

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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 MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:           :
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International Wireless LLC:
t/a Our Spot Tobacco Shop :
5320 Georgia Ave NW       : Fact Finding
Retailer MC - ANC 4E       : Hearing
License No. 127162        :
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(Appeal of Denial of       :
Standard Application for   :
Medical Cannabis Retailer):
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Wednesday
 May 1, 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
 ANANIA ALIGAZ, Applicant
 ETHIOPIA BOGALE, Applicant
 JIMMIE JONES, Applicant Counsel

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

2 1:40 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is a fact-finding hearing on Our
5 Spot Tobacco Shop, License No. 127162.

6 Good afternoon, Mr. Orellana. Can you
7 please elevate the rights of the licensee in this
8 case, and anyone else they might have joining
9 them.

10 MR. ORELLANA: Good afternoon. Anania
11 Aligaz, your access has been elevated. Jimmie
12 Jones, your access has been elevated. That
13 appears to be all, Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. ALIGAZ: Hello. Good afternoon.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hello. Good
18 afternoon. Who is the owner of the
19 establishment? If the three of you are all
20 together, you don't need to be logged on. All
21 right. Who is the licensee?

22 MR. ALIGAZ: I am Anania Aligaz.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you spell
24 your name for the record?

25 MR. ALIGAZ: Last name is A-L-I-G-A-Z.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you are the owner of this establishment, sir?

MR. ALIGAZ: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The purpose of this hearing today the Agency -- it's my understanding that the Agency has been trying -- I'm sorry. You had applied for a license and the Agency provided you two deficiency notices for you to provide additional information, but the information was not -- at least, in our view, was not provided.

I guess what I'm trying to find out -- it's my understanding that there is still an outstanding document missing. Are you aware what document is missing for your file, sir?

MR. ALIGAZ: Yes, she's my spokesperson. Can she explain?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is your spokesperson, sir?

MS. BOGALE: Hi. My name is Ethiopia Bogale.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, ma'am. Can you spell your name?

MS. BOGALE: Sure.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Spell your name
2 for the record, ma'am.

3 MS. BOGALE: Sure. It's E-T-H-I-O-P-
4 I-A, last name Bogale, B-O-G-A-L-E.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Tell us what's
6 going on, ma'am.

7 MS. BOGALE: So, yeah, we applied in
8 December and I think we have signed a licensing
9 form. Then like at that point before we -- after
10 we submit the application, we sent documentation
11 that we have been working unlicensed.

12 After that we didn't hear back from
13 the ABCA. Then we have like contact them. We
14 went there to their office and they asked us to
15 send some documents like pictures of the I-71
16 initiative and we did that. Then we got the
17 denial letter. Then we applied for -- we
18 appealed and now we are here.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I'm saying
20 it's my understanding that there are outstanding
21 documents so are you aware what document is still
22 outstanding?

23 MS. BOGALE: No. No one told us about
24 the outstanding documents. We just figured our
25 self that this is proof we have been doing I-71

1 compliance so we sent all the pictures to them.

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3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But have you
4 not received letters from the Agency? You said
5 you received a denial letter. is that correct?

6 MS. BOGALE: Yes. Can I explain what
7 happened? So we applied in December, right? So
8 after December in February we tried to contact to
9 get a status because we never heard anything.
10 And then we have -- they told us to contact Mr.
11 Sean.

12 We contact Mr. Sean and he told us
13 verbally like over the phone to send them like
14 proof that we have been doing the unlicensed. We
15 sent him the pictures and everything. Also we
16 haven't heard anything from him and we emailed
17 him.

18 After that we went to their office and
19 he told us to talk to Ms. Rubio. That's when on
20 March 26th she told us she's going to send us an
21 official denial letter and to appeal. We were
22 never asked about documents to submit.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But when you
24 received the letter, the denial letter --

25 MS. BOGALE: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- did the
2 denial letter tell you what document was missing?

3 MS. BOGALE: No, just to appeal and
4 the email address to appeal. That's it.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So it didn't
6 tell you why your application was denied?

7 MS. BOGALE: No. I mean, let me
8 double check.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you have the
10 letter there you can read from it, please?

11 MS. BOGALE: Yes, sure. Sorry. The
12 denial letter --

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the
14 date of this letter, ma'am?

15 MS. BOGALE: March 26th.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What does the
17 letter state?

18 MS. BOGALE: So it says medical
19 cannabis retailer unlicensed application is the
20 subject. Then it says, "Thank you for submitting
21 your application for medical cannabis retailer
22 license.

23 We regret to inform you that the
24 application was denied on January 31st and it
25 does not meet the requirements set by the D.C.

1 Code 7-1671.068. The application is denied due
2 to the following issue: application does not
3 meet the criteria to be accepted as a licensed
4 operator."

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's all it
6 says?

7 MS. BOGALE: Yes, that's all it says.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

9 Mr. Orellana, can you upload -- were
10 you asked to upload --

11 Ma'am, are you able to -- there is a
12 document in the chat.

13 MS. BOGALE: Yeah. Let me try to log
14 in. Give me a second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you able to
16 copy this link, ma'am?

17 MS. BOGALE: Denial letter.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, there was
19 a document that was just --

20 MS. BOGALE: Let me check. Copy the
21 entire link. So which link should I copy? This
22 one?

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there a
24 form?

25 MS. BOGALE: Is it the Social Security

1 Declaration Form?

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is the top
3 on the form, ma'am?

4 MS. BOGALE: Am I copying the form
5 from the chat box?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. What is
7 the form? What does that form state?

8 MS. BOGALE: No, I haven't opened it
9 yet. Let me copy it. Social Security
10 Declaration Form.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. BOGALE: Okay. Copy link.
13 There's nothing I can open.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on.

15 MS. BOGALE: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you able to
17 copy the instructions?

18 MR. ORELLANA: The link is broken in
19 the chat, but you want to copy from HTTPS: all
20 the way to .pdf. Part of it is hyperlink so you
21 want to copy that entire thing.

22 MS. BOGALE: Okay. And past it on the
23 web. Right?

24 MR. ORELLANA: Yes.

25 MS. BOGALE: Okay. Yeah. I'm looking

1 at it right now. It says Social Security
2 Declaration Form.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you able to
4 complete the form and turn it into the Agency by
5 Friday?

6 MS. BOGALE: Yes, we are. We can send
7 it today, by the end of the day.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
9 ma'am. It's my understanding that this is the
10 only document that is required so, therefore, it
11 you send this document in by Friday, the Agency
12 will move forward with the issuance of your
13 license.

14 MS. BOGALE: Okay. Thank you. So
15 which email should be forwarded this to?

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who have you
17 been sending documents to?

18 MS. BOGALE: Ms. Rubio.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is Ms.
20 Rubio? Is that the --

21 MS. BOGALE: Ms. Jocelyn Rubio. Her
22 first name is Jocelyn.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Send
24 that email to her, ma'am.

25 MS. BOGALE: Okay. Will do. Thank

1 you so much.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, let me ask
3 you a question. How long have you been in
4 business?

5 MS. BOGALE: For the unlicensed it's
6 been a year and like maybe seven months.
7 Something like that, yeah. Almost two years.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is it that
9 you sell? I'm sorry?

10 MS. BOGALE: Almost two years. Sorry.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is it
12 that you sell?

13 MS. BOGALE: So we have tobacco
14 products. We are only gifting.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, part of
16 this is that you need to establish that you are
17 actually in business. All right. So what is it
18 that you were -- I know this is a little bit kind
19 of tricky, but you were asked to prove that you
20 are actually in business.

21 MS. BOGALE: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I just want
23 you to tell us what gifting, ma'am?

24 MS. BOGALE: We are gifting marijuana.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And for how

1 long, ma'am?

2 MS. BOGALE: Well, almost like two,
3 two-and-a-half years.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5 That's fine. I'm not trying to trick you, okay?
6 This is not a trick. One of the questions the
7 Agency had asked you is that you had to prove
8 that you are actually in business for a period of
9 time gifting. All right? I've seen some of the
10 pictures that you had submitted so I assume -- I
11 was just asking to clarify that.

12 Any Board Members have any questions
13 of this potential licensee?

14 All right. Since the Board Members
15 don't have any questions of this licensee, ma'am,
16 send that form in as quickly as possible.

17 MS. BOGALE: Okay. We will.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I believe the
19 last document -- I was informed by the Agency
20 that this is the last document that is required
21 for your -- for the business for us to process
22 the license.

23 I believe the next step, if the
24 license -- if the license is processed by our
25 agency, the next step is that it needs to be

1 placarded for the neighborhood to know that you
2 have applied for a license.

3 MS. BOGALE: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: One thing that
5 I would recommend, ma'am, for you to come in --
6 for you guys to come into the office and have the
7 Agency explain the process moving forward because
8 I think what I hear that you're saying is that
9 you were not aware what was missing, or you were
10 not aware that your application was denied, but
11 it was clear to you what is it that we were
12 seeking from you.

13 I'm just concerned that even at this
14 hearing you're telling me that you were not aware
15 of -- you were not aware that this was the last
16 piece of -- okay. Hold on, hold on, hold on.
17 I'm sorry.

18 MS. BOGALE: No problem.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on a
20 minute, please. Just don't -- I want to -- hold
21 on a minute. Hold on, hold on.

22 MS. BOGALE: Okay.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold
24 on. Don't go anywhere. Okay? Just hold on one
25 minute, please. Okay? All right.

1 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
2 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of
3 Columbia and in accordance with D.C. -- I'm going
4 to go into Executive Session. Okay? I just want
5 to advise the rest of the Board Members.

6 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
7 Beverage and Cannabis Board for the District of
8 Columbia and in accordance with D.C. Official
9 Code Section 2575 of the Open Meetings Act, I
10 move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting for
11 the purpose of seeking legal advice from our
12 counsel on One Spot Tobacco Shop for the reasons
13 cited in D.C. Official Code -- for the reasons --
14 pursuant to D.C. Official Code Section
15 2575(b)(4)(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

16 Is there a second?

17 MEMBER GRANT: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has
19 seconded the motion. We'll take a roll call
20 vote.

21 Mr. Short.

22 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short. I agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

24 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant. I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,

1 I agree. The matter passes 3-0.

2 We're going to log off but stay on the
3 line. I'm asking all Board Members to move to
4 executive session. You stay right there. We'll
5 be back. Okay? All right. Thank.

6 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
7 off the record at 1:55 p.m. and resumed at 2:05
8 p.m.)

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
10 ABC Board is back on the record. There is a
11 legal question that the Board has so we had to go
12 into executive session so our legal counsel could
13 provide us some legal advice.

14 I want to correct the record. The
15 form that was in the link, forget about that
16 form. That was not related to you. We have two
17 establishments with two very similar names. I
18 got both establishments confused. The form that
19 I shared with you before, I need you to just
20 basically forget about that form. It's not
21 required for you.

22 MS. BOGALE: I have it in my hand. We
23 found it. We already submit that.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. I'm
25 aware of that. All right. What I want -- I have

1 a couple of questions. Who is the owner?

2 MS. BOGALE: He is the owner.

3 MR. ALIGAZ: I'm the owner.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
5 going to ask you some questions. Can you raise
6 your right hand, please?

7 MR. ALIGAZ: Sure.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to
9 swear or affirm that you will tell the truth and
10 nothing but the truth?

11 MR. ALIGAZ: The truth.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, sir.
13 When did -- you can put your hand down, sir. You
14 can put your hand down. How long have you owned
15 this business?

16 MR. ALIGAZ: The tobacco shop I own it
17 2020, almost four years now.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When in 2020?

19 MR. ALIGAZ: To be honest, I don't
20 remember exact date but --

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But in 2020.
22 About what month? Do you remember?

23 MR. ALIGAZ: Like after two months,
24 three months. I should have it on the paper.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm just asking

1 if you can tell me.

2 MR. ALIGAZ: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're
4 saying you've owned the tobacco shop since 2020.

5 MR. ALIGAZ: 2020.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And
7 so -- go ahead, sir.

8 MR. ALIGAZ: And then I started an I-
9 71 up to two years.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When did you
11 start gifting?

12 MR. ALIGAZ: When did I?

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

14 MR. ALIGAZ: Almost two and a half and
15 some change. Two-and-a-half years.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What year and
17 what month did you start to gift, sir?

18 MR. ALIGAZ: It was around, I would
19 say, 2022, the end of it.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need --

21 MR. ALIGAZ: The end of 2021.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, sir.
23 I need you to be very -- I need you to be very
24 specific. Approximately when is it that you
25 started to gift products?

1 MR. ALIGAZ: The end of 2021. I would
2 say the date was maybe around June.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So why did you
4 believe -- I mean, why did you decide in June of
5 2021 to start gifting products?

6 MR. ALIGAZ: It's been a -- there's
7 people that was doing it. Then I had the tobacco
8 shop so I just decide to do it after people
9 started doing it. That was the reason.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So --

11 MR. ALIGAZ: A friend of mine was
12 telling me he would give me the information about
13 the gifting license, all that good stuff, so I
14 just start doing that because I had a cell phone
15 store. When I got to this building I switch it
16 to tobacco shop.

17 After that a friend of mine give me
18 the info and then I just started doing the
19 gifting. The community come so -- the community
20 always come. I take care of them. Every time I
21 give them gift and I give them the bong.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how does the
23 community know that you were gifting, that you
24 are in the gifting business?

25 MR. ALIGAZ: We have the sign out. We

1 have a poster that says I-71 compliance so
2 there's a sign outside, too.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What about --

4 MR. ALIGAZ: People walking a lot.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. What
6 about was there anything on like social media
7 around that time? I mean --

8 MR. ALIGAZ: We didn't put it that
9 much out, but on the website there's a compliment
10 that the customer give me about the product and
11 stuff.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so like how
13 far back -- like when -- do you have a compliment
14 from 2021 that a customer provided to you, or
15 2022?

16 MR. ALIGAZ: To be honest, I didn't
17 really check my website, but I have regular
18 people that comes in the community and they come
19 and shop. Since I started doing the form, I
20 already told them to write me anything, you know.

21 MR. JONES: Tell him you submitted
22 documentation.

23 MR. ALIGAZ: Yeah. I submitted a
24 document, too, yeah, yeah, for the customer. I
25 submit it. I give it to Sean. I already send it

1 out.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What document
3 did you provide to Mr. Gordy?

4 MR. ALIGAZ: The information, the
5 phone number and the contact. Some people when
6 they walk in they don't want to leave a review
7 because they don't want to give out their
8 information pretty much.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
10 Anyone have any other questions that they want to
11 ask?

12 MS. BOGALE: Can I say something?

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, ma'am.
14 Go ahead.

15 MS. BOGALE: Yeah. So the document we
16 submitted --

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold
18 on. Let me swear you in, too. Can you raise
19 your right hand, ma'am?

20 MS. BOGALE: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you swear or
22 affirm to tell the truth and nothing but the
23 truth?

24 MS. BOGALE: Yes, I swear.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Go

1 ahead, ma'am.

2 MS. BOGALE: Yeah. So a document we
3 submitted was from the customers like a review
4 that they have been like coming here and then
5 like, you know, doing the gifting for the past
6 two-and-a-half years or something like that. We
7 submitted that with the appeal letter.

8 Also, I don't know, but like we have
9 been wanting this license because we know like we
10 want to be legal. Also like we were doing the
11 initiative because we applied on December and we
12 didn't hear anything back. Then we tried to
13 contact them on February. Nothing back and we
14 walked in the office on March.

15 From December to March we didn't hear
16 anything. We had to go to the office to get the
17 denial letter because we never received the
18 denial letter. Then we appealed after that. I
19 mean, we have been like trying our best, you
20 know, like to get this and then, yeah.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just one -- so
22 when you started, what type of products were you
23 gifting?

24 MS. BOGALE: The gifting?

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What products

1 were you gifting?

2 MS. BOGALE: So the marijuana. We had
3 the marijuana, the THC cards, and we also have
4 the gummies. And then like we provide them with
5 bongs, torch lighters, and everything. You know,
6 what they want. Then we do the gifting like
7 that. Also, if you want us to share. I don't
8 know if we can do that on this screen but --

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What do you
10 want to do?

11 MS. BOGALE: We can show you our
12 showcase that we have.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your who?

14 MS. BOGALE: Showcase. We are at the
15 store right now so we can show you our showcase
16 that we show the customers.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, that's not
18 necessary. It's a different question. I don't
19 think there is any question that you are doing --

20 Yes, Mr. Short. Go ahead. You have
21 a question you want to ask, sir?

22 MEMBER SHORT: What form did you
23 submit? You keep mentioning Mr. Sean Gordy.
24 What did you submit to Mr. Gordy?

25 MS. BOGALE: So we submitted out

1 customers' reviews. Then also we submitted the
2 pictures, the store pictures, the inside and out.
3 Everything with the D.C. I-71 compliance poster
4 and outside posters and everything, yeah.

5 MEMBER SHORT: Prior to them giving
6 you a denial letter?

7 MS. BOGALE: Yes, yes. We had to call
8 to get a status because we had never heard
9 anything. We called the office and they gave us
10 Mr. Sean's phone number. When we called him, he
11 told us to send him the proof that we are doing
12 the unlicensed.

13 That's what the document required.
14 After we sent it, after like two weeks or
15 something we emailed him. I think he didn't get
16 or he didn't receive our email. We called him
17 and he said like the ABCA is doing a meeting on
18 every Wednesday so we have to wait.

19 Since we didn't hear anything back
20 from him, we went to the office just to get a
21 status because -- yeah, we found him at the
22 office and he took us to Ms. Rubio telling us
23 that she is the one handling our application.
24 She said I think it's the proof that you need to
25 submit so just send it to me.

1 We send it to her that day, the same
2 day. The next day we called her and then she
3 said she's going to send us an official denial
4 letter which we didn't receive before. After
5 that we sent the appeal.

6 MEMBER SHORT: You met with two people
7 in our office, Sean Gordy and Ms. Rubio?

8 MS. BOGALE: Rubio, yes.

9 MEMBER SHORT: Those are the only two
10 that you dealt with?

11 MS. BOGALE: Yes.

12 MEMBER SHORT: And you gave them all
13 of your documents that they requested?

14 MS. BOGALE: Yes, yes. We gave them
15 two times.

16 MEMBER SHORT: And they never
17 responded to you?

18 MS. BOGALE: No. Mr. Sean didn't
19 respond to us until we went to his office to like
20 refer us to Ms. Rubio. After we found Ms. Rubio,
21 she was replying us because like we asked her
22 what we can do, what we can send as a proof.
23 Then she told us she's going to send us an
24 official denial letter. She sent us the denial
25 letter. That's when we appealed.

1 MR. ALIGAZ: And we called him several
2 times and leave him a voicemail two three times.
3 After he never called we walked to the office.

4 MR. JONES: Excuse me, gentlemen. My
5 name is Jimmie Jones.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry. Who
7 are you, sir?

8 MR. JONES: Jimmie Jones. I am -- I
9 have been doing processing for applications and
10 permitting in D.C. for about 40 years. These are
11 friends of mine. I joined them today because I
12 looked through everything and talked to them and
13 I saw that I thought I might be able to point out
14 there was, I felt, a language barrier in terms of
15 clarity and responding.

16 What I want to say now, or to add, and
17 I don't mind being sworn in. I've been going to
18 DCRA since 1972. My point to you is that they
19 submitted back in -- around December 15th. They
20 waited and became -- they had no response to
21 anything.

22 They began the outreach to find out
23 what was missing, what was going on, what was the
24 status. They submitted everything and still no
25 feedback. They even visited the office. There

1 was a problem in terms of -- I cannot say but
2 maybe some paperwork got lost. The point is they
3 submitted everything.

4 You're exactly where you want to be,
5 Ethiopia and Anania. You have explained. I only
6 wanted to clarify what they are saying is that
7 they waited but received no response. They
8 visited the office and got no response.

9 In terms of what any missing document
10 was, they did not hear that until the denial
11 process happened. That is why I joined them,
12 just to be able to say that if I felt they
13 weren't fully explaining. That's all.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

15 MR. JONES: I reviewed the paperwork
16 and even -- anyway, that's it. I'll be quiet
17 now. I'm not sworn in but I have no problem in
18 terms of trying to help them.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20 That's fine.

21 MR. JONES: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.
23 All right. We'll take this matter
24 under advisement and we will -- I believe the
25 only missing document -- I think what was missing

1 is proof that you were in business prior to
2 December 31, 2022. I've seen that you have --

3 MR. ALIGAZ: You have the C of O.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I see that you
5 have submitted a letter to the Agency. I've seen
6 two letters to say that you were in business and
7 you have testified under oath that you were in
8 business prior to December 31, 2022.

9 This is the final -- this is what's
10 needed so, therefore, based on your presentation
11 today, the Board will take this matter under
12 advisement what the next step is. We will advise
13 you shortly whether or not we're going to move
14 forward with the processing of your application.
15 Okay?

16 MR. ALIGAZ: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
18 Thank you for your presentation today.

19 MS. BOGALE: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great
21 day. Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
23 off the record at 2:20 p.m.)
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