

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 MEETING

 IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 Down Under, Inc., :
 t/a Bravo Bravo :
 1001 Connecticut Ave NW :
 License #71564 :
 Retailer CN - ANC 2B :
 Case #21-251-00021 :
 :
 (Chief of Police Hearing :
 Request, July 18, 2021) :

Wednesday
 August 11, 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
 EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
 JENI HANSEN, Member
 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
 LORENZO DA SILVA, Establishment's General
 Manager
 RHODA GLASGOW, DC ABRA Investigator
 MICHAEL LAWSON, Establishment's Head of Security
 LIEUTENANT BREDET WILLIAMS, DC MPD

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

2 2:50 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4 next case on our calendar is Case Number
5 21-251-00021, Bravo Bravo, License Number 71564.

6 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the participants in this case.
8 There should be the Licensee, there should also
9 be the investigator, and I believe that Officer
10 Williams is participating.

11 MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by. Mr. Da
12 Silva, your rights have been elevated. Mr.
13 Lawson, your rights have been elevated.
14 Investigator Glasgow, your rights have been
15 elevated. And Officer Williams, your rights have
16 been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Andrews,
18 can you please, can you disable Mr. Bah's? I see
19 that his microphone is open, but can you please -
20

21 MS. ANDREWS: Oh, sure. Stand by.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
23 thank you.

24 For all the participants of this case,
25 if you have a camera, can you please turn your

1 camera on, please, so Officer Williams, Mr. Da
2 Silva, and I believe Mr. Lawson?

3 I can see you, Mr. Da Silva. Officer
4 Williams and Mr. Lawson?

5 MR. LAWSON: I can't get my camera to
6 cut on. I'm trying right now.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, okay,
8 that's fine.

9 Okay. All right, so Officer Williams,
10 Officer Williams? Yes, good afternoon, ma'am.

11 All right. Let me have all the
12 parties identify themselves for the record.
13 Let's start with the investigator. Oh, you're on
14 mute.

15 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, Investigator Rhoda
16 Glasgow, R-H-O-D-A, last name G-L-A-S-G-O-W.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Officer
18 Williams?

19 LT. WILLIAMS: Lieutenant Bredet
20 Williams, B-R-E-D-E-T, last name, Williams, W-I-
21 L-L-I-A-M-S

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon.

23 LT. WILLIAMS: -- Badge 1312, Second
24 District.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,

1 Lieutenant Williams.

2 Mr. Da Silva?

3 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, Lorenzo Da Silva
4 with Bravo Bravo. I'm the general manager.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please
6 spell and state your -- spell your name, sir?

7 MR. DA SILVA: I'm sorry. L-O-R-E-N-
8 Z-O D-A S-I-L-V-A.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
10 role with Bravo Bravo, sir?

11 MR. DA SILVA: General manager.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who is
13 that? Mr. Lawson, can you please spell or state
14 your name, please?

15 MR. LAWSON: Yes, sir. Good
16 afternoon. My name is Michael Lawson, I'm the
17 head of security. That's M-I-C-H-A-E-L, last
18 name, L-A-W-S-O-N.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
20 Lawson.

21 Mr. Da Silva, are you part of the
22 ownership of the establishment, sir?

23 MR. DA SILVA: No, I am not.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there any --
25 are you an ABC manager or --

1 MR. DA SILVA: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- are you?
3 You're an ABC manager, sir?

4 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you know why
6 no management -- are you aware of why an owner is
7 not available today to testify, sir?

8 MR. DA SILVA: No, I am sorry. I
9 actually don't think he was aware he needed to be
10 here. So I was not aware that I should have
11 probably informed him to be here. I'm sorry
12 about that now.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But is he aware
14 that we're having this -- is the owner aware that
15 we're having this hearing today?

16 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir, the owner is
17 aware, yes.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But in the
19 future, sir, that we are having -- and so if we
20 check our records, it will state that you have an
21 active manager's license with our Agency, sir?

22 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, the
24 purpose of this hearing is the Chief of Police --
25 an incident occurred. The Chief of Police

1 requested that we have a fact finding hearing.
2 So on July 18th, the Chief of Police sent ABRA a
3 request for a fact finding hearing concerning an
4 incident that had taken place at Bravo Bravo on
5 July 18th.

6 Now are you aware of this incident,
7 sir? Were you there?

8 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir, I was. I
9 actually happened to be there crossing actually
10 right when the incident apparently occurred, so
11 yes.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I just
13 want, I want you to express this to ownership,
14 sir, that when the Board has an ABC, when there's
15 a hearing, we expect an owner to be, a designated
16 represented or an owner to be here.

17 I know that you're the general
18 manager, sir, but because of the seriousness of
19 the -- it's the seriousness of the issue, in the
20 sense that the Board asked for a hearing, we
21 expect that ownership is present to hear what is
22 being requested by the Board.

23 MR. DA SILVA: Absolutely. He would
24 have loved to be here too, I'm sorry. I should
25 have actually expressed that to him to make sure

1 that he was here. Anything I can do to --

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
3 were you saying, sir?

4 MR. DA SILVA: Other than relying
5 everything, all the information that I am going
6 to pick up today, anything else I can do to maybe
7 have him come back?

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, the
9 hearing is scheduled today. So you said that
10 you're an ABC manager. You said that the owner's
11 aware. I'm not sure what it is that the Board
12 will do today. But once we listen to the
13 hearing, then the Board will make a determination
14 what further action, if any, we will take. All
15 right.

16 MR. DA SILVA: Thank you, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I'll just
18 start off with Lieutenant Williams.

19 Lieutenant Williams, are you well
20 versed in why the Chief of Police had asked us?
21 I know that the Agency has done -- we have done a
22 case report. But can you just share with us why
23 is it that the Chief of Police requested that we
24 have a fact finding hearing on this --

25 LT. WILLIAMS: Yes, Chair Anderson.

1 Thank you. On the date in question, the victim
2 in this case was in the establishment of Bravo
3 Bravo which is located at 1001 Connecticut
4 Avenue, NW, at approximately 1:50 am.

5 During the time inside of the
6 establishment, the victim was involved in a
7 physical altercation with the suspect. The night
8 security escorted the victim out of the rear of
9 the establishment and the suspect and his friend
10 out of the front of the establishment.

11 The suspect then traveled, and located
12 the victim, and began to assault him from behind.
13 After assaulting the victim, they stole his
14 property. The victim was transported to an area
15 hospital with non-life threatening injuries, and
16 the suspects made good their escape.

17 The case is currently being
18 investigated by the Second District Detectives
19 Office.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21 Thank you, Lieutenant.

22 Ms. Glasgow, how is it that you became
23 aware of this case and what investigation, if
24 any, did the Agency do?

25 MS. GLASGOW: So I was assigned this

1 investigation because of the altercation that
2 happened at the establishment. I visited the
3 establishment on the 17th of July, 2021, and I
4 spoke with the ABC manager, Mr. Lorenzo, where he
5 stated where the fight did happen and a security
6 guard escorted two of the individuals out a back
7 entrance and one of the individuals out the front
8 entrance.

9 A review of video footage did confirm
10 that one individual was escorted out from the
11 front. However, we could not determine, or I
12 could not determine how many individuals were
13 escorted out to the back of the establishment.

14 I reviewed video surveillance again,
15 and it did confirm the fight that did happen.
16 One of the -- there were four individuals in the
17 altercation. One remained inside, and three were
18 escorted out.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So that's it?

20 MS. GLASGOW: I'm sorry. I thought
21 you were asking me a question. I'm sorry. Yes,
22 so the two security guards I interviewed, Mr.
23 Michael Lawson, M-I-C-H-A-E-L L-A-W-S-O-N, and
24 Mr. Daquan Saunders, D-A-Q-U-A-N S-A-U-N-D-E-R-
25 S, stated that and confirmed with me that they

1 did escort the individuals out.

2 Mr. Lawson remained out in the front
3 of the establishment and stayed there until the
4 individual that he escorted out of the
5 establishment, until he left from in front of
6 Bravo Bravo.

7 Mr. Daquan Saunders confirmed that
8 when he let the two individuals out of the back
9 he walked with them, and they went their separate
10 ways after that. The video footage did not show
11 any altercation outside of the establishment,
12 because it happened approximately 300 feet from
13 the front of the establishment.

14 I also, I'm sorry, I also spoke with,
15 I interviewed the victim in the report. And he
16 stated why the altercation started, because, I
17 guess, he hit, by accident, one of the suspects.
18 And they started fighting inside of the
19 establishment. And he said that they parted the
20 fight, and they took them outside.

21 But he believed that when they took
22 them to the back, it was two guys that he was in
23 the altercation with. Ms. Reyes believed that
24 the two guys he was in the altercation with was
25 let out with him in the back.

1 But according to the security, Mr.
2 Daquan Saunders stated that he went out with one
3 of the victim and one of the suspects. And I
4 think that's about all the information I was
5 privy to with the victim and the security
6 surveillance.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
8 thank you. Mr. Da Silva, what is it you can add
9 to what occurred on that day, please?

10 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir. I actually
11 happened to be doing my walk to check the front
12 when I heard that there was an altercation in the
13 club. I have to make sure what happens is
14 contained in our area. And usually when that
15 happens is either separating or making sure that
16 there's nothing around that happens.

17 So what I did was I did my patrol
18 around to the front and I actually happened to
19 walk into one of the suspects. I'm on camera
20 walking in with him, and I'm standing in front of
21 the suspect.

22 The gentleman is missing one shoe.
23 And that's what initially caught my attention.
24 And then he was just talking to me for about ten
25 minutes out in the front, just taking his time.

1 And he didn't seem, like, aggressive, but then he
2 picked up his phone, and he got some sort of
3 message on his phone.

4 So I think what that message was, not
5 that it all makes sense to me, I think that he
6 was being told where the victim was by someone,
7 one of his friends maybe, who was let out or
8 something like that. That's what I'm assuming
9 may have happened.

10 But I wasn't aware at the time that he
11 was the actual assailant at that moment until I
12 stood out there for about 20 more minutes, and
13 police were at the location where it happened.
14 So I didn't catch what happened, but I know that
15 it took about 20 minutes for it to happen for
16 that, after they were taken out of the club.

17 So that's all I could get at that
18 moment. Because we were just really busy that
19 night, and I found Mike. And Mike can actually
20 explain everything from the security point of
21 view.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
23 Lawson, what if anything can you add about what
24 occurred that night, sir?

25 MR. LAWSON: That's it. There was an

1 altercation on the dance floor located in front
2 of the stage. There were four individuals in the
3 altercation, and I heard the call go over the
4 radio, and we pursued to the area.

5 And once I got over there, I removed
6 one of the individuals, and the other two
7 individuals were removed by the other two
8 individuals. They were taken to the rear. They
9 were taken out the rear of the club.

10 The other one that was in the
11 altercation, I had recognized him from -- and I
12 was able to talk him down, and calm him down,
13 walk him out front, stand him next to one of his
14 buddies which were attending the club and he
15 talked them down as well.

16 He called somebody on the phone, and
17 I stood out there for about 20 minutes. He
18 called somebody, and then a black vehicle pulled
19 up that you could see in the video, and they got
20 into it, and they left after, like, maybe 30,
21 maybe 30, 35 minutes. So he had plenty enough to
22 calm down or whatever.

23 He was gone. He didn't seem upset, he
24 just talked about what - he wasn't talking to
25 me directly, but he stood next talking to the

1 other guy. And he was within an arm's reach of
2 me.

3 And I don't know from that point on,
4 once they left, I don't know what happened. No
5 calls came over the radio. This situation
6 occurred maybe a block away from us or something.
7 And I don't, and we have no clue what happened
8 far that report coming back. Once they told us
9 that, I was in shock. I was, like, what? And I
10 didn't even know it was that situation.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you're
12 saying that after - so the suspect that was put
13 out front, that you stayed with that person
14 approximately 20 minutes to talk to that person,
15 try to diffuse the situation. Is that what
16 you're saying?

17 MR. LAWSON: Yes, sir. I stood out
18 there, I stood out there and kept him company
19 just to make sure everything was all right. He
20 stayed out front with me, because he know that I
21 was going to look out for him and make sure he
22 was all right, until his ride came. And then he
23 left. That's it.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
25 Da Silva, I want to ask you a question. Are you

1 aware of RDO, does the club have RDO?

2 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir, we do.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you know why
4 -- do you know whether or not there was a request
5 made that evening for RDO? Do you know whether
6 or not that was ever done?

7 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir. So what
8 happened is the phone systems, I have an email
9 from Brenda Smith. Our office manager was trying
10 to contact Brenda Smith for a while to find out
11 what is going on with our account so we can have
12 an RDO.

13 And for some reason, their phone
14 systems were out of getting service. And so
15 finally I said let me take over and send them an
16 email. So I did. I got response on July 2nd,
17 and then we just moved on to, I think, paying
18 what we owed, \$1,500, I think that next day. And
19 then it got registered on the 12th, I believe, or
20 something like that.

21 But Brenda did notify my. I was
22 waiting to, you know, in my first email all I
23 wanted was to have RDO. So that's why we were
24 obviously doing it. So when I got notified,
25 Brenda said that she could put us on the

1 schedule. I immediately put us on the schedule.
2 So we've been having, we've had RDO this month
3 and last month.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But when is
5 that you're saying that you were notified by
6 Brenda Smith regarding the availability of -

7 (Simultaneous speaking.)

8 MR. DA SILVA: On the 20th.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: On the 20th?

10 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when was
12 the -- you remember the first time you, I'm
13 sorry, for

14 MR. DA SILVA: On the second.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So July 2nd is
16 when you said you contacted to find out the
17 status of your account?

18 MR. DA SILVA: No. Well, we have
19 contacted her since -- we were trying to get in
20 touch with someone since -- our office manager
21 said she was trying to get in touch with someone
22 since 2019, the end of 2019, right.

23 We just started opening after COVID,
24 after the allowance to open after, so just a
25 couple of months ago. And that's when I said

1 okay, we need RDO. They were out there before.

2 I'm recently taking over from the
3 previous general manager, so I have to pick up
4 and find out where everything is. And during
5 COVID I was, like, all right, so where are
6 things. And so I got everything together,
7 finally, but RDO was, you know, my priority as
8 well.

9 As you can see, I don't know if you
10 saw, but on the report Brenda mentions I
11 contacted her on the 2nd and, you know, started
12 the process, paid, and it takes, what, two weeks,
13 I think, or something for it to process. That's
14 what she mentioned afterwards.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
16 Thank you. Any questions by any Board members of
17 any of the parties?

18 MEMBER SHORT: Yes, I'd like to ask
19 the general manager a question, Mr. Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold
21 on one minute, Mr. Short. Hold on one minute.

22 Lieutenant Williams, what is it, what
23 do you want to -

24 LT. WILLIAMS: I'm sorry, Chairman, I
25 failed to mention that in this particular case we

1 did not receive a 911 call from anyone from Bravo
2 Bravo. They did not have RDO, because their
3 account was not paid. We had routine patrol
4 officers in the area, not paid overtime units.

5 Additionally, we don't have a
6 settlement agreement on file or a security plan
7 from Bravo Bravo. That's all. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
9 Thank you, Lieutenant.

10 MEMBER SHORT: Go ahead, Mr. Short.

11 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you, Mr.

12 Chairman.

13 This question is for the general
14 manager.

15 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

16 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Silva?

17 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir?

18 MEMBER SHORT: How long have you been
19 with Bravo Bravo, sir?

20 MR. DA SILVA: I started as the chef,
21 2015, but that was, like, I was not with the
22 establishment until, officially on staff is 2021.

23 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Mr. Silva, so -

24 MR. DA SILVA: This year.

25 MEMBER SHORT: -- the owner did not

1 think it important to be here today? Is that a
2 fair assumption?

3 MR. DA SILVA: No, no. He would have
4 loved to have been here. I should have enforced
5 that. I had no idea that he should of, that it
6 was necessary. I thought this was fact finding,
7 so they were going to ask questions pertaining to
8 people that knew about the incident that night.

9 And since the owner was just inside,
10 you know, doing payroll and stuff, so I figured I
11 was there. I met one of the suspects. So I
12 figured I would just tell my story. So I'm
13 sorry, I had no idea. I should have told him,
14 yes.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well, I think
16 that the records will reflect with ABRA that
17 we've seen the owner of Bravo Bravo. He's been
18 here before the Board before. I've been with the
19 Board for three different terms, three different
20 mayors. And we've seen the owner before. And he
21 knows to be here. So --

22 MR. DA SILVA: Okay.

23 MEMBER SHORT: -- you can let him
24 know. I'm just one Board member. But I think
25 that he should not be sending a general manager

1 here --

2 MR. DA SILVA: I agree.

3 MEMBER SHORT: -- for incidents like
4 this, because questions you can't answer.

5 But let me ask you this. The security
6 personnel you have there, are they trained by
7 anyone professionally?

8 MR. DA SILVA: Well, we have security
9 that has, that are off duty police officers from
10 other states. And yes, we do have a few that are
11 fully trained. We have veterans so, I mean, yes.

12 MEMBER SHORT: Are you aware as
13 general manager that the District of Columbia law
14 states that security persons working in night
15 clubs have to have a training certificate and
16 that the business has to register that? Were you
17 aware of that?

18 MR. DA SILVA: I will look into that.
19 I had no idea. I had not aware of that, sir.

20 MEMBER SHORT: So if you come before
21 this Board again, you do know now that your
22 security is supposed to be properly trained.

23 MR. DA SILVA: Absolutely, you will
24 have the certificates ready next time I see you
25 if I -

1 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you, I'll hold
2 onto that. But I just simply stated it to you.
3 The security guards who were escorting the
4 persons out, one out of the front and two out of
5 the back, are they trained, either one of them?

6 MR. LAWSON: I'm sorry, sir, can I
7 answer. This is Mike Lawson. I am trained. And
8 I have a certificate, and I believe the owner
9 that you're talking about is Mr. George. He
10 previously - he's no longer the owner.

11 I trained under Mr. George. And I did
12 receive a certificate to where I had to go take
13 some classes at 2021 K Street, one of those
14 establishments down there at, like, 7:00 p.m. a
15 few times. And I got a certificate.

16 MEMBER SHORT: Is that from the
17 Metropolitan Police Department, sir, as required
18 by law?

19 MR. LAWSON: No, it wasn't. It was
20 called, oh, I forgot this, the name of it.

21 (Simultaneous speaking.)

22 MEMBER SHORT: Sir, if it is not from
23 the District of Columbia, then please, I don't
24 want you to further anymore with information.
25 I'd like to go back to the general manager,

1 please.

2 Mr. Silva?

3 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir?

4 MEMBER SHORT: As general manager here
5 representing the owner, can you look into or talk
6 with Lieutenant Williams, or someone from the
7 Second District, and find out how to get the
8 appropriate training for your security staff?
9 Because apparently, if they had had that
10 training, what you had to happen and the reason
11 why you're before this Board today may not have
12 occurred.

13 MR. DA SILVA: I understand, sir.
14 Yes.

15 MEMBER SHORT: And also as general
16 manager, will it be your responsibility to make
17 sure that the RDO detail is paid on time?

18 MR. DA SILVA: It's the office, so the
19 office manager, the owner's wife handles that.
20 But I will be on top of that. Because --

21 MEMBER SHORT: So as general manager,
22 you never knew that you were behind?

23 MR. DA SILVA: When I asked what's
24 going on with the officers, the office manager
25 had no idea what was going on up until I had to

1 take over when I did. And then that week it was
2 paid.

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4 MEMBER SHORT: Thank you very much,
5 Mr. Silva. You've made some indications that
6 you're going to make some changes. I hope that
7 you --

8 MR. DA SILVA: I promise, sir.

9 MEMBER SHORT: -- I hope that will
10 live up to those. Because we can't hold you to
11 any standard, because you're not the owner. So
12 you really can't say what's going to happen with
13 Bravo Bravo. All you can do is sit in your chair
14 and tell us what we want to hear today. But the
15 bottom line is I really would like to see the
16 owner be here.

17 This question is for Lieutenant
18 Williams. Lieutenant Williams, thank you for
19 your service.

20 LT. WILLIAMS: Thank you, sir.

21 MEMBER SHORT: How long have you been
22 with MPD?

23 LT. WILLIAMS: Twenty-three years,
24 sir.

25 MEMBER SHORT: And how many years with

1 the Second District?

2 LT. WILLIAMS: Two and a half.

3 MEMBER SHORT: Two and a half, okay.

4 And so this club is located at Connecticut Avenue
5 and K Street, is that correct?

6 LT. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

7 MEMBER SHORT: One of the busiest
8 intersections in the city.

9 LT. WILLIAMS: Yes, sir.

10 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Well again, I
11 hope that Mr. Silva can hold up and that Bravo
12 Bravo will continue having the RDO, because at
13 that corner and intersection, that's very
14 important, almost urgent, especially with all the
15 demonstrations and things we've been having in
16 town in the recent months.

17 But again, thank you for your service,
18 Lieutenant Williams. And that's all I have, Mr.
19 Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

21 LT. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. Short.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
23 questions by any other Board members?

24 MEMBER GRANDIS: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr.

1 Grandis.

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3 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you.

4 Mr. Da Silva?

5 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Which type of license
7 does this venue have, what type of ABC license?

8 MR. DA SILVA: I guess restaurant?

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: I thought I'd read in
10 the investigative report, I'm sorry, I thought I
11 read on our agenda it's a CN nightclub license.
12 You're not aware of that?

13 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, it is, CN, yes.

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: Okay. As a nightclub
15 license, do you know if you have filed a security
16 plan?

17 MR. DA SILVA: Well, I will look into
18 that. I have the security plan in hand. And I
19 don't understand why it would not be filed,
20 because now that I'm understanding we had some
21 sort of case in 2016 that needed to be attended
22 to. And so I don't know why that would not have
23 been

24 MEMBER GRANDIS: Is there a date on
25 your security plan, on the one you say you're

1 aware of?

2 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir.

3 MEMBER GRANDIS: What's the date?

4 MR. DA SILVA: 2016, sir.

5 MEMBER GRANDIS: Is it Lieutenant
6 Williams? I apologize if I have misstated your
7 name.

8 LT. WILLIAMS: No, sir, you're good.

9 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you. This
10 gentleman says that they have a security plan.
11 Did you research to find out if they have a
12 security plan on file with ABRA?

13 LT. WILLIAMS: Sir, I was unable to
14 locate a security plan or a settlement agreement
15 on file with ABRA.

16 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you.

17 Ms. Glasgow, do you know if it's on
18 file, if there was a security plan?

19 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, they do have a
20 security plan on file.

21 MEMBER GRANDIS: They do, okay. Thank
22 you. Thank you very much.

23 Mr. Da Silva?

24 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir?

25 MEMBER GRANDIS: I think I heard you

1 say that you came onboard in 2015 as a chef?

2 MR. DA SILVA: Yeah. Well, actually
3 on 20 -- I wanted to, but it didn't work out, so
4 it was 2018. I was just doing light chef work
5 here.

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: But you were an
7 employee in 2015, 2016, 20 --

8 MR. DA SILVA: No, I was not. I was
9 just, so I'm friends with the owner, so I wanted
10 to help out in the establishment, put my time in
11 there, and then eventually the previous general
12 manager was put out. So he said he trusts me to
13 help him now after COVID so I

14 MEMBER GRANDIS: So when did you
15 become an employee of this venue?

16 MR. DA SILVA: 2021, this year.

17 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ah, not until --
18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MR. DA SILVA: Wait. Sorry, excuse
20 me. it was right when COVID, right before COVID
21 started. So it was, like, 2019, 2020, just like
22 a fraction of, like four months I was. And then
23 the lockdowns hit so

24 MEMBER GRANDIS: Mr. Silva?

25 MR. DA SILVA: Yes, sir?

1 MEMBER GRANDIS: So are you aware of
2 the number of assaults and simple assaults that
3 this establishment has been recorded by our
4 investigative history?

5 MR. DA SILVA: I saw that on the
6 papers, yes, sir.

7 MEMBER GRANDIS: Before you saw it on
8 the papers, were you aware that there had been
9 assaults in --

10 MR. DA SILVA: No, sir.

11 MEMBER GRANDIS: -- even assaults
12 against our police officers?

13 MR. DA SILVA: No, sir, actually no
14 that was actually surprising when I saw that.

15 MEMBER GRANDIS: Okay. So I guess you
16 stayed in the kitchen -

17 (Simultaneous speaking.)

18 MR. DA SILVA: Yeah. No, I stayed
19 away from the front. Yeah, I was a completely
20 inside guy. I had no idea. I was just in a
21 little corner. And it was a few hours a night
22 but it was --

23 MEMBER GRANDIS: Well, I share the
24 Chairman and other Board member's concern that
25 the owner, well, one of the owners is not here

1 today, because it's not completely helpful by
2 them not participating.

3 MR. DA SILVA: I'm sorry.

4 MEMBER GRANDIS: Thank you, Mr.
5 Chairman.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
7 thank you, Mr. Grandis. Any other questions by
8 any of the Board members?

9 Mr. Lawson, how long have you been
10 working at the establishment, sir?

11 MR. LAWSON: Roughly ten years.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ten years?

13 MR. LAWSON: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is
15 your role or title at the establishment, sir?

16 MR. LAWSON: I'm the head of security.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how many
18 security personnel were working this night, the
19 night of the incident?

20 MR. LAWSON: About 13.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thirteen, okay.
22 All right, okay. Do you have Mr. -- I'm going to
23 bring this hearing to an end. So Lieutenant, Ms.
24 Glasgow, Mr. Da Silva, Mr. Lawson, we'll start
25 with the Lieutenant. Do you have any final

1 comments you want to make?

2 LT. WILLIAMS: I wanted to thank
3 Investigator Glasgow for her assistance on that
4 evening with my officers.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for
6 that comment, Lieutenant, thank you. On behalf
7 of the Board, thank you for expressing that on
8 the record. All right, thank you.

9 Ms. Glasgow?

10 MS. GLASGOW: Yes, sir?

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any final
12 comments before I bring this matter --

13 MS. GLASGOW: No.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lawson?

15 MR. LAWSON: No, sir, we'll make the
16 necessary changes and get the necessary training.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Da
18 Silva, any comments?

19 MR. DA SILVA: No. I'm sorry I was
20 not bringing the owner in today. Thank you for
21 your time. I appreciate it.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so you
23 stated that you are in charge of - you'll ensure
24 that the RDO bill is paid promptly if it's --
25 once a bill is there, as the general manager,

1 you're stating that you will make sure that it's
2 promptly paid?

3 MR. DA SILVA: I will take that
4 responsibility, yes, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
6 thank you.

7 All right, the Board will take this
8 matter under advisement. Thank you very much
9 Lieutenant, for being here today. Thank you, Ms.
10 Glasgow, thank you, Mr. Lawson, thank you Mr. Da
11 Silva. We will take this matter under
12 advisement, and will make a decision whether or
13 not we'll take any further action, okay?

14 LT. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

15 MR. DA SILVA: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
17 thank you very much, sir. Have a great day.

18 MR. DA SILVA: You too.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we
20 are at the end of our schedule for today. And so
21 with no further adieu, I will bring this hearing,
22 I'll move towards closing the record. All right.

23 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
24 Beverage Control Board for three -- Chapter 4 and
25 5, Office of Open Government, I move that the ABC

1 Board hold a closed meeting on August 18th, 2021,
2 for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports
3 concerning ongoing or planned investigations of
4 alleged criminal or civil misconduct, or
5 violations of law, or regulations, and seeking
6 legal advice from our legal counsel on the
7 Board's investigative agenda, legal agenda, and
8 licensing agenda for August 18th, 2021, as
9 published in the DC Register on August 13th,
10 2021. Is there a second?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
13 seconded the motion.

14 I will now take a roll call vote on
15 the motion that has been properly seconded. Mr.
16 Short?

17 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

19 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

21 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
22 agree.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

24 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

1 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I
2 agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
4 Anderson, I agree.

5 As it appears, the motion has passed
6 six, zero, zero. I hereby give notice that the
7 ABC Board will hold (inaudible) in a closed
8 meeting. Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act,
9 notice will also be posted on the ABC Board's
10 hearing room bulletin board, placed on the
11 electronic calendar on ABRA's website, and
12 published in the DC Register in as timely a
13 manner as practical.

14 I would like to thank the members of
15 the public who participated in our hearing today.
16 Thank you very much for your participation. And
17 also thank you to the Board members for their
18 active participation in our hearing today.

19 This hearing is now, we're now
20 adjourned for the day. And I am now directing
21 all Board members to return to Executive Session
22 for further developments. Thank you very much,
23 and have a great day.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 3:27 p.m.)

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