## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

RNJS Hospitality Group, :

LLC,

t/a Cafe, Saint-Ex 184/ 14th Street NW : Show Cause
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)
License #116688 Case :

# 22-251-00020

(Allowed the

Establishment to be Used for an Unlawful or : Disorderly Purpose) :

Wednesday April 26, 2023

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

## PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, JR., Member RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

## ALSO PRESENT:

RICHARD BIANCO, Licensee's Counsel JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff STEPHEN ORTIZ, DC OAG NATHAN PERRY, Licensee

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:49 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on
4	our calendar We'll now move for a show cause
5	hearing instead of calendar is Case #
6	22-251-00020, Caf, Saint-Ex, License #116688.
7	Mr. Orellana, again, good morning. Can
8	you elevate the licensees? I think it's Mr.
9	Bianco and government's man Mr. Ortiz, and if
10	there is no one else, unmute their line.
11	MR. ORELLANA: Mr. Bianco, your access
12	has been elevated. Nate Perry, your access has
13	been elevated. Steven Ortiz, your access has been
14	elevated. That is all, Chairman.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.
16	Perry, who is Mr. Perry, Mr. Bianco? Is that your
17	client?
18	MR. BIANCO: Yes, it is.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
20	Perry, if you have a camera, please turn it on.
21	MR. PERRY: All right.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
23	everyone. Mr. Ortiz, can you please identify
24	yourself on the record and please spell and state
25	your name.

1	MR. ORTIZ: Good morning, Mr.
2	Chairperson. Steve Ortiz, on behalf of the
3	District of Columbia. S-T-E-P-H-E-N O-R-T-I-Z.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
5	sir. Mr. Bianco, can you please identify yourself
6	for the record, please?
7	MR. BIANCO: Good morning, Mr. Chair.
8	Richard Bianco for the licensee. R-I-C-H-A-R-D B-
9	I-A-N-C-O.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
11	Mr. Perry. Can you please identify yourself for
12	the record, please?
13	MR. PERRY: Nathan Perry, managing
14	member of Caf, Saint-Ex.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please
16	spell your name, sir?
17	MR. PERRY: N-A-T-H-A-N-I-E-L, last
18	name Perry, P-E-R-R-Y.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.
20	One of the reasons why I asked everyone to spell
21	their name is that we have a court reporter, and
22	that is to ensure
23	(Simultaneous speaking.)
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
25	Ortiz are there any preliminary matters in this

case?

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MR. PERRY: There are no preliminary matters at this time.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. This matter is scheduled for show cause hearing on May 7, 2023, at 1:30 I'm sorry, May 17, at 10:30 a.m.

I want to remind the parties that if this matter goes to its hearing, seven days before the hearing each party, the parties are required to exchange documents and witnesses with each other and also provide a copy to the agency. Failure by either party to disclose documents and witnesses seven days prior to the hearing, unless good cause is shown, the ABCA board, the ABC board, is empowered to prevent that opposite side from relying on documents and witnesses that have not been disclosed. Any questions?

MR. ORTIZ: None from the licensee.

MR. BIANCO: None from the District.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very much. This matter is now scheduled, and I will see you on May 17 at 10:30 a.m. Thank you very much. Have a great day.

(Whereupon the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:52 a.m.)

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