DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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WineandButter, LLC, :

t/a Wine and Butter

1023 E. Capital St., SE : Show Cause

Retailer B - ANC 6B : Hearing

License #105990 : Case #20-CC-00074 :

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(Sale to Minor Violation):

Wednesday
June 16, 2021

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 JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff LISA FRIEDMAN, Licensee RISA HARAO, Licensee's Counsel JESSICA KRUPKE, DC OAG

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

(3:46 p.m.)

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright, the next case in our calender is Case No. 20-CC-00074, Wine and Butter, License No. 105990. Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the Licensee, the Licensee's council, the Government, and the investigators please?

MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by.

Investigator (audio interference), your rights
have been elevated. Ms. Krupke, your rights have
been elevated. Ms. Risa, your rights have been
elevated. And Ms. Friedman, your rights have
been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms. Andrews. Alright, I believe Ms. Friedman, you can -- your rights have been elevated. I believe I'm hearing some feedback, so you can turn your camera on, but please mute your phone please. Thank you.

Good afternoon, everyone. We'll start with -- I would like everyone to identify themselves for the record. Please state and spell your name. And we will start with the Government.

	MS. KRUPKE: Jessica Krupke on benail
2	of the District of Columbia.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,
4	Ms. Krupke. Ms. Hirao, please and spell your
5	name for the record please.
6	MS. HIRAO: Risa Hirao on behalf of
7	Wine and Butter. My name is R-I-S-A, last name
8	is H-I-R-A-O.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. And
10	is the Licensee here with you?
11	MS. HIRAO: Yes, she is. Lisa
12	Friedman.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Friedman,
14	can you please state and spell your name for the
15	record please?
16	MS. FRIEDMAN: Lisa Friedman. My name
17	is spelled Lisa, L-I-S-A, Friedman, F-R-I-E-D-M-
18	A-N.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon.
20	Alright, Ms. Krupke, this is a show-cause
21	hearing. Are there any preliminary matters in
22	this case?
23	MS. KRUPKE: Yes, the parties have
24	reached an offer in compromise and are ready to
25	present it for the Board's consideration.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is that please?

MS. KRUPKE: There is one charge in this case. It's a sale to minor violation of DC Code 25-781, which is a primary tier violation. And so the offer in compromise that we're ready to present is a \$3,000 fine payable within 120 days or the license would be suspended indefinitely until the fine is paid. The license will be suspended for ten days with four of those days to be served and six days saved for one year. The days served would be Monday, June 21st through Thursday, June 24th, 2021.

In addition, all employees who serve alcoholic beverages in a licensed establishment must complete an alcohol training program within three months from the offer in compromise's date. And I do want to note that the establishment has represented that they have already completed this training in April of 2021, but that any employees that were hired since that time to now will receive that training as well.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright, thank you. Ms. Hirao, it's my understanding that there's an offer in compromise. And the offer in

1	compromise is set for the parties have agreed
2	to a fine of \$3,000 payable in 120 days. The
3	license will be suspended for ten days, six days
4	stayed and four days served. All employees that
5	sell or serve alcohol are to undergo alcohol
6	training within 90 days. It's my understanding
7	that all employees have undergone that training
8	as of April 20th, 2021. But what the
9	representation is that if you have hired
10	employees since that date, that they will undergo
11	a training. The days that the license will be
12	suspended is June 24th through June I'm sorry
13	June 21st through June 24th, 2021. Is that
14	your understanding of the offer in compromise?
15	MS. HIRAO: This is our understanding.
16	I also want to have Ms. Friedman to also confirm
17	on the record that she has reviewed and that this
18	is her understanding as well.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Friedman,
20	you are the I'm sorry, what is your I'm
21	sorry, what is your relationship to this
22	establishment, ma'am?
23	MS. FRIEDMAN: I'm the owner.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're an owner
25	for the establishment. And so I usually ask the

attorney, but your attorney the offer in
compromise is that a fine of \$3,000 payable in
120 days, the license will be suspended for ten
days; six days stayed, four days served. All
employees who sell or serve alcohol will undergo
training. It's my understanding that the
employees have gone through such training as of
April 21st, 2021. That the license will be
suspended from June 21 through 24, 2021. Is this
your understanding of the offer in compromise? I
cannot hear you, ma'am.
MS. FRIEDMAN: Sorry.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is this your
understanding of the offer in compromise?
MS. FRIEDMAN: Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes? Are you
aware that by accepting an offer in compromise
MS. FRIEDMAN: Yes, sir. It is. Yes.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
that by accepting an offer in compromise that you
give up your right to a hearing?
MS. FRIEDMAN: Yes, sir. I am.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I cannot hear
Yes. Are you aware that by accepting an offer

in compromise that you give up your right to

appeal this matter?

MS. FRIEDMAN:

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright, thank Any questions by any board members -- any you. party regarding this offer in compromise? Hearing none, I make a motion that the offer in compromise by accepted. The offer in compromise is as follows: A fine of \$3,000 paid within 120 days. The license will -- The license will be suspended for ten days; six days stayed and four days served. All the employees that sell or serve alcohol are to undergo alcohol training within 90 days is my understanding. That those employees have undergone this training as of April 20th, 2021. That the license will be suspended from June 21st through June 24th, 2021. Is there a second?

Yes, sir.

I am aware.

MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett seconds.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett has seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call vote on the motion that's properly -- that has been properly seconded by Ms. Crockett. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
2	MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
4	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
5	agree.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
7	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
9	Anderson, I agree. The matter passed 5-0-0. I
10	would like to thank the parties for coming to an
11	agreement with this offer in compromise.
12	Ms. Friedman, I just want to remind
13	you what this means. This is a Retailer B, so
14	the establishment can be open; however, I need
15	you to affirm and understand that between June
16	21st and June 24th, that your establishment
17	cannot sell or serve alcohol. Are you clear
18	Is that clear with you, ma'am?
19	MS. FRIEDMAN: Yes, sir. I understand
20	and affirm that between the 21st and the 24th of
21	June, we will not sell alcohol.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that the
23	alcohol needs to be either locked or covered. It
24	cannot be freely available.

MS. FRIEDMAN: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright, thank you. (audio interference) and have a great day. Thank you very much.

MS. FRIEDMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Alright, thank you. Alright, that is our -- the end of our calendar for the day. So I am now going to review our calendar for Thursday, June 17th, 2021. Our calendar for June 17th, 2021, the first case on that calendar is a protest hearing, Case No. 21-PRO-00017, Uncorked. This hearing is cancelled due to the approval of a settlement agreement. See Board Order No. 2021-281.

The next case on the calendar for June 17th, 2021 is Case No. 21-PRO-00011, Charcoal Town, License No. 117535. This hearing is cancelled due to the denial of the application. See Board Order No. 2021-313.

The next case on our calendar is Case No. 20-PRO-0057, ***3:56:28 Grocery, License No. 19046. This hearing is cancelled due to submission of a settlement agreement for the Board's consideration and approval. And this settlement agreement was accepted and voted on by the Board on our legal agenda this morning. So

that case -- that case was cancelled and the settlement agreement was accepted by (audio interference) Board.

Then we are now at the end of our calendar for today and tomorrow and our agenda items. And if there are no other questions, I will move to close the record.

Alright, as Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia in accordance with Title 3, Chapter 405, Office of Open Government, I move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting on June 23rd, 2021 for the purpose of discussing and hearing the reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations and seek legal advice from our legal council on the Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and license and agenda for June 23rd, 2021 as published in the DC Register on June 18th, 2021. Is there a second?

MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call vote on the motion before us now that has been

1 properly seconded. Mr. Short? 2 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato? MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree. 4 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett? MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I 6 7 agree. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen? 9 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 10 And Mr. 11 Anderson, I agree. As it appears that the motion 12 has passed, 5-0-0, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will hold this aforementioned closed 13 14 meeting pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. 15 Notice will also be posted on the ABC Board 16 Hearing Room bulletin board, placed on the 17 electronic calendar in ABRA's website, and 18 published in the DC Register in as timely a 19 manner as practical. 20 We are now officially adjourned for 21 I want to thank the public for its the day. 22 participation in this hearing today. I also want to the thank the board members for their 23 24 attentive attention to these hearings today.

We're now adjourned for the day. I now direct

1	all board members to return to executive session
2	for further discussions. Thank you and good
3	evening.
4	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
5	went off the record at 3:59 p.m.)
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