those 3 numbered paragraphs under Letter A says "police 4 and/or are called for EMS any emergency situation." 5 What do you define as an emergency 6 7 situation? 8 Α I would say a situation in which there 9 is bodily harm. Like or if somebody had a seizure or if there was a situation where they 10 11 need EMS, obviously, or a situation that people were in immediate physical danger or --12 13 Okay, and --0 -- whatever the case would be as far 14 Α 15 as where there's bodily harm inflicted. 16 Okay, and you were here for 17 Miller's testimony, correct? 18 Α Yes. And based on what you heard from Mr. 19 20 Miller, would you consider the situation he 21 described as an emergency? 2.2 Α Not at all. 23 And why not? Q 2.4 Α Because, especially in this 25 neighborhood, just where there are a lot of bars

together, you run into that a lot.

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People will leave at the end of the night and then realize they left their cell phone and they try to come back in.

And again, it just goes to the unpredictability of how people are under the influence of alcohol and they make poor judgment calls a lot of times.

And a lot of times, it will include trying to push past security. So at the end of the night, we need to make sure that our perimeter is kind of covered and locked down and nobody can come in when we're counting money and all of that stuff.

So, we see it all the time. It's not something, as long as there's no bodily harm, it's not on our property, it's not something I would consider an emergency at all.

Q Okay. And I want to skip down to Paragraph E of the security plan where it says managers are required to make incident reports for issues that arrive, I think it's a typo, but it says arrive inside the bar.

If any matter is referred to MPD or ABRA, we refer to the incident report.

1 what do you understand So, 2 provision to require? 3 Anything that happens inside this bar, we have an incident report for. 4 The staff 5 member, whoever is involved, whatever security is involved, we require them at the end of the night 6 7 while it's still fresh in their mind to write an 8 incident report. And then I kind of put everything 9 together and make a little -- there's I guess a 10 11 little file. 12 But it's anything that is inside our 13 property. 14 And why do you draw the line at inside 15 your property versus outside your property? 16 This neighborhood gets a little wild. And if I had to write an incident report for 17 18 everything that happens on 18th Street, that 19 would be the only thing I'd be able to do during 20 my day. 21 So, whether it's drug addicts or drunk 2.2 people or whatever the case may be, there's a lot 23 of stuff that goes on up the street. 2.4 0 Okay. Now, were you working on the 25 evening of May 20 into the morning of May 21?

1	A Yes.
2	Q Okay. And how did you learn of this
3	particular interaction with this person?
4	A I did not know that this had happened
5	until I got something from a detective.
6	Q And what did you get from a detective?
7	A It was just asking about the incident.
8	Q Okay.
9	A We had gotten emails prior that I
10	thought were I didn't take it seriously
11	because it the emails were so outlandish, I
12	thought that somebody was I thought somebody
13	was messing with us.
14	I didn't really know that anything had
15	happened until I got something from the
16	detective.
17	Q Okay, so, well, let's take that in two
18	steps. So you mentioned emails. Who were they
19	from?
20	A They were from, hold on, if you don't
21	mind, I'll look to see who it was from. Andrew
22	Muir or something, M-U-I-R. I don't know how to
23	say his last name.
24	Q Okay, do you know who that person is?
25	A No idea.

1 Okay. Do you know if it's somebody 0 2 with any D.C. Government agency? 3 Α No. Okay. What did that email consist of? 4 5 Α It just, I mean, there were a few that were saying like call me. It's against your best 6 7 judgment or something to ignore me. I'm coming 8 after -- like basically saying he's coming after us for his friend that was assaulted or something 9 like that, that it was just ridiculous things 10 11 that no one I don't think in their right mind 12 would take seriously. It was just very strange. 13 Okay, and when in proximity to the 14 interaction at issue here did you start getting 15 those emails? 16 A couple weeks. And so on the evening in question into 17 18 the following morning, did the police respond to 19 the scene? I am not sure. I don't know. 20 Α 21 Okay, did you speak to the police that 2.2 evening into the next morning? 23 Α No. Okay. And when was the first time you 2.4 25 were contacted by the police?

1	A The end of I'm not sure. It was
2	the middle of June, end of June.
3	Q Okay, so three weeks to a month later?
4	A Yes, it was about a month later.
5	Q And what did you do in response to
6	learning that this confrontation occurred on May
7	20 and 21?
8	A I immediately went to my entire
9	security staff. I said, I asked them what
10	happened and had them write incident reports
11	immediately for what they had seen or what had
12	happened, I guess.
13	Q Okay, and those incident reports are
14	what is attached to the investigator's report, is
15	that correct?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Great. And if you could just bear
18	with me one second. I want to see if I have
19	anything else for you. I think we covered
20	everything.
21	Okay, so, actually, there is another
22	question that I want to pursue here. So did you
23	learn at some point when this confrontation
24	occurred?

I mean, in terms of what time?

What

1	time of day was it?
2	A I'm sorry, could you repeat that?
3	Q Yes, did you learn in the course of
4	your investigation what time of day this incident
5	occurred?
6	A Yes, they told me after closing.
7	Q Okay, and
8	A After they had gotten everyone out.
9	Q And can you describe for me what your
10	closing procedures are?
11	A Yes, we do last call and stop serving
12	at 2:30. 2:40 lights go up. Everyone's out of
13	the building by 2:45.
14	Q Okay. And in the course of your
15	investigation, did you learn whether this person
16	was being removed from the premises because of
17	some incident or if this was being done in the
18	ordinary course of closing?
19	A No, not at all. He was part of what
20	we would have done every night. He would have
21	been asked to head towards the front door.
22	It's closing. The night is over.
23	It's done.
24	Q Okay. And in the course of your
25	experience, have you ever dealt with patrons

1	having interactions with staff who are being
2	rude?
3	A I mean, I'm sure it happens. I can't
4	speak on a specific incident that I can think of.
5	Q Okay, and would you consider such
6	interactions to be incidents that you would log
7	in your incident log?
8	A No.
9	MR. BIANCO: I don't have anything
10	further of this witness at this time.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Southcott?
12	CROSS-EXAMINATION
13	BY MR. SOUTHCOTT:
14	Q Ms. Reynolds, you testified that
15	you've been an ABC manager for Adams Morgan for -
16	- rather, you've been a general manager for about
17	a year. How long have you been is that the
18	same amount of time you've been an ABC manager
19	for Madam's Organ?
20	A For Madam's? Yes, correct.
21	Q And have you been an ABC manager prior
22	to that?
23	A Yes.
24	Q For how long have you been an ABC
25	manager?

1	A I would say 12 years maybe.
2	Q Okay.
3	A I don't know a specific number. I
4	apologize.
5	Q No. And how many ABC managers does
6	Madam's Organ have?
7	A Approximately ten.
8	Q Okay. Could you describe for me the
9	layout of the bar and the establishment?
10	A It's four levels. We have a bar right
11	when you walk in and then there's a small raised
12	mezzanine area.
13	Then there's a second floor. And then
14	the top floor is split between a lounge area and
15	a different bar on the other side.
16	Q And could you describe sort of what it
17	looks like on the outside? Like what Madam's
18	Organ looks like from the street?
19	A I mean, just a regular bar. I guess I
20	don't know what you're looking for. As far as
21	just like the aesthetic?
22	Q I guess, so, like, could you describe
23	what it looks like on a typical weekend night?
24	Are there people are there crowds there that
25	are gathering outside of it? Is there somebody

1 checking in at the door? That kind of thing. 2 Okay, yes, there's somebody, we have, usually have two people at the door. Sometimes 3 one, just depending on how busy it is. 4 5 We have a line that goes down the side of our building. There's always a ton of people 6 7 hanging out outside on 18th Street, whether it's 8 directly out front of our bar. 9 There's a couple of tenants next door. People might be coming out of that. So there's 10 11 always a lot of people around. 12 Okay. And you testified that security 13 personnel are trained in terms of on front door 14 and line management. 15 They're also trained on how to stop individuals from coming in. 16 Is that right? Yes, just seeing if someone is already 17 18 intoxicated when they get to the front of the line, or 19 if they are exhibiting aggressive 20 behavior, something that just could potentially 21 be a problem once they get in the bar. 2.2 And so, those individuals are being 23 evaluated for whether they can come into the bar by the door personnel, correct? 2.4

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Yes.

1	Q And those people are standing outside?
2	A The people in line, yes.
3	Q But the door personnel, too, are
4	standing outside, right?
5	A Yes, correct.
6	Q Okay. So if they are taking if
7	they are doing these evaluations outside of the
8	bar, why are they required to be trained on line
9	management and trained in stopping inebriated
10	people from coming inside?
11	A Because once they come inside, they
12	become our issue.
13	Q But they're not your issue when
14	they're outside?
15	A Correct.
16	Q So, but you testified that they were
17	trained on line management. So what is involved
18	in the training on line management? What does
19	that mean?
20	A Line management is just so people
21	aren't blocking the sidewalk or the entrance in
22	case there's an emergency and we need to get
23	someone out quickly.
24	Because people tend to congregate next
25	to each other and don't normally want to stand in

1 line. 2 So, line management, though, that's 3 taking place totally outside the bar. That has nothing to do with whether somebody's going to 4 5 bring an issue inside. That's just to do with making sure 6 7 that things outside are running smoothly, right? 8 Α I mean, for us. Yes. 9 Okay. 0 I mean, as far as getting people to 10 Α 11 stand in line, line management would be, hey, can you stand in line and not block the front door? 12 13 Sure. I appreciate that. So, there 0 14 are -- are you familiar with Walter Johnson and 15 Aaron Payton? 16 Yes. Α 17 Who are they? 0 18 They were two security quards or two Α security personnel who used to work here. 19 20 And how many security personnel does 0 21 Madam's Organ employ? 2.2 I have ten. I'd say about ten right 23 now on my roster. 24 And how many of those are working on 25 any given night?

1	A Eight to nine.
2	Q Okay.
3	A Eight.
4	Q And are either Walter Johnson or Aaron
5	Payton ABC managers?
6	A No.
7	Q Okay. So you talked about the
8	training that security staff get in terms of
9	reporting incidents to management. Do you
10	remember that?
11	A Yes.
12	Q And so if an altercation were to
13	occur, then those individuals would be obligated
14	to report that incident to you as the ABC
15	manager, correct?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Okay.
18	A Wait, hold on, will you repeat that
19	question? I'm sorry, I don't want to I don't
20	want to
21	Q Yes. I'll make it easy for you. If
22	something that was very obviously an emergency
23	situation, a stabbing, say, if that were to
24	occur, then security personnel would report that
25	incident to you for you to generate an incident

1 report, correct? 2 if it were something Α Yes, that 3 serious, yes. Yes. But if it were not an emergency 4 0 5 situation, then they wouldn't be obligated to report that incident to you, correct? 6 7 Not if it -- not if it were something 8 that was just a regular something that we deal with on a regular basis that wouldn't rise to the 9 10 level of an emergency. 11 No, they wouldn't be required 12 report that. 13 And they didn't report anything to you 14 on the night of May 20 in to 21, correct? 15 your testimony was that the first thing that you 16 heard about any interaction whatsoever was when MPD reached out to you when they were conducting 17 18 -- or, sorry, not MPD, but when you received these emails referencing this incident, and then 19 20 later MPD contacted you. Is that correct? 21 Α Yes, I learned of it once I started --2.2 well, once I started getting the emails from the 23 guy, I just wasn't sure what was going on. 2.4 And then I got the email from the

detective.

1	Q Okay, the statements of Walter Johnson
2	and Aaron Payton, those statements were only
3	created after MPD's involvement, is that right?
4	A No, they had
5	Q MPD reached out to you letting you
6	know about the incident that they were
7	investigating.
8	A We had them we had them before
9	that. It was, actually, I'm not entirely sure.
10	Q Was the email that Aaron Payton sent
11	to you, was that email sent to you on June 10,
12	2023?
13	A Yes.
14	Q And June 10, 2023, is several weeks
15	after the night in question, correct?
16	A Yes.
17	Q Okay. So, you talked about the
18	training that security personnel receive under
19	the security plan, and you testify that they are
20	trained to contact police and EMS in emergency
21	services, or in emergency situations. Has there
22	been is that correct?
23	A Yes.
24	Q Have there been incidents where
25	security personnel has contacted police or EMS

2 In my time here, there was one. woman had fallen down the stairs. 3 She iust missed the first step. 4 5 She was an elderly woman that was here eating dinner. She fell down the steps and got a 6 7 nasty gash on her head. 8 So, yes, I called emergency services 9 then. But other than that, thankfully, we haven't had any situations that we needed to. 10 11 Okay, and you called them because, 12 under the security plan, you're required to call 13 police or EMS in the event of an emergency situation, correct? 14 15 MR. BIANCO: I'm going to object to 16 the characterization of the question. That's not 17 what the security plan actually says. 18 So I would ask that if he is going to 19 read from the security plan, it be read 20 completely and accurately. 21 MR. SOUTHCOTT: I am asking this 2.2 witness not about the security plan but about 23 what she believes her obligations are during an 2.4 emergency situation. 25 MR. BIANCO: Under the security plan.

following an emergency situation?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. 2 clarify your question, Mr. Southcott. I mean, if 3 you're talking about a security plan, are you speaking generally about an emergency situation. 4 5 BY MR. SOUTHCOTT: 6 employees required to contact Are 7 police or **EMS** under the obligations of 8 security plan during an emergency situation? 9 Α During an emergency situation, yes. 10 Okay, thank you. And but nobody from 0 11 the establishment contacted the police or EMS on the night of May 20 in to 21, correct? 12 13 Α No. 14 0 Okay. 15 Α Not that I'm aware of. 16 you also talked about 0 Okay. So reports 17 incident those being generated. and 18 Approximately how many incident reports have been 19 generated in your time as the general manager? 20 Α Maybe, I mean, if it's -- so for this 21 incident, there were, what, two different 2.2 incident reports? Three? 23 So if Ι forget how many. we're 2.4 talking each individual report, I don't known,

maybe ten for a couple things.

1 Like if somebody accidentally gives 2 back the wrong credit card or something like 3 that, just so I have the names. Or if somebody gets kicked out, if 4 5 they're starting a problem or whatever, we do an incident report. 6 7 It's very few. I would say maybe less 8 than ten. 9 Okay, but there have been, we'll say, 0 I don't know, eight or ten incident reports that 10 11 have been generated in the past year? 12 Α Yes, probably. 13 And you said that 0 Okav. those 14 incident reports would be generated for something 15 as little as an individual receiving the wrong credit card, correct? 16 I do it for my own, just for my own 17 18 record. 19 Would you generate an incident report 20 if a violent altercation took place between two 21 patrons? 2.2 If it were inside, yes. Okay. And have there ever been any 23 0 2.4 incident reports generated for altercations that 25 took place between employees working the door and

1 people trying to get inside the bar? 2 No, I don't -- to my knowledge, to my recollection, I haven't had a situation that has 3 escalated. 4 5 Usually, when someone, when we tell somebody you can't come back in, they get it. 6 7 Okay. So, you testified that based on 8 the description that Mr. Miller gave as the 9 eyewitness testimony to the supposed -- his testimony about the evening in question, you 10 11 testified that based on that testimony, his depiction of events did not rise to the level of 12 13 an emergency situation. Is that correct? Not at all. 14 Α 15 Okay, but his testimony was different 16 from the testimony that was provided by your employees, doesn't it? 17 18 It sounded a little different. 19 0 Okay, so his testimony didn't mention 20 that a bystander had to be pulled off of Aaron 21 Payton, did it? 2.2 Not that I heard. 23 Okay, but Aaron Payton's testimony said that a bystander had to come into -- had to 2.4

pry his hands from around my legs so that he

1 could stand up. That's the quoting from his 2 account. 3 Object MR. BIANCO: to t.he 4 characterization of what's being read 5 testimony. Well, I would tell the 6 MR. SOUTHCOTT: 7 members of the Board that these are statements 8 that were provide to ABCA in the course of their 9 investigation and that these individuals who are 10 providing these statements have a duty to provide 11 truthful statements in the course of 12 investigation. 13 And so reciting quotes from their 14 statement seems to be appropriate in terms of 15 evaluating whether those statements are truthful. These are the statements that the 16 establishment provided with relation to how the 17 18 events in question took place. 19 MR. BIANCO: So testimony would be 20 something that is sworn under oath. This is not These are emails. It's very much not 21 that. 2.2 testimony. 23 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Well, they are not 2.4 iust emails, they are statements that 25 provided in the course of an ABCA investigation

1 that members of -- or rather the 2 establishment can face charges for violating D.C. Code 25-8235(c) by providing false or misleading 3 4 statements. 5 So these statements are absolutely something that the Board should be considering 6 7 and can be determined in some respect to be 8 truthful. Otherwise, either the statement is 9 truthful or the establishment has provided a 10 11 false or misleading statement in the course of an 12 investigation. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 14 These are statements that are provided by the 15 establishment? The establishment staff? 16 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Yes. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 18 overrule the objection. Let the witness answer 19 the question if the witness can. 20 MS. REYNOLDS: Could you repeat the 21 question? 2.2 BY MR. SOUTHCOTT: 23 Yes, so Aaron Payton describes the 2.4 incident and says that a bystander whose name I 25 didn't know had to pry his hands from around my

1 legs so I could stand up. 2 That was in the statement that he 3 emailed to you, correct? 4 Α Yes. 5 But the eyewitness, Mr. Miller, didn't testify about a bystander prying his hands from 6 7 around the legs of Mr. Payton, correct? 8 Α Not that I heard. 9 and Mr. Miller also didn't 0 Okay, 10 testify that there was any woman who was with the 11 patron in question who was yelling at the door 12 person, correct? 13 Not that I -- not that I am aware of. 14 Okay. But both the statements of 15 Aaron Payton and Walter Johnson describe a woman 16 pointing her finger in the face of a door person, 17 don't they? 18 I don't know what part of it the witness saw. I don't know. I don't know. 19 Ι 20 can't testify to something I wasn't there for. understand you are saying the 21 Ι 2.2 statements are different. I agree with that. 23 But I don't know if maybe he saw a portion of 2.4 what happened. I'm not sure.

Give me just one second.

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Okay.

1 Α Sure. 2 So you talked in your testimony about 3 what constitutes an emergency situation. Do you 4 remember that? 5 А Yes. And you testified that an emergency 6 7 situation is a situation in which there is bodily 8 harm. Do you remember that? 9 Α Yes. If somebody was bleeding, would that 10 11 constitute bodily harm? It depends on the -- it depends on the 12 13 context of it. Our I quess definition of what 14 constitutes an emergency, we go by MPD's best 15 practices for nightlife establishments. 16 And that's kind of what we use by definition for what would constitute emergency 17 18 and alerting MPD and EMS. 19 0 Well, you testified that emergency was 20 bodily harm. Are you saying that if somebody's 21 bleeding, they haven't sustained bodily harm. 2.2 It depends on the context. I mean, if 23 I get a -- if I cut my hand on a bottle cap 2.4 behind the bar, I'm not going to call an 25 ambulance.

1 So it all depends on the context for 2 somebody bleeding. So how much bleeding rises to the 3 level of bodily harm? 4 when it's 5 Α Well, inside our establishment, it would be if somebody, if the 6 7 wound was inflicted upon them or if, you know, 8 like with the woman falling down the stairs, that would be a situation. 9 Any time a staff member gets hurt or a 10 11 quest gets hurt, if they cut their foot on glass or, this hasn't happened here, I'm just saying if 12 13 it did, you know, I would obviously offer medical 14 attention and adjust accordingly. 15 0 So your testimony is that if somebody 16 gets hurt, then that constitutes an emergency 17 situation. 18 MR. BIANCO: Object to the characterization. 19 20 Ms. Reynolds just MR. SOUTHCOTT: 21 testified that if somebody gets hurt inside their 2.2 bar, that they would -- that that constitutes an 23 emergency situation. I'm going to clarify. 2.4 MS. REYNOLDS: No, not always. 25 not at all.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I'm 2 going to overrule the objection. 3 BY MR. SOUTHCOTT: So if somebody gets hurt, does that 4 0 constitute an emergency situation? 5 6 No, not always. Α 7 MR. SOUTHCOTT: I have no further 8 questions for this witness. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 10 thank you. Any questions by any Board members? 11 Go ahead, Mr. Short. 12 MR. SHORT: Good afternoon, Ms. 13 Reynolds. 14 MS. REYNOLDS: Hi. 15 MR. SHORT: Hey. In your training or 16 this staff training, especially training for the security, who is trained to evaluate if someone 17 18 falls to the ground and hits their head whether 19 or not they need to call EMS? MS. REYNOLDS: If someone falls and 20 21 hits their head, anyone here is trained to call 2.2 in a situation that somebody would fall down and 23 hit their head. On the night in question 2.4 MR. SHORT: 25 or the evening in question, the 21st or 20th, and

1	then the reports that were generated a week or so
2	later, did someone actually fall to the ground
3	beside your security person?
4	MS. REYNOLDS: So I can't say. I
5	can't say because I wasn't actually there for it.
6	MR. SHORT: What did the report say?
7	MS. REYNOLDS: The report said that
8	they fell to the ground. I don't recall it
9	saying anything about somebody hitting their
10	head.
11	But again, it wasn't something that
12	would, to me, rise to the level. Like, to me, it
13	was just somebody that fell down.
14	MR. SHORT: Okay. How many years have
15	you been with Madam's Organ?
16	MS. REYNOLDS: It will be a year in
17	three days.
18	MR. SHORT: And in the year and three
19	days that you've been there, have there been any
20	incidents reported that had to be reported to
21	ABCA? Any incidents in that year?
22	MS. REYNOLDS: No, actually. I feel
23	like we've been lucky. But, yes, there haven't
24	been any incidents that we've had to report.
25	MR. SHORT: Have there been anything

1	negative that's happened to Madam's Organ since
2	this incident was reported on the 20th of May?
3	MS. REYNOLDS: Negative in what
4	capacity?
5	MR. SHORT: We're here today because -
6	-
7	MS. REYNOLDS: Anything negative? My
8	liquor order didn't come in last week.
9	MR. SHORT: Okay, I understand. Well,
10	anything dealing with the MPD request and that
11	the reports were written by yourself or your
12	staff?
13	MS. REYNOLDS: I would have to go back
14	and look. I'm sorry, I don't recall exactly what
15	the last incident report was. It's been a while.
16	MR. SHORT: So you knew you were
17	coming here today and you were going to testify
18	today, correct?
19	MS. REYNOLDS: Yes.
20	MR. SHORT: And I'm asking you a
21	question about the report that you wrote, also
22	the reports that your staff wrote.
23	MS. REYNOLDS: The last incident
24	report, oh, there was one, I don't remember
25	exactly how long ago it was, but there was I

apologize.

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I'm trying to think back to what the situation actually was. I don't recall. It's been months since we've had to actually write an incident report.

Since you've been there, you've had to write an incident report prior to this one?

MS. REYNOLDS: Yes.

MR. SHORT: All right. Thank you very much. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr. Grant.

MR. GRANT: Thank you for being with us this afternoon. My questions are related to the training and the execution of service with respect to line management outside the establishment.

Given the fact that the block that you all are on is a very busy block, are there ever scenarios where you're not clear whether or not people in proximity to your entranceway are or are not coming into Madam's Organ?

MS. REYNOLDS: So, there are sometimes that people will try to cut the line, obviously, and they'll try to come in from the other

direction.

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But we always have our security positioned to where they can see all angles. So, sometimes, that's the only time I can think of that that would be the situation.

MR. GRANT: Okay. Are there ever any scenarios where your team that is trained to do line management has to interact with people that they clearly know are not coming into Madam's Organ?

MS. REYNOLDS: They are just trained to deescalate the situation. So once they hit the front of the line, they might say, hey, you know, I'm sorry, you've had too much to drink, we can't let you in.

We don't pick people out of line and say, no, you can't come in. We'll just keep it as just chill as possible, I guess.

So by the time they hit the front of the line, we'll just say, hey, I'm sorry, we can't let you in.

You know, you've already had a little too much tonight, or whatever.

MR. GRANT: My final question, are there ever any scenarios where your team has been

1 trained with line management, if they 2 instructions to people that may be walking by to clear the area or any other instructions that 3 might provide a level of visibility and clarity 4 5 for your establishment. 6 Given non-prospective patrons, I'm 7 talking about specifically. 8 MS. REYNOLDS: You're saying people in 9 line, do we ever have to tell them to get out of 10 the entryway? 11 MR. GRANT: If they are people that 12 you can clearly identify that they don't have an 13 intent on coming into your establishment but they may be near your establishment, are you ever 14 15 engaging with people that are not, that have no 16 intention on coming into Madam's Organ? No. 17 MS. REYNOLDS: 18 MR. GRANT: Okay, thank you. No 19 further questions. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okav. Ms. 21 Reynolds, I'm trying to get the timeline correct. 2.2 MS. REYNOLDS: Okay. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When were you 2.4 first employed at Madam's Organ? 25 MS. REYNOLDS: April 28 of 2023.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, April. 2 Okay. And this event occurred May 21. So this 3 event occurred approximately one month after you started working at Madam's Organ, 4 is that 5 correct? MS. REYNOLDS: 6 Yes. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The security 8 plan, it says that -- hold on. It says that 9 security is permanently at the door and circulates throughout the building. 10 11 Why is security permanently at the 12 door? 13 MS. REYNOLDS: Everyone that comes in, 14 they have to check their ID. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: In the less 16 than a year that you've been there, have there 17 ever been any incidents at the door? 18 MS. REYNOLDS: Not that I can -- not that I can think of. 19 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you 21 call, I mean, what would you consider incidents 2.2 just at the door? What would you consider 23 incidents? 2.4 MS. REYNOLDS: I would say like a 25 fistfight if somebody's throwing or

1 something that rose to the level of needing to 2 call emergency services. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, let me 3 4 ask you a question. Was your security at the 5 door any way involved -- all right, let me ask the question. 6 7 Did there come a time in March that 8 security was on the ground with your individual? Let me ask that. Did that occur? 9 MS. REYNOLDS: I don't actually know. 10 11 wasn't there for it, so I don't 12 comfortable saying if it did or didn't happen. 13 just know what I've been told. But I can't say. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So, 15 what happened on -- what happened on May -- I'm 16 sorry, May 21? May 20, 21, what happened, from 17 your perspective? What happened? 18 MS. REYNOLDS: So at the end of the 19 night, once the building was completely -- once 20 the building is clear, or almost clear, I will go start doing payouts 21 into the office and 2.2 counting money or just end of the night closing 23 duties. My security knows to get everyone out 2.4

of the building. And then we lock up.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, this
2	incident or whatever it is with the security
3	guard, did this happen?
4	MS. REYNOLDS: I'm not sure. It's
5	from their statements. I mean, obviously,
6	they're saying something. They're telling what
7	happened, but I can't testify to something I
8	wasn't there for.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you're the
10	general manager. And I guess
11	MS. REYNOLDS: I can't be everywhere
12	at once.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, you
14	said what?
15	MS. REYNOLDS: I said, I can't be
16	everywhere at once.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know, but I'm
18	just saying, this incident occurred over a year
19	ago.
20	MS. REYNOLDS: Yes.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, you
22	know that. We're having a hearing.
23	MS. REYNOLDS: Right.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: In your
25	investigation, in your I'm just trying to

1 find, from your view, did something happen? Ι 2 mean, are you saying it didn't happen? 3 MS. REYNOLDS: So, no, I'm not saying it didn't happen at all. I'm just saying I can't 4 5 -- I can't say which version is 100 percent right of -- I trust that if there wasn't -- if they're 6 7 saying there was not an incident that rose to the 8 level --9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's not what 10 I'm asking, ma'am. I'm asking you whether or not 11 -- the decision about whether or something rises to the level of writing this 12 13 incident report, that's separate. 14 I'm just asking you what happened. 15 Did something happen? And what happened? 16 MS. REYNOLDS: I guess I just, I know 17 what happened from the same incident reports that 18 you guys saw. So I don't know how I can testify 19 to something that I was not there for. 20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, you 21 were not there, but you were here for Mr. Miller 2.2 testified. You heard Mr. Miller's testimony, is 23 that correct? 2.4 MS. REYNOLDS: Correct. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Miller

1 stated that he was down the street somewhere and 2 he heard some commotion and he came 3 investigation. 4 MS. REYNOLDS: Right. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so as far as Mr. Miller testified, something happened --6 7 MS. REYNOLDS: Yes. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- outside your 9 establishment. And I'm just trying to find out from you, you do know, in all this period of 10 11 time, do you know what happened? 12 And you're saying you don't know what 13 happened? Well, I'm saying I do 14 MS. REYNOLDS: 15 know what happened from the statements and my 16 staff that I'm spoken to that it was just a drunk 17 guy that was trying to get back on the property 18 and he ended up walking up the street. 19 So from everyone I've talked to, I can 20 -- I can say yes, that's what happened, just a 21 drunk guy trying to get back in. 2.2 But I can't say exactly what I was, 23 because I wasn't there. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But there was 2.4 25 some interaction between a quest, a drunk quest,

1	and one of your security personnel, is that
2	correct?
3	MS. REYNOLDS: It sounds like it, yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you don't
5	know whether or not this individual was injured
6	or whether or not he was on the ground or
7	anything like that? You don't know if this
8	happened?
9	MS. REYNOLDS: No, they said he was
LO	walking away, cursing at him. He just walked
L1	down the street.
L2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And as far as
L3	Madam's Organ is concerned, the allegations that
L4	this guy said that, at least the report that
L5	Giovanni Clark, that report, that didn't happen?
L6	MS. REYNOLDS: I'm sorry, could you
L7	repeat that?
L8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have you seen
L9	the report, the statement from Giovanni Clark?
20	MS. REYNOLDS: Yes.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so you're
22	saying that this didn't happen, from your this
23	didn't happen?
24	MS. REYNOLDS: I have no idea. From
25	my perspective, no, I don't think that happened,

1 but that's, again, just my opinion. 2 I don't know where this report even 3 I don't know. I have no idea who came from. this girl is. At no point did anyone ask to 4 5 speak to a manager. I have no idea. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is Walter 6 7 Johnson? 8 MS. REYNOLDS: One of the security 9 personnel. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But Mr. 11 Johnson, in his report, he reported that there 12 was some type of incident occurred between him 13 and Mr. -- and Mr. Clark. MS. REYNOLDS: 14 Correct. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Clark reported to that the drunk dude tried to tie 16 Aaron's legs up with his arms. 17 18 Aaron lost his footing and fell in the 19 process of pulling dude's arms off him. I quess 20 he felt embarrassed or hurt because once he got 21 to his feet, he felt like he assaulted him, but 2.2 But he started the whole thing. 23 that's a statement from Now, Mr. 2.4 Johnson, one of your -- an employee or someone 25 who has some employment capacity with Madam's

1 Organ, is that correct? 2 MS. REYNOLDS: Yes. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And as far --3 since Mr. Johnson -- and I don't know when Mr. 4 Johnson reported this incident, but you didn't 5 think that was sufficient for Madam's Organ at 6 7 some point to -- I mean, isn't that something 8 that should have like an incident report, as 9 reported by Mr. Johnson, about his tussle with a drunk dude? 10 11 MS. REYNOLDS: But it wasn't something 12 that was inside the bar and it wasn't something 13 where someone got hurt. 14 Or it wasn't, to me, it wasn't even on 15 our, it wasn't on our property. It wasn't 16 somebody inside the bar. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 18 Whether or not it happened inside the bar, but 19 are you saying that if one of your -- if an 20 employee -- I'm going to say that Mr. Johnson is an employee, let's agree that Mr. Johnson is an 21 2.2 employee. 23 MS. REYNOLDS: Okay. And if one of 2.4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 25 employees into your qets some of type

1 confrontation with one of your customers inside 2 the bar, at the front door, you don't believe 3 is something that, to protect your establishment, that at least should be reported? 4 5 MS. REYNOLDS: Tο get in а confrontation outside the bar while you're trying 6 7 to clear the building because we're closing, no, 8 I don't think that rises to the level. 9 If the man were hurt or something, but takes off walking down the street 10 when he 11 cursing, that doesn't sound like to me, 12 incident. 13 To me, that sounds like the guy is 14 upset that he couldn't get back in and he gave up 15 and was still mad. 16 So to me, that doesn't rise to the 17 level of being an incident that needs reported. 18 That to me would be wasting MPD's resources. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Someone didn't 20 like dude rush him and grab Aaron in a football 21 clutch, hold him by the shirt apron, tried to 2.2 move his hands, where the drunk dude tried to tie 23 Aaron legs up with his arms. Aaron lost his footing and fell in the 2.4 25 process in pulling dude arms off him.

1 So, this is the statement that Johnson 2 And so, this is not something that should 3 have been -- that Mr. Johnson should have -- at 4 least to protect the establishment, that someone 5 fell? So, it wasn't -- it 6 MS. REYNOLDS: 7 wasn't on our property. If somebody falls down, 8 I mean, people fall down all the time. You don't 9 call an ambulance every time. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 10 All 11 right, ma'am. All right. I don't have any other 12 questions. Mr. Southcott, any questions based on 13 the questions the Board asked? 14 MR. SOUTHCOTT: No further questions. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bianco. 16 REDIRECT EXAMINATION 17 BY MR. BIANCO: 18 I just have one or two. So, Ms. 19 Reynolds, Mr. Southcott asked you about 20 differences between Mr. Miller's testimony and 21 the statements by your employees. Do 2.2 remember that? 23 Α Yes. 2.4 0 Okay. Having reviewed the statement, 25 having reviewed the statements and recognizing

1	the differences, does anything in reference to
2	the statement change your mind that this is not
3	an emergency situation?
4	A No.
5	Q Okay. So, no, strike that. I don't
6	have any further questions.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	Thank you, Ms. Reynolds, for your testimony
9	today.
10	Mr. Bianco, do you have any other
11	witnesses?
12	MR. BIANCO: Just one, Mr. Chairman.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
14	right, I'm going to take let's take a 10-
15	minute break. And this is your final witness,
16	right?
17	MR. BIANCO: Correct.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
19	just
20	MR. SOUTHCOTT: Chair Anderson?
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
22	MR. SOUTHCOTT: Before we break, can I
23	just get a proffer as to what relevant testimony
24	this witness would be providing?
25	Because where the government stands,

we're not entirely sure that there would be more, that there would be relevant testimony that could be provided by the owner of the establishment.

MR. BIANCO: As required, there's a proffer on our PIF statement. And what is at issue here, or part of what we're putting at issue here, is the training received by the individuals and how emergency is defined and what warrants an incident report for activities that occur inside of the bar.

We've heard from the general manager.

But the owner actually wrote the policy. And
the owner is going to testify about what the
policy he wrote actually means.

MR. SOUTHCOTT: So the District objects on a couple of grounds. First, is that evidence would be duplicative.

We've already heard testimony from Ms.

Reynolds about what the establishment's procedures are with respect to what it means to generate incident reports and what constitutes an emergency.

And second, the testimony of the owner with respect to what security claim means would be not only duplicative, but would also be

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violating the evidence rule of the document speaks for itself.

Having someone else come in and testify to what he intended for the document to mean is not going to be relevant and isn't accepted generally speaking in a court of law, that the four corners of the document stand for themselves, not what someone who wrote them thought it meant.

The document means what it means.

MR. BIANCO: If I could address that point very quickly, I think that underscores our position in the case.

We've argued, and will continue to argue in closing, that the plain language of the document and the supporting statute is what governs here.

It is the government that has tried to claim and expand upon what the four corners or what the plain language, black and white, of that document actually says.

So since they have put on evidence in addition to the plain language of the document, we can put on evidence to rebut that, which is one of several things that Mr. Duggan is going to

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1 do. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan is, as stated, he is the person who drafted the 3 document. He is the owner of the establishment. 4 And I think that he -- I believe he 5 has relevant testimony that he can provide to the 6 7 So I'm going to overrule the objection. 8 All right, it's 12:43. We'll come 9 back at 12:55 to wrap this case up. So we're off the record until 12:55. 10 11 (Whereupon, the foregoing matter went 12 off the record at 12:43 p.m. and went back on the 13 record at 12:55 p.m.) 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're back on 15 the record. And Mr. Bianco, if you have another 16 witness -- oh, I'm sorry. Hold on. Mr. Short is 17 not back yet. Hold on. 18 Do you have another witness, sir? 19 MR. BIANCO: I do. We call Bill 20 Duggan. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan, can 2.2 you raise your right hand, please? 23 WHEREUPON, WILLIAM DUGGAN 2.4 25 was called as a witness by Counsel for the

1	Licensee and, having been first duly sworn,
2	assumed the witness stand, was examined and
3	testified as follows:
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your witness,
5	sir.
6	DIRECT EXAMINATION
7	BY MR. BIANCO:
8	Q Thank you. Can you state your name
9	and spell it for the record, please?
10	A William Duggan, D-U-G-G-A-N.
11	Q And what's your relationship to the
12	establishment trading as Madam's Organ?
13	A I am the president of the corporation
14	100 percent owner.
15	Q How long have you been in that
16	capacity?
17	A Since 1992.
18	Q Okay, and how involved are you in the
19	day-to-day operations of the business?
20	A Very involved. I mean, mostly on a
21	daily basis, both in the day at some point and
22	during the nighttime.
23	Q And were you present at the
24	establishment on the evening in question, May 20,
25	into the morning of May 21, 2023?

1	A I was not.
2	Q I'm sorry, you broke up a little bit
3	there, could you
4	A I was not present that evening.
5	Q And did you learn of the interaction
6	that has been the subject of this hearing today?
7	A Yes, I did.
8	Q When?
9	A It was in late May of we got emails
10	from an individual who identified himself as an
11	attorney.
12	I don't know the name. I think Ms.
13	Reynolds spelled it out for you earlier. I think
14	his name was Muir.
15	We got emails that were just telling
16	the owner to get rid of the thugs and fire
17	everybody, threatening that, you know, we got
18	about six emails from this guy within about a 24-
19	hour period.
20	Q Okay.
21	A One was worse than the next. So, but
22	he did identify himself as an attorney, so I did
23	try to call back the number that he put as his
24	office number.

And right now, and the last time was

1 yesterday, the number just rings. There's no 2 identifying anything. It just goes to a message machine that just says, you've reached 3 whatever the phone number is. 4 5 So we reached out, and it was at that point that I asked Ms. Reynolds to talk to -- I 6 7 said, this guy's a nut, but let's find out if 8 there's anything to it. 9 And that's when she spoke to the security quards, the guy at the door and the 10 11 other individual, Aaron, I don't remember his 12 last name. I'm sorry. 13 0 Okay. So, she did that, I think some time in 14 Α 15 early June about two or three weeks before the 16 MPD contacted us. 17 And that was my next question. Were 18 you ever contacted by any agency of the 19 government investigating? 20 An email came from an MPD detective, Α 21 and I think that was on June 23 or 26. Toward 2.2 the end of June. 23 Okay, and you've been here for the 0 2.4 testimony about the security plan, correct?

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Correct.

1	Q And you're familiar with the security
2	plan?
3	A Yes, pretty much. Let's see. My
4	security plan was written by Susan Mitchell who
5	used to be the trainer for ABC.
6	She was the trainer for the ABC back
7	in those years, and she wrote our security plan
8	with me.
9	Q Okay.
10	A Many, many years ago.
11	Q And Paragraph A that we've been
12	focusing on of the security plan requires
13	training in certain areas, specifically three,
14	recognizing and deescalating conflict, calling
15	police or EMS in emergency situations, and front
16	door maintaining constant control to maintain
17	capacity.
18	Are you familiar with those
19	provisions?
20	A Yes, sir.
21	Q Okay, and what do you give training
22	in those three areas?
23	A Yes.
24	Q And
25	A Do I personally? I mean, I'm

constantly talking to the individuals working here. The general manager, Sara Reynolds, does the actual training, as well as one of our other people that have been with me about 15 years.

But we, especially at the door, we have them trained because obviously, from my standpoint, they're handling my money and they're handling my business.

They are the ones who are the first line of defense of getting people we want into the bar and getting people we don't want not coming into the bar.

Q Okay, and when does the training take place relative to bringing on a new employee?

A Well, it can take place immediately. We go through the interview process. We walk them through what we expect of them.

We basically, I go through, because we have -- there's a lack of direction from ABRA on the regulations, we go by the MPD best practices that they sent out to us.

And that goes through what they expect of us with regards to identifying the age of the patrons, looking for fake IDs, et cetera, as well as what to do in the case of an incident, what

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1 constitutes an incident, what constitutes an 2 emergency. Again, if you listen to the ABRA 3 investigator on this case, he, under questioning 4 5 from you, he said that the had an opinion of what 6 constituted an emergency. 7 He said anytime someone puts a hand on 8 somebody else, that's an emergency. He also said 9 that --MR. 10 SOUTHCOTT: That is this 11 witness is -- move to strike that answer. testimony that was provided by Mr. Ruiz goes 12 13 beyond the scope of the questions. It's 14 inappropriate for this witness to be testifying as to what another individual testified to. 15 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan, I 17 mean, you're attorney is asking you a question, 18 I need you to be responsive to the question sir. 19 that was asked by your attorney, sir. 20 I believe I am, but thank MR. DUGGAN: 21 you. BY MR. BIANCO: 2.2 23 Okay. So, yes, I mean, my next question was really how do you -- how do you 2.4 25 define emergency for purposes of your training?

1 And I think you partially answered 2 that, so can you --Well, again, we do, it depends. 3 There's a lot of things that could constitute an 4 5 emergency. Ιf 6 have customer who has we а 7 seizure, we don't know how to handle it, we call EMS immediately. 8 9 If we have a fight where there's 10 people inside there fighting and someone is hurt, 11 boom, that's an emergency. 12 We get them out. We go call EMS or 13 the police, whichever might be more appropriate at the time. 14 15 So it's, you know, there's a lot of 16 things that constitute what it would be. most of it, we look for the safety of our patrons 17 18 and our staff. Okay. And could you describe for the 19 20 Board what your security team or your security 21 employees, how they are organized? 2.2 Well, they're organized, again, we 23 throughout people stationed the have 2.4 establishment. 25 Again, there's four levels, so we will

1 usually have one, if it's slow, or two people at 2 the door. We have another individual on the 3 4 inside on the first level at the top of the 5 stairs where the mezzanine joins the main floor where the stage is. 6 7 We have two individuals on the second 8 level and usually have one and possibly two 9 depending on the capacity on a particular night what is going on, on the third level. 10 11 And do you have -- who is the direct 12 supervisor of the security employees? 13 Α Darian Gray. 14 0 Okay. 15 And Sara Reynolds. Obviously, Darian 16 works a lot with the security guys. He's here on the weekends. 17 18 But obviously, the main person is Sara Reynolds, the general manager. 19 20 Okay, and how long has Mr. Gray been 0 21 with you? 2.2 Α About 15 years or so. 23 Now, you were here for Mr. Miller's Q 2.4 testimony, correct? 25 Α Yes.

1	Q And did anything that he described he
2	saw rise to the level of an emergency as you
3	define it?
4	A Well, nothing rose to the level how I
5	define it nor how it's defined in the police best
6	practices for bars and nightlife establishments.
7	Q Okay, and you were here for your
8	general manager's testimony in which she
9	discussed the written reports from your
10	employees. Do you recall that?
11	A Yes.
12	Q And have you had the opportunity to
13	review those written reports from your security
14	employees?
15	A Yes, they're in definite need of some
16	help with the English grammar.
17	Q Notwithstanding any grammar issues in
18	the reports, does anything that your employees
19	reported rise to the level of an emergency as you
20	define it?
21	A Again, not as I define it, and not as
22	the Metropolitan Police best practices for
23	nightclubs and bars and night establishments, how
24	they define an emergency.
25	MR. SOUTHCOTT: I move to strike the

1 Defendant's answer and prior answers with respect 2 to how MPD defines this. 3 Mr. Duggan is not --4 MR. DUGGAN: If you want to, I can 5 read it to you. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan --6 7 hold on, hold on, hold on. Mr. Duggan, 8 this is between the two attorneys, sir. 9 So let me -- so when an attorney makes 10 an objection, sir, I need you to be quiet. 11 attorney will respond and then we'll move on from 12 there, sir. Okay? So, all right, Mr. --13 MR. DUGGAN: Can I add one thing? 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir. 15 sir, you cannot. No, there is an objection, and 16 when there is an objection, you have to stop and then I will let you know, sir, when you can --17 18 when you can respond. 19 MR. BIANCO: Okay, so my response to -20 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not sure if 2.2 Mr. Southcott was done. 23 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Yes, Mr. Chair, I 2.4 would like to finish my objection. My objection 25 is that Mr. Duggan is not a member of MPD.

He's never testified that he's been a member of MPD. He cannot testify to MPD's best practices, as he is not an individual who has been trained on MPD's best practices by MPD.

Further, MPD's determination as to what constitutes best practices is irrelevant to these proceedings, as MPD is a separate agency apart from ABCA, which itself determines whether emergency situations are present and how best to interpret things related to its security plan.

We previously had this argument out at the prior hearing when the establishment tried to introduce testimony about MPD's best practices and this board determined that those were not relevant to these proceedings as MPD is a separate agency and entity and their standards do not hold with respect to ABCA.

MR. BIANCO: So our response to that, and we have several responses to that, one, that's simply not what happened.

The Board would not allow us to introduce information and evidence about whether or not there was an arrest and prosecution.

That's what was before the board and that was the ruling by the board. And I'm sure

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the transcript will bear that out.

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Number two, one of the things that is at issue here is whether or not the establishment was required to call the police in this particular circumstance.

And we are, what Mr. Duqqan is testifying about, and what we are going to put forward in the form of an exhibit that disclosed prior to the hearing, is for nightlife establishments, when MPD says that MPD should be called, and we would say not only is it relevant, but in the absence of any regulation, standard, any investigative practice from the agency that defines when MPD should be called, it's dispositive.

So not only is it relevant, we think it's extremely important.

And the last thing I would say is it also goes to how this particular establishment defines what constitutes a situation in which MPD should be called.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All right, the witness is not an expert. The witness is testifying about what he believes -- what he believes.

He wrote the security plan, and so he can talk about what is it that he believes is the best practice.

I'm not going to allow him to testify about what MPD or other folks -- because MPD can say someone shot someone, you don't need to -- that's not an emergency.

And so you're going to say because MPD says we've got somebody that's shot, you don't need to call us.

So I'm not -- he's not an expert. We have no -- at least I don't have anything in the record to say what MPD's best practices or nightlife best practices.

So I'm going to disallow that portion.

So, but, he can talk about from his experience

and his writing of his security plan, what is it

that security plan says.

But I'm not going to allow him to be opining on what other experts state his best practice is for his establishment.

MR. BIANCO: I understand, and the purpose of the testimony and the purpose of introducing the best practices, which was, he went a little past the question, but --

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right, right.
2	MR. BIANCO: it is to say what he
3	relied on to come up with that definition, which
4	is
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But that's not
6	in the record. I don't know where he
7	MR. BIANCO: We haven't gotten there
8	yet. I understand.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan
LO	can't testify about stuff that I don't know the
L1	basis of it.
L2	MR. BIANCO: I understand completely.
L3	So, Mr. Duggan, you started to talk about what
L4	the basis was for your decision about when MPD
L5	should be called.
L6	So I'm going to share my screen and
L7	bring up a document if you would bear with me.
L8	(Whereupon, the document referred to
L9	was marked as Respondent Exhibit 1 for
20	identification.)
21	MR. SOUTHCOTT: I'm going to object to
22	the introduction of this document on several
23	grounds, the first being the same reasons that
24	I've outlined, that Mr. Duggan is not an
25	individual who is able to testify to this.

He's never been a member of MPD. And the document itself does not speak for the standards for the agency.

Moreover, this document itself is one that there's no indication that it is current.

The document itself references the MPD police chief who was last police chief in 2016.

So there's absolutely no indication whatsoever that this is something that is currently MPD's best practices or was their best practices at the time of the incident in question.

And if that's the case, then there's absolutely no basis for establishing that this is a document that determines what MPD's best practices are.

MR. BIANCO: So, the purpose of the testimony is, I'm sorry, the purpose of the exhibit is what this establishment considers to be a situation in which an emergency is required and what it's based on.

In the absence of any standard, any statute, any practice that exists within the agency, his decisions have to be based on something.

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1 And this is the something that it's 2 based on, a publication from MPD. And it's 3 perfectly appropriate for the board to consider whether adhering to MPD standards is reasonable 4 in making the determination of when the police 5 should be called. 6 7 So, the police saying when they should 8 called specifically nightlife be by establishments is relevant. 9 And in the absence of any agency 10 11 standard, it's even more relevant than it otherwise would be. 12 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 14 allow the document in, but I'm not going to --15 I'm going to -- I'll allow the document in. I'll allow the document in. 16 17 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Chair --18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Over 19 objection, Mr. -- I know that, but I think that 20 in this particular case, we need to have -- we 21 need to have a full record, and that's what I'm 2.2 trying to do. 23 BY MR. BIANCO: 2.4 Okay, so Mr. Duggan, I am sharing my 0

And on the screen is a document reading

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1 best practice, beginning, best practices for 2 nightlife establishments. 3 Do you recognize that? Α I do. 4 5 And what is that? It's the brochure that's given to us 6 7 by Metropolitan Police years ago, and actually 8 followed up on, it'll be just within the past month, with the chief's offices as well as the 3D 9 commander asking for our help in determining when 10 11 we should be calling for them. 12 But it's got a lot of things in there. 13 And again, when it's important and why to call 14 for police and EMS. 15 And is that the document you rely on 16 in making your determination of when to call the 17 police? 18 is, because we have to have 19 something. When we're training people, they have 20 to have some kind of concrete quidance as to what 21 -- we don't want to be, as testimony was earlier, 2.2 that each person's idea of what constitutes an 23 emergency is different.

We wanted to have something concrete

that we could rely on.

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1 Okay. So I am going to turn this to 0 2 Okay. So, we are now looking at Page Page 14. 14 of the document. 3 And could you please tell me what, if 4 5 anything, you rely on to determine whether or not to call MPD? 6 7 Well, basically, the whole document. 8 T t determines what MPD considers to be 9 emergency. It also determines what they don't 10 11 consider to be an emergency, what means an 12 ordinary bar fight. 13 But obviously, it has sexual assault, 14 which is often something that happens that does 15 not rise to personal injury or physical injury. 16 However, it would be reported immediately in that 17 situation. 18 So it's basically just a guideline for 19 us so that we have some type of guidance. And 20 that's exactly what the front page said, to help 21 us maintain a safe environment for our patrons 2.2 and our staff. 23 Very well. Mr. Chair, I move for 0 admission of Respondent Exhibit Number 1. 2.4 25 MR. SOUTHCOTT: I renew my objection.

Similar grounds, but also there are authentication concerns here that this Board has not addressed.

The Board addressed the relevancy concerns and understand those. The authentication Mr. remain, as Duqqan is not concerns individual who can testify as to whether this is in fact the best practices that MPD is currently espousing based on the fact that it he was never a member of MPD and the document itself is by his own admission several years old.

MR. BIANCO: So two things I'd say to that, Mr. Anderson, again, I find it curious that the government is speaking out of both sides of its mouth.

Basically, the entirety of their case consists of documents that can't or haven't been authenticated, each of which we objected to and the Board ruled that it goes to weight and not admissibility.

Also, the purpose that we are -- the purpose that we are offering this document for is to show what Mr. Duggan relied on.

And his testimony was that he received this document directly from MPD. So based on

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1 that, we believe it's admissible. 2 And if the Board wants to consider 3 counsel's arguments as to weight, we think that's fair enough. 4 But this is the standard that the 5 establishment uses, and therefore relevant to 6 7 these proceedings. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 9 admit it over the objection. (Whereupon, the document previously 10 11 marked as Respondent Exhibit 1 for identification was received into evidence.) 12 13 It's a document from -- as I say, I 14 will admit it over the objection of counsel. 15 Let's move on. 16 BY MR. BIANCO: 17 Okay, and Mr. Duggan, have you ever 18 had occasion to consult with MPD with respect to 19 when your establishment should be calling for 20 emergency services? 21 Actually, I attended an invitation-2.2 meeting with the Attorney General 23 personally, the Police Chief's Office, my 3D commander Boteler, and three councilmembers just 2.4

within the past six weeks where they asked us for

input and asked for our help in terms of while they still have the understaffing of police how to best utilize the resources that they have and how to keep the streets and the neighborhoods where we operate our businesses, how to keep it safe as well as to try to understand that there are some real severe restrictions with regards to MPD with their staffing and what we can expect from them.

So that was at the Lincoln Theater.

And again, it was three councilmembers, the

Attorney General himself, the police chief's

office, as well as the 3D commander, and other

individuals.

And to say enough, there was no one from ABRA that was invited.

- Q Okay, and did you participate in the drafting of the security plan?
 - A Yes, I did.
- Q Okay. And there is a provision,

 Paragraph E of the security plan, that talks

 about incident reports. Are you familiar with

 that?
 - A Yes.
 - Q Okay. And that particular provision

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says that incident reports have to be made for any issues that, there's a typographical error that, it says arrive inside of the bar.

Can you tell the board why you drew the line at inside versus outside of the bar?

A Well, again, when we -- when we went through the -- making up the document, I was in touch with the Board's trainer at the time, Susan Mitchell, and she trained up the new investigators at the Board.

And it was under her advice that we keep everything from inside the bar because it's the only place we can control.

And as soon as we start saying we're going to be responsible for what happens in the street, her response to me was, once you say that you're responsible, you can be held responsible.

And so we can only have what happens inside the business. And anybody's who's been on 18th Street sees craziness out there can understand why we're not going to try to be responsible for what happens outside.

Q Understood. And there was some questions from one of the Board members about dealing with folks in public space who are not

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going to be patrons of the bar.

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Can you describe for the Board how your security staff deals with obstructions from patrons who are not going to be patrons of the bar?

A Well, again, I mean, the best thing you can do is ignore them, but, you know, I mean, they're trying, people are coming up trying to walk in without showing ID or whatever.

Our security just tries to get them to go elsewhere, but to make it clear that they're not going into our establishment.

For the most part, people listen.

Relative to the 30-something years that I've been in business, we've had two violations in 30 years. Something's working.

Q So, what do you -- or do you train your staff what to do if somebody in public space is not listening when they say "please move"?

A Well, again, you can't do anything to the public. You can ask. Obviously, we have some very aggressive panhandlers.

And we've got sitting ducks waiting in a line that people are coming up and trying to get money from them, et cetera.

We can ask them to move. We can say something. But we have no authority to move them or interfere with them physically in any way.

And the staff is extremely -- I'm extremely strong on impressing that upon them, because it's sort of like the talk is now, don't get out of the boat.

They're told not to leave the premises. And unfortunately, there are times when they see something severe happening out on the street.

And they cannot interfere because we just can't take the chance of something happening.

Q So there has been some testimony surrounding the outside of the establishment, and we don't have any photos of the establishment in this particular case.

But can you describe for the Board how the outside of the establishment is laid out in terms of public space versus private space?

A Sure. You walk out and immediately to the left there's a bench. It's made to look like an old porch is the way I designed it years ago.

And in front of that is a sidewalk

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1 café with essentially what, again, I tried to 2 make it look like a barn rail, whatever, a ranch 3 rail. 4 Then it closes our outdoor café, the sidewalk café. And then there is a barrel out 5 there, a Jameson Whiskey barrel right at the 6 7 entrance, right at the exit toward the sidewalk 8 café where it opens there. 9 And that's where my security will normally stay set up, right by the barrel. 10 11 The barrel outside of the sidewalk café? 12 13 Α Correct. 14 Okay, great. I just want to see if I 0 15 have anything else for you, Mr. Duggan. I think 16 I may not. I have no further questions of this 17 18 witness. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Southcott? 20 CROSS-EXMINATION 21 BY MR. SOUTHCOTT: 2.2 Just give me a sec. Yes. Mr. Duqqan, 23 so you testified as to your understanding of what 2.4 constitutes an emergency situation. Do you

remember that?

1	A I do.
2	Q And you testified that you relied on
3	the MPD document for defining what constitutes an
4	MPD for what constitutes an emergency
5	situation, correct?
6	A Correct.
7	Q But where exactly in that document
8	does it define what an emergency situation is?
9	A I don't have it in front of me but Mr.
LO	Bianco could probably pull it up. But it
L1	specifically says if somebody's unconscious.
L2	It does bring it up and it
L3	specifically says not an ordinary bar fight,
L4	even.
L5	Q I can share my screen related to the
L6	portion where Mr. Bianco was directing your
L7	attention to. Is this the page in question?
L8	A That's what he had on there before,
L9	yes.
20	Q So, this doesn't define emergency
21	situations, though. It's about crimes and
22	serious incidents, doesn't it?
23	A Let's see, if we go to, and this is
24	Page 14, above there, and, I'm sorry, the

lighting in here is terrible, so let me see.

1 It says, hold on, if you don't mind, I 2 can read it or you can read it on the screen. It's on the screen right now. 3 It says, the best practices --4 5 Are designed to apply to crimes and serious incidents. 6 7 Well, if you're talking about -- I'm 8 sorry, but originally what was alleged here was 9 an assault. 10 My question --0 11 It doesn't use that language 12 assault. 13 My question is whether the document 0 14 defines what an emergency situation is. 15 Α It says -the document itself --16 document itself describes crimes and serious 17 18 incidents, not emergency situations, correct. 19 Α No. Give me a minute. Let me just 20 here. Ιt says for these purposes, assaults are deemed serious when the victim of 21 2.2 the physical assault is either unconscious or is 23 in obvious need of immediate medical treatment for a serious or life threatening injury, such as 2.4 25 a stabbing or slashing.

1 The is more serious in nature than a 2 bar fight with minor injuries. An exception to 3 this general rule is sexual assault. I brought that up earlier. So, yes, 4 5 we do take it very seriously. If it's something sexual assault, we don't 6 of look for 7 injuries or if somebody's unconscious. 8 But that's, again --9 With respect, Mr. Duggan, that's not 0 10 my question. My question is whether they define 11 what an emergency situation is, not whether they 12 define whether this applies to crimes and serious 13 incidents. 14 Can you point me to anywhere in the 15 document where the document specifically defines 16 what an emergency situation is? (SIMULTANEOUS SPEAKING) 17 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, Mr. 19 Duggan, let the attorney finish asking the 20 question. Remember, we have a court reporter who 21 is trying to capture all the information, okay? 2.2 So I can't have two people speaking at 23 the same time, okay? 2.4 MR. DUGGAN: Okay. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have a

1	question? Okay, go ahead, sir.
2	MR. SOUTHCOTT: Can you point me to
3	where it specifically defines emergency
4	situations as opposed to crimes and serious
5	incidents?
6	MR. DUGGAN: Actually, no, I don't
7	believe it does
8	MR. SOUTHCOTT: Thank you, moving on
9	to my next question.
10	MR. BIANCO: I'm going to object that
11	the witness has to be allowed to answer the
12	question.
13	MR. SOUTHCOTT: I asked a yes or no
14	question, and he responded no. That is the
15	answer to the question.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
17	gentlemen, hold on.
18	BY MR. SOUTHCOTT:
19	Q So I'm going to direct your attention
20	to Page 9 of this document, which says that,
21	specifically, the second paragraph, which reads,
22	"The Metropolitan Police Department has adopted
23	and expanded these guidelines as suggested ways
24	to achieve that goal.
25	They are meant as a general roadmap

1 for owners and managers, not as a list of laws applicable to all establishments and all 2 situations." Did I read that correctly? 3 4 Α My God, you're amazing. Yes, you did. 5 So, based on that, the general roadmap 6 7 not something that is binding on 8 establishment, is it? Objection, calls for a 9 MR. BIANCO: legal conclusion, relevance, document speaks for 10 11 itself, counsel can make argument when it's time 12 to make argument and not arguing with the 13 witness. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'll sustain 14 15 the objection. Let's move on. 16 BY MR. SOUTHCOTT: 17 Okay, now I'm going to direct your 18 attention to Page 12 of this document. Oh, 19 sorry, sorry, Page 14. 20 Number 12, rather. Do you see where says, "All crimes 21 it Number 12 says, and 2.2 incidents should be documented in t.he 23 establishment's activity log or on an incident report or by management level of employee who is 2.4

present at the time of the incident.

1 The manager need not have been a 2 witness to the incident but is responsible for interviewing the witnesses and documenting the 3 information." Did I read that 4 pertinent 5 correctly? Again, amazing. 6 Α 7 Could you answer yes or no? 0 8 Yes, you did a great job. Α 9 Based on, do you agree with 0 recommendation in this report that all incidents 10 11 should be documented in an incident report form 12 by a management level employee? 13 Α Again, we're going to what constitutes 14 and incident. And, no, I don't believe that all incidents. 15 16 I mean, again, this individual wrote to us saying we needed to fire the bartender who 17 18 also called him an asshole. 19 Everything is not an incident. 20 So, to be clear, you don't agree with 0 21 the way in which this says that an incident, all crimes and incidents should be documented. You 2.2 23 don't believe that? 2.4 Α Yes.

Okay.

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1	A What constitutes an incident. I don't
2	believe it. And what I believe has nothing to do
3	with what we're talking about.
4	Q Okay. So, I'm going to direct your
5	MR. BIANCO: I'm sorry, Mr. Southcott,
6	I just didn't see the paragraph number.
7	MR. SOUTHCOTT: This is Paragraph 12.
8	It's found on Page 15 at the bottom.
9	MR. BIANCO: Paragraph 12. Okay.
10	MR. SOUTHCOTT: Paragraph 12. Yes,
11	it's marked as number 12.
12	MR. BIANCO: Yes, I see. Thank you
13	very much. Sorry, I just needed that
14	clarification.
15	BY MR. SOUTHCOTT:
16	Q Yes. That's fine. And so, directing
17	your attention then, Mr. Duggan, to your
18	establishment's own security plan.
19	I'm going to stop sharing my screen
20	briefly. I have it up right there. So this is
21	the security plan in question that we have been
22	discussing, correct?
23	A Correct.
24	Q And your Exhibit 11, or rather Section
25	E under this, states that managers are required

1 to make incident reports for any issues that 2 arrive inside the bar. Do you agree with that? 3 4 Α Yes. Yes. 5 So, any issues that arise inside the 6 bar require an incident report, but that's 7 different from MPD's recommendation that any 8 incidents require an incident report. 9 I'm going to object to MR. BIANCO: the characterization of his testimony. There was 10 11 absolutely nothing in the document that counsel 12 read into the record drawing a distinction or in 13 any way stating that it had anything to do with anything that occurred outside of the boundaries 14 15 of an establishment. 16 So putting those words in his mouth is a mischaracterization. 17 18 MR. SOUTHCOTT: I didn't put words in 19 his mouth. I asked him why he disagreed with one 20 set of documents and agreed with another set of 21 documents. 2.2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm going to 23 overrule the objection. The witness can answer 2.4 the question if he can. 25 MR. DUGGAN: You're going to have to

1	restate it. I can't I can't
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.
3	BY MR. SOUTHCOTT:
4	Q So, Mr. Duggan, you do believe that
5	your establishment is bound by the terms of its
6	security plan, correct?
7	A Absolutely.
8	Q Okay, and section E says the managers
9	are required to make incident reports for any
10	issues that arrive inside the bar, correct?
11	A Again, any issues that arise to the
12	level of an incident. I mean, again, in this
13	situation, we had a guy saying that we needed to
14	fire somebody for being a called an asshole.
15	We're not going to write up every time
16	if I had to write up an incident report every
17	time somebody uses the word asshole, again, at a
18	certain point there's a little bit of common
19	sense that I try to use that I'm hoping that
20	you're going to probably learn to use.
21	Q So your testimony is that there can be
22	incidents which occur inside the bar that do not
23	rise to the level of requiring an incident
24	report, that's your testimony, right?

A It depends on what you're talking

1 about, incidents. Again, the general manager is 2 talking about how she had a negative thing where the liquor wasn't delivered on time. 3 4 Incident. Again, we're going to have 5 to use a little bit of common sense. What do you consider an incident? 6 7 Well, I'm not testifying here, you 8 But your case, your security plan, doesn't 9 say any incident that rises to the level of 10 needing to be reported as an incident. 11 It just says managers are required to 12 make incident reports for any issues that arrive 13 inside the bar. 14 That's what the document says, isn't 15 it? 16 That's what the document says. Α 17 Thank you. 0 18 And the interpretation of the document Α 19 means that you need to use a little bit of common 20 sense. 21 There are so many issues that happen 2.2 in a bar, restaurant, or any business, nonstop 24 23 hours a day when you are open. 2.4 We do not consider every little issue. 25 There's not salt on the one table. I'm sorry,

1	I'm not going to write it up.
2	We have to use some common sense here,
3	sir.
4	Q I appreciate that. So you testified
5	about the grounds of your establishment, is that
6	correct?
7	And that there's sort of the area, you
8	described a porch area, and you described there
9	being a fence, you described there being a
10	sidewalk café. Do you remember that?
11	A Correct.
12	Q Okay. So, how far back from the
13	establishment does the sidewalk café go from the
14	door?
15	Like, what is the distance between the
16	door and the end of the sidewalk café?
17	A Maybe
18	Q Sorry, your sound cut out.
19	A Oh, sorry. I think it's about six to
20	seven feet. It's a pretty small sidewalk café.
21	Q Okay. And is that considered to be
22	outside of the establishment or inside the
23	establishment?
24	A That is part of the establishment.
25	Q So that's considered inside the

1 establishment? 2 Α Correct. It is. Okay. So if there's a confrontation 3 that took place directly in front of the door, 4 5 inside the sidewalk café, that would be confrontation that took place 6 inside 7 establishment, correct? 8 Α There was no confrontation at the door. 9 10 Please answer my question. 0 11 I don't understand your question. If there is a confrontation that took 12 13 place between members of your staff and a patron 14 that happened on the front of the door inside the sidewalk café area, did that confrontation take 15 place inside the establishment or outside the 16 establishment? 17 18 That's a hypothetical. Again, you're Α 19 saying -- again, that confrontation, what do you 20 mean by confrontation? Let me see your ID? 21 If an individual stabbed one of your 2.2 bar security in the sidewalk café, does that --23 is that an incident that occurred inside or 2.4 outside of the establishment?

I would say inside.

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1	Q Okay. I have no further questions for
2	this witness.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Any
4	questions by any of the Board members? Go ahead,
5	Mr. Short.
6	MR. DUGGAN: Good afternoon.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
8	Short.
9	MR. DUGGAN: You're going to have to
10	bring it up. I can't hear you.
11	MR. SHORT: Good afternoon.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.
13	MR. SHORT: Good afternoon, Mr.
14	Duggan.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
16	Short. We can hear you.
17	MR. DUGGAN: Let me turn my volume up
18	a little bit.
19	MR. SHORT: Mr. Duggan, you've been in
20	business since 1993?
21	MR. DUGGAN: '92.
22	MR. SHORT: '92, forgive me. Are you
23	familiar with the standards that are provided in
24	our codes and in the District of Columbia, ABCA,
25	Alcoholic Beverage and Administration laws and

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MR. DUGGAN: I honestly haven't seen anything from ABRA since you became the cannabis administration also. That is what I'd say. I have not seen, so I apologize.

MR. SHORT: Maybe your attorney can help you with this, but in 25-836, which deals with security plans and security cameras, and in that it states everything that you need to know about security plans, which you have one, which you know that you cannot be written up for a violation in the police code but only by ABCA codes, is that correct, yes or no?

MR. DUGGAN: I don't know. I'm hoping that you'll be able to tell me.

MR. SHORT: Well, maybe that's the reason why we're here this afternoon. And again, I would advise not only you but every person who owns a business, and I've been on the Board now, this is going on my 12th year or maybe a little more, and I've seen you on several occasions, and you've seen me. Is that correct?

MR. DUGGAN: Oh, believe me, yes.

MR. SHORT: Okay. So you have a security plan, right?

1	MR. DUGGAN: I've seen you once
2	before, Mr. Short. That was in 2016 on the case
3	that the Board found
4	MR. SHORT: That's not the point. But
5	anyway, we know each other. What I'm trying to
6	say to you is you say there are no guidelines,
7	but someone made the statement that you were
8	using MPD's guidelines because ABRA hasn't
9	produced anything for you to go by.
10	MR. DUGGAN: No, we said ABRA does not
11	produce documents as to what constitutes an
12	emergency. We didn't say ABRA does not give us
13	guidelines. And in fact, I told you that I wrote
14	the security plan at the direction of the ABRA
15	trainer, Susan Mitchell.
16	MR. SHORT: How many years ago was
17	that?
18	MR. DUGGAN: Quite a few. Quite a
19	few. I can't remember.
20	MR. SHORT: Do you know that there
21	have been new regulations with security plans
22	since we've done that?
23	MR. DUGGAN: Very honestly, I don't
24	know. I can't say definitively that I do know.
25	MR. SHORT: Well, there have been, and

this latest code, we just received it about a year, 18 months ago.

And it would behoove you and every business owner who sells alcohol in the District of Columbia to keep one of these posted or at least have an attorney who can tell them not to come before this board and say I have no quidelines because I go to MPD.

You have guidelines and the problem why you're sitting before us today is someone, either your business or someone managing your business, did not go by the security plan which you have on file, and which, and which, sir, I think that you are in violation for not writing a report.

MR. BIANCO: I'm going to object on -Mr. Duggan, Bill, please let me make my
objection. I'm going to object on several
grounds.

One, the reading of the statute by Mr. Short is nowhere near what it actually says. The provision of the security plan that is at issue is merely a copy paste of the section of the statute that he is referencing.

And finally, his remarks that he's

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1 pre-judged this case I think are extremely 2 concerning and may even merit recusal. I'd like to take a look at that issue. 3 MR. SHORT: Well, if I could just --4 5 Mr. Chairman --CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr. 6 7 Short. 8 MR. SHORT: Т think Ι should be 9 allowed to do that. What I'm reading to in this 10 proceeding is what a security plan states, which 11 is the law not only for Mr. Duggan but everyone who sells alcohol in the District of Columbia who 12 13 has licenses to have endorsements that Mr. Duggan has on his establishment. 14 15 And it clearly states in the statute 16 for anyone to read what you're supposed to do 17 under your security plan and how you are to 18 submit reports. 19 It's there for anyone to read. Ι 20 don't think anybody's being pre-judging when they 21 go by the code book, which I'm going by right 2.2 now. 23 And again, anybody who comes before 2.4 this Board, I find it insulting to say I have to 25 go to MPD or Metropolitan Police Department

1 because this Board and ABCA has not given you any 2 guidelines to tell you when to write reports and information to be provided. 3 I think, if I could finish, please, I 4 really think that if anyone who owns an ABC 5 establishment in the District of Columbia were to 6 go by Section 25-836, they would find themselves 7 8 before this Board in regulations and in abidance with their license. 9 And with that, I would still ask the 10 11 question. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the 13 question, Mr. Short? 14 MR. SHORT: My question, Mr. Duggan, 15 is, how old is your security plan? 16 MR. DUGGAN: Very honestly, I don't 17 I can't answer that. know. 18 MR. SHORT: Would you --19 MR. DUGGAN: We regularly look at it, 20 though. And again, Ι think you're 21 mischaracterizing what I said. 2.2 I said that there's no guidance in 23 ABRA or ABCA, whatever it is now, with regards to 2.4 what constitutes an emergency. 25 And the testimony earlier in this case

1 was that the only investigator said that his idea 2 of an emergency would not be the same as another investigator's idea of an emergency. 3 So that's what I was saying, that we 4 refer to the best practices where we saw that 5 they're saying not an ordinary bar fight. 6 7 We're just looking for guidance. 8 when I said that that was not -- I didn't say 9 that the ABRA code is ridiculous or anything else. 10 11 I said it did not give us guidance for 12 that particular issue. You're just drawing 13 something that is completely different. 14 And again, to say that I'm guilty 15 before we even finish the testimony here is a little bit harsh. 16 MR. SHORT: I've not said anything 17 18 like that. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All 20 right. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Sorry. All 21 right, enough. All right, do you have another 2.2 question? 23 Do you have another question you need to ask the witness, Mr. Short? This is not a 2.4 25 colloguy between the parties? Do you have

1	another question you need to ask, sir?
2	MR. SHORT: Yes, the question I'd like
3	to ask him is, is this security plan sufficient
4	for his business today since it was written years
5	ago?
6	MR. DUGGAN: I believe so. As Mr.
7	Bianco testified, he said it's almost a copy and
8	paste from what your recommendations are for a
9	security plan.
10	My security plan was written at the
11	guidance of ABRA. Again, I don't get this thing
12	of trying to find a crime where there is no crime
13	and always coming up yes, we've known each
14	other.
15	We've had hearings together. But I'll
16	bring it back to, in 30-plus years, I've had two
17	violations, Mr. Short.
18	This is not
19	MR. SHORT: I would like to ask this
20	question.
21	MR. DUGGAN: Okay.
22	MR. SHORT: If anyone who if anyone
23	who can provide this anyone
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short,
25	you're asking

1	MR. SHORT: My question is my
2	question is, can someone provide or will someone
3	provide the history of Mr. Duggan's establishment
4	for the last nine or ten years?
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr
6	MR. SHORT: Mr. Chairman, I think that
7	I'm being proper when I do this. I think I'm
8	being proper.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, you're not
10	being proper, Mr. Short. Mr. Short, you are
11	cross examining. You are asking questions of Mr.
12	Duggan.
13	So you need to ask him questions, but
14	you cannot ask anyone else. So you'll have to
15	ask a direct question of Mr. Duggan. And that's
16	where we are.
17	MR. SHORT: Mr. Duggan, who is
18	responsible for writing up an incident report
19	should there be one at your business?
20	MR. DUGGAN: The manager on duty.
21	MR. SHORT: You've been sitting for
22	this hearing. Has your manager followed those
23	instructions because of the case we're hearing
24	today?
25	MR. DUGGAN: Yes, she has. Yes, she

has.

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MR. SHORT: What did you understand her report said while we are here today?

MR. DUGGAN: She didn't write an incident report of that night because the situation that happened happened outside on the sidewalk outside of the bar and outside of the sidewalk café, that there was no emergency situation.

We had an individual who was, by the testimony of the person who had nothing to do with our restaurant and we found out that this person had been there, the testimony of that person is that there was some guy going off yelling in the street on the sidewalk, and that he came up to the door man trying to get back in.

This wasn't an incident that she should have reported. She follows the law. She follows our regulations here inside our bar establishment.

As I said, I think our record speaks for itself. Thirty-three years and two violations, one of them being a fart in 2012, ridiculous.

We do a pretty good job. But I think

1 there's a reason why we get invited to a meeting 2 with the mayor's office with the chief of police 3 because they want our input. We are good citizens. 4 5 MR. SHORT: I understand that. 6 respect that. 7 MR. DUGGAN: Right. 8 MR. SHORT: Did she write an incident 9 report for this incident? And why didn't she write it the same time she got information? 10 11 MR. DUGGAN: Well, actually, that's 12 not true whatsoever. Let me correct you. 13 did write it as soon as she got the information. 14 She got the information when she got 15 emails from some nut ball attorney somewhere in 16 New Jersey writing about, telling me to get the 17 thugs and this and that. 18 But she still followed up, went to the 19 individuals, and wrote up an incident report 20 Not the night that this happened, but I 21 think it was about a week later. 2.2 She did exactly what she was supposed 23 to do, and she's extremely conscientious, and I 2.4 take extreme objection of trying to put some --25 (SIMULTANEOUS SPEAKING)

1 MR. SHORT: I found her to be quite 2 credible. I'm asking this The reason why question about a report writing is because it's 3 required, is it or is it not, that you write an 4 5 incident report? MR. DUGGAN: If there is an incident. 6 7 If there is an incident inside the bar, Mr. 8 Short, yes, she's absolutely required to, and she 9 absolutely does and has. 10 She is doing her job 100 percent the 11 way she was brought into it. She's a great 12 general manager, and we run an extremely safe 13 environment here that we --MR. SHORT: I found --14 15 MR. DUGGAN: -- if people go off the 16 deep end -- if I could finish, Mr. Short, thank if we have individuals that come in and 17 18 cause a problem, that is not an issue for the 19 general manager. 20 She's trying to keep the customers and 21 our staff safe. She does a great job at that, and I think our record over the years shows that 2.2 23 we do, as well. 2.4 MR. SHORT: My last question. Should 25 walk uр the front door of someone to

1 establishment, don't come across your door seal, 2 but hold a gun, should you write a report? MR. DUGGAN: Mr. Short --3 4 MR. SHORT: I'm asking a question. 5 MR. DUGGAN: Actually, Mr. Short, just to let you know, outside of my establishment, 6 7 last December, somebody did pull a gun. 8 I watched the guy murder someone and 9 he took his last shot at me. Yes, I did make a 10 police report. 11 MR. SHORT: Okay. 12 MR. DUGGAN: The police asked us to be 13 their eyes and ears on the street. We take our 14 responsibilities extremely seriously. 15 Our people train that if we. see 16 something, not just in our door, they call if 17 they see somebody attacking somebody on the 18 street. 19 They can't get involved, but we are 20 the eyes and ears of the Metropolitan Police. 21 That's why they asked us to come to a meeting, 2.2 asked us for our help to help them make our 23 neighborhood as safe as it is inside our bar, outside of our bar. 2.4

Thank you.

MR. SHORT:

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So someone got

1	shot. You wrote a report, outside of your
2	establishment, correct?
3	MR. DUGGAN: I didn't write a report.
4	The detectives came to me and took the report as
5	to the guy shooting at me with his last shot from
6	his gun.
7	And luckily, he was a bad shot or I
8	wouldn't be here answering these extremely
9	important questions.
10	MR. SHORT: You did submit your
11	company and you did submit a report of something
12	that happened outside of your establishment. Is
13	that correct?
14	MR. DUGGAN: I have no idea what you
15	are talking about. No. I don't know what you're
16	talking about, Mr. Short.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there
18	another question?
19	MR. DUGGAN: I have no he said
20	what report is he talking about?
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there
22	another question? All right, is there another
23	question?
24	MR. SHORT: My last question
25	MR. DUGGAN: The last one was the last

1	one.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan, let
3	him
4	MR. SHORT: I'm sorry, I'm sorry, go
5	ahead.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there
7	another question, Mr. Short?
8	MR. SHORT: If there is an incident
9	outside of the door of your establishment, have
10	you ever written a report and why?
11	MR. DUGGAN: Mr. Short, two things. I
12	don't know. And outside of my door is still my
13	establishment because it's inside the sidewalk
14	café.
15	So if there is an incident inside the
16	café
17	MR. SHORT: That's all I have, Mr.
18	Chairman. That's all I have. Thank you, Mr.
19	Chairman, that's all I have. Thank you.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Duggan,
21	were you done, sir?
22	MR. DUGGAN: Yes, yes, I'm fine.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Go
24	ahead, Mr. Grant.
25	MR. GRANT: Thank you for being with

1 us today. My questions are in line with the 2 security plan and the lifespan of the plan. 3 You said you did not know how long ago 4 the plan was created, correct? 5 MR. DUGGAN: Correct, I don't. Just for my clarification, MR. GRANT: 6 7 tell me what would constitute can you 8 believing that the plan would become obsolete? 9 Are there any elements of the plan that would make it obsolete after a period of 10 11 Or is there any sort of specific period of 12 time when you would be planning to 13 editing or updating the plan? DUGGAN: 14 MR. Ι review the plan 15 regularly. Do I think any parts of it are I mean, there are things that, 16 obsolete? No. 17 yes, we've added more cameras. 18 On our plan, it says exactly how many 19 cameras. We've added more since then. But, no, 20 I don't think there's any parts of it that are 21 obsolete whatsoever. 2.2 MR. GRANT: Right. Not so much am I 23 asking you if you think the current plan is 2.4 obsolete, are there any stipulations that would 25 cause you, are there any rules internally for you

1 that would say, okay, now I believe it's time to 2 change one element or the entire document? 3 I'm not suggesting that your plan is obsolete, but do you have any internal sort of 4 5 like clock or guidance that would prompt you to change anything with the security plan? 6 Well, the security plan 7 MR. DUGGAN: 8 itself, it was submitted, no. But we constantly 9 are updating with our employees. 10 We're always looking at better ways to 11 make sure that we're in a safe environment here 12 for our staff, our customers. We're constantly 13 updating it. 14 But this is written in а broad 15 fashion, and that's my instructions from the ABC 16 Board trainer at the time, Susan Mitchell, was so that it could evolve without having to change 17 18 every period or comma that we want to add to it. 19 But, yes, we are constantly looking at 20 it and we believe that the plan itself is not 21 obsolete whatsoever, nor any part of it is 2.2 obsolete. 23 MR. GRANT: So just one --2.4 MR. DUGGAN: We use it as a guideline, 25 yes.

1	MR. GRANT: So one final question for
2	my clarification or for my purposes of
3	clarification. When you mention that it
4	evolves, are there ever moments where it evolves
5	and you put pen to paper to actually change it?
6	MR. DUGGAN: The security plan itself?
7	MR. GRANT: Yes.
8	MR. DUGGAN: No. No. I've never put
9	anything in to change the plan itself.
10	MR. GRANT: Okay, so when you say it
11	evolves, can you explain that for me, though?
12	Because I'm not understanding how it evolves but
13	you don't change it from pen to paper.
14	MR. DUGGAN: No, I wasn't saying the
15	security plan evolves. I said we evolve.
16	MR. GRANT: Okay.
17	MR. DUGGAN: We as a business are
18	constantly looking at, you know, something that
19	came up yesterday might not have come up six
20	years ago.
21	Things have changed with regards to
22	making sure on the IDs. My God, the fake IDs are
23	made better than the real ones at certain points.
24	And we're constantly looking at things
25	and constantly talking to our staff, especially

1 our security staff, about how to best operate a 2 business. There, we do evolve, and I hope that 3 we can continue to evolve. 4 5 MR. GRANT: Okay. All right. 6 No further questions. you. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Southcott, 8 any questions? Mr. Bianco, any questions? 9 MR. BIANCO: Yes, just one. Okay, so 10 Mr. Duggan, Mr. Southcott read from Page 15 of 11 nightlife quidelines, specifically MPD's 12 Paragraph 12 on Page 15, stating all crimes and 13 incidents should be documented in the 14 establishment's activity log or on an incident 15 report form by a management level employee who 16 was present at the time of the incident. 17 Is there anything in that provision or 18 anywhere else in this document that states such a 19 report should be made for occurrences outside of 20 the establishment? 21 MR. DUGGAN: Not one, whatsoever. Thank you very much. 2.2 MR. BIANCO: No 23 further questions. 2.4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 25 Thank you, Mr. Duggan, for your testimony.

1	you rest, Mr. Bianco?
2	MR. BIANCO: Yes, sir, we do.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Are
4	the parties ready for closing?
5	MR. BIANCO: I'm going to be asking
6	for briefs. If the Board would like to hear a
7	brief closing, we can do that as well, but we
8	will primarily rely on the authority side given
9	our briefs.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Meaning, I'm
11	confused.
12	MR. BIANCO: So, I intend to file a
13	brief, and if the Board would like to accept that
14	in lieu of an oral closing, I am perfectly fine
15	with that.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, all
17	right, is it a brief or proposed finding of the
18	facts in conclusion of the law? I'm trying to
19	figure out which it is.
20	MR. BIANCO: Oh, I understand now what
21	the question is. I was misstating it. Yes,
22	proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we
24	haven't well, we haven't gotten there, quite
25	there yet, okay? So, all right. All right.

1 So, you have rested. At this portion, 2 I would ask for closing arguments, but I guess, 3 are the parties proposing to not do closing 4 arguments? 5 And it's now, it's Mr. -- the licensee 6 has basically stated that they're going to do 7 proposed findings of the fact and conclusions of 8 law. MR. SOUTHCOTT: The District would 9 10 rather just handle this with closing arguments. 11 It doesn't believe the post-hearing briefing 12 would be necessary. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, you can 14 do your -- you can do your closing, sir, and 15 counsel has basically put it on the record that 16 he will be doing his proposed findings of fact and conclusion of law. 17 18 So, you can go ahead and do your 19 closing. 20 Okav. Members of the MR. SOUTHCOTT: 21 Board, at bottom, this is a pretty simple matter 2.2 that is contingent just on one question, whether 23 the establishment violated its security plan on 2.4 the evening of May 20 into the 21st, 2023.

Based on the evidence and testimony

1 here, you heard it is clear that they did violate 2 their security plan, and in the process, violated D.C. Code Section 25-823(a)6. 3 Well, what did we hear? For starters, 4 5 we heard many different versions of the events. Despite that, there's some common facts that 6 7 everyone agrees to. 8 Everyone agrees that on the night of 9 May 21, there was a confrontation between patrons 10 and Madam's Organ staff, which led to a physical 11 altercation. 12 Accounts from both patrons and Madam's 13 Organ employees describe security staff making comments with escalated the situation. 14 15 Now, who started the fight is 16 contested, but what's not contested is what 17 happened afterwards. 18 The patron, Mr. Shaite, filed a police 19 report within hours of the confrontation. 20 contrast, Madam's Organ did nothing the night of 21 the incident. 2.2 They did not call police or EMS, even 23 though their security plan says they must be 2.4 called for any emergency situation. 25 And it's uncontested that the

statements from employees Johnson and Payton where dated to at least June 10, 2023, weeks after the night in question.

Based on these uncontested facts, it's clear that the establishment violated its obligations under the security plan.

Now, Mr. Duggan testified that some common sense is needed to evaluate the terms of the security plan, and the District wholeheartedly agrees.

Madam's Organ violated Section A2, which says that police and/or EMS are called for any emergency situation.

And they also violated Section E, which says that the managers are required to make incidents reports for any issues, and that if a manner is referred to MPD or ABCA, Madam's Organ refers to the incident report.

In response, the establishment has offered several defenses. First, they contend the physical altercation never rose to the level of an emergency situation.

So their obligation to contact police or EMS was never there. This flies in the face of the testimony of ABCA investigator Ruiz who

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testified that according to each one of the four accounts contained in the case report, accounts that came from patrons and the establishment who have an obligation to provide truthful statements to this entity during their investigations, that the fight rose to the level of an emergency situation.

In particular, Investigator Ruiz clarified that while a push wouldn't necessarily constitute an emergency situation, when individuals are grabbing one another, it does become an emergency situation.

And here, the written accounts of both members of the establishment's security staff describe a situation where grabbing occurred and the fight went to the ground.

We also heard testimony from Zach Miller, but his account of the events was drastically different from the accounts provided by Mr. Payton and Mr. Johnson.

According to Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Payton's statements, a woman got into it with the security establishment by pointing her finger.

But Mr. Miller said that didn't happen, as the patron yelling was by himself.

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Mr. Miller also contradicted Mr. Payton's account when Mr. Miller said, rather, when Mr. Payton said a bystander had to pry the patron's hands off of his legs, whereas Mr. Miller didn't describe any such altercation.

Mr. Miller's recollection of events differs so vastly from the other accounts, but it raises serious concerns that Mr. Miller is even describing the same incident.

And the District asks the Board not to consider his evidence to be particularly incredible, especially since he was never inside the establishment and therefore couldn't testify as to how the altercation started.

But the establishment itself has also attempted to defend itself by saying that what constitutes an emergency situation did not rise to the level of the instance described here.

Ms. Reynolds testified that an emergency situation occurred when somebody suffers bodily harm or when somebody is hurt.

But when questioned on whether somebody who was bleeding constituted an emergency situation, she was unable to provide clarity on when that level of bodily harm or

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somebody getting hurt rises to an emergency situation.

Furthermore, just because a manager was unaware of the incident, seemingly because security didn't tell the manager, that doesn't excuse the establishment's responsibility to act.

Ms. Reynolds testified that she trusts her security personnel to inform her when something rises to the level where she needs to be notified to generate an incident report.

But per the statements of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Payton, there was a violent altercation which took place between a patron and staff, involving the patron grabbing security staff, and yet these individuals apparently never told Ms. Reynolds about the incident on the night in question.

Further, the establishment has tried to make the defense that their security plan just requires that personnel be trained to contact MPD and EMS in emergency situations, not that they actually have to contact them in emergency situations.

Well, this argument was contradicted by the testimony of Ms. Reynolds, who said that

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they do contact emergency services in situations which arise inside the bar.

And the reading provided by the establishment is not supported by the facts or common sense.

If that were true, all of Section A, if it were true that Section A only concerns training and Section A1, we need to highlight that security are trained to recognize and deescalate conflict.

But according to their understanding, so long as security had been instructed to contact police or EMS in emergencies, and that shooting could occur inside an establishment and security personnel would have no obligation to alert the authorities.

The security plan clearly requires more than that, as evidenced by Ms. Reynolds's testimony.

Further, the establishment argues that the reason an incident report wasn't generated on the night in question was because managers are only required to make incident reports for issues that were inside the bar.

And there was a lot of back and forth

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as to the difference between inside the bar and outside the bar.

Ms. Reynolds testified that if two patrons inside the bar got into a physical altercation, then the establishment would generate an incident report.

But here, she testified that Mr. Johnson's description of a physical altercation doesn't rise to the level of an incident report, despite the security plan saying that reports are generated for any issues.

Ms. Reynolds testified that she generated at incident report for somebody receiving a wrong credit card.

That rose to the level of needing to write a report, but apparently, a physical altercation between staff and patrons doesn't rise to the level that it needs to be reported.

Further, this inside/outside distinction is blurred and became functionally meaningless as evidenced through the testimony of Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Duggan.

Ms. Reynolds testified that their security personnel are trained to handle line management, which takes place fully outside of

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the bar, indicating that the establishment knows that it's the obligations which extend beyond the interior of the bar.

Mr. Duggan also testified in response to questioning from Mr. Short that his staff called emergency services when they see things occurring down the street.

Mr. Duggan also testified that a stabbing which occurred in the sidewalk café area would be considered to be inside the establishment, meaning that the establishment had an obligation to create an incident report for that circumstance.

Based on the accounts of every person who provided an account of the night in question, to the extent that there was a physical altercation, it took place immediately outside of the door of the establishment, originated there, meaning that the establishment had an obligation, even if it originated in the sidewalk café, to create an incident report for the physical altercation which took place directly in front of the establishment.

However, the inside/outside distinction only matters if you accept the faulty

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premise that the incident only took place outside the bar.

The statements of both Aaron Payton and Walter Johnson describe a verbal altercation which occurred inside the bar, which turned into a physical altercation outside.

And Mr. Duggan himself and the statements, rather, of Mr. Shaite and Ms. Clark, emphatically support the notion that there was a verbal altercation and that there was a confrontation that was taking place which originated inside the bar and then spilled out onto the street.

Finally, I'd like to speak to credibility in the various accounts. There's been no evidence presented by the establishment that Mr. Shaite or Mr. Clark had any animosity toward Madam's Organ prior to May 21, 2023.

And within hours of the incident occurring, Mr. Shaite filed a police report documenting what he perceived as an assault by security staff.

So even though D.C. Code 5-7117.05 makes it a crime to file a false police report, his account describes security personnel

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escalating the conflict inside the bar by making an extremely derogatory remark about Mr. Shaite's partner, which was then repeated to her in her presence.

And his account describes security personnel assaulting him and him sustaining injuries as a result.

By contrast, Madam's Organ did nothing on the night of the incident to refute the damaging accusations made by Mr. Shaite and Ms.

They created no incident report on that night. They did not contact MPD. And yet, they want us to believe that the statements they produced weeks later, once an investigation had already began into an assault case, and say that those statements are more credible than a report made by a patron on the night of the incident in question, and that even more so than that, the statements made by an eyewitness who described the events in substantially milder terms than even security staff did, that person should be the determiner of the degree of severity of the incident despite his account being contracted by the establishment's own staff.

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1 We ask the Board to consider the 2 credibility of the actors when evaluating the 3 facts in this case. But credibility aside, the District is 4 5 pursuing one charge and one charge only, that on May 21, 2023, Madam's Organ violated D.C. Code 6 7 Section 25-823(a)6 by failing to follow its 8 security plan when it did not contact MPD or EMS 9 in response to an emergency situation and that they've violated their security plan by failing 10 11 to create an incident report in a timely fashion. 12 This charge can be sustained 13 uncontested facts contained in the accounts 14 provided the patrons the by and by 15 establishment's security staff. Therefore, we ask that this Board find 16 Madam's Organ liable for violating its security 17 18 plan. Thank you. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. So, 20 Bianco, you're going to waive a Mr. 21 closing? 2.2 MR. BIANCO: Yes, I'll include any 23 argument in the proposed findings. 2.4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. 25 Since the parties are going to -- the record is

now closing. The parties are going to do
proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law.

The transcript should be available
within three weeks. And the proposed findings
and fact and conclusions of law is therefore due

30 days after the transcript is received.

And the Board will issue a decision in 90 days after -- upon receipt of the proposals of fact and conclusions of law.

All right, so I'm going to -- let me bring this list to closure. As Chairperson of ABCA, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Board of the District of Columbia, and in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2575 of the Open Meetings Act I move that ABC board hold a closed meeting for the purpose of seeking legal advice from our counsel on case number 23-251-00016, Madam's Organ, pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section 2575B4A of that --

MR. BIANCO: Is that what -CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I
need Mr. Bianco -- I need you to mute your line.
And now I forgot where I was. Seek
legal advice from our counsel on case number 23251-00016, Madam's Organ, pursuant to D.C.

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1 Official Code Section 2575B4A of the 2 Meetings Act and deliberate upon case number 23-251-00016, Madam's Organ, for the reasons cited 3 in D.C. Official Code Section 2575B13 of the Open 4 5 Meetings Act. Is there a second? Mr. Short, I second. 6 MR. SHORT: 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call 8 9 vote to the motion. Before now has been properly seconded. Mr. Short? 10 11 MR. SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant? Mr. 13 Anderson, I agree. It appears that the motion 14 has passed 3-0. I hereby give notice that ABC 15 Board will recess this proceedings to hold a 16 closed meeting pursuant to Section 2575 of the 17 Open Meetings Act. 18 Thank you for your presentation today board will take this matter under 19 and the 20 advisement. Have a great day. 21 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Thank you, members of 2.2 the Board. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, let me bring the record -- let me close the record 2.4 25 for the day.

1	As Chairperson of the Alcoholic		
2	Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of		
3	Columbia, in accordance with Title III Chapter		
4	IV-V Office of Open Government, I move that ABC		
5	Board hold a closed meeting on May 1 for the		
6	purpose of discussing and hearing reports		
7	concerning ongoing our planned investigations of		
8	alleged criminal or civil misconduct or		
9	violations of law or regulations and seeking		
10	legal advice from our legal counsel in the		
11	Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and		
12	licensing agenda for May 1, as published in the		
13	D.C. Register on April 26. Is there a second?		
14	MR. GRANT: Mr. Grant, I second the		
15	motion.		
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has		
17	seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call		
18	vote on the motion now that it has been seconded.		
19	Mr. Short?		
20	MR. SHORT: I agree.		
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?		
22	MR. GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.		
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson, I		
24	agree. It appears that the motion has passed. I		
25	hereby give notice that ABC Board will hold this		

1 closed meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act 2 noted for lawfully posted on the ABC Board here 3 in the room bulletin board, placed on 4 electronic calendar, on ABCA's website, and 5 published in the D.C. Register in a timely manner as practical. 6 7 We are now adjourned for the day. Ι 8 want to thank the members of the public who 9 participated in our process today. And I will now ask all Board members 10 11 return to executive session or further 12 business. Have a great afternoon. Thank you. 13 (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-14 entitled matter was concluded at 2:11 p.m.) 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 2.2 23 2.4 25

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