

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:           :  
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Teamnow, LLC,                :  
t/a Exiles                    :  
1610 U Street NW           :  
Retailer CT - ANC 2B        : Show Cause  
License #102051             : Hearing  
Case #22-CMP-00031         :  
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(Substantial Change in       :  
Operation Without Board     :  
Approval)                    :  
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Wednesday  
August 31, 2022

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:

FELICIA DANTZLER, DC ABRA Investigator  
ANTOINE WILLIAMS, DC OAG  
SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel

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

2 (11:16 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The  
4 next case in our calendar is Case No. 22-CMP-  
5 00031, Exiles, License No. 102051. Mr. Oriana,  
6 can you please elevate the rights of the  
7 Licensee's representative in this case?

8 MR. ORIANA: Sidon Yohannes, your  
9 access has been elevated. Mikea Nelson, your  
10 access has been elevated. Antoine Williams, your  
11 access has been elevated. Felicia Dantzler, your  
12 access has been elevated. That is all, Chair.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.  
14 Good morning, everyone. Mr. Williams, can you  
15 please identify yourself for the record please?

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning, Mr.  
17 Chairperson. My name is Antoine Williams on  
18 behalf of the District of Columbia this morning.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
20 sir. Mr. Williams, if this matter goes to a  
21 hearing beyond witnesses this morning (audio  
22 interference)?

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Your Honor. Mr.  
24 Dantzler would be my witness. But I can tell you  
25 we have reached an offer in compromise agreement

1 this morning.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think I'm  
3 aware, but since -- All right. Okay, that's  
4 fine. Ms. Dantzler, I know she's there, but can  
5 you spell and identify yourself for the record  
6 please? Ms. Dantzler, I can't hear. I can't  
7 hear you, but don't worry about it, Ms. Dantzler.  
8 If we need to -- If we need to call you as a  
9 witness, then we will.

10 Ms. Yohannes, can you please spell and  
11 state your name for the record please?

12 MS. YOHANNES: Good morning. Sidon  
13 Yohannes, here on behalf of the Licensee. And  
14 that is S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.  
16 Mr. Williams, you stated that there is a  
17 preliminary matter. Can you please tell us what  
18 this preliminary matter is, sir?

19 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Mr. Chairperson.  
20 We've reached an agreement, an offer in  
21 compromise this morning. Ms. Sidon has sent it  
22 over to me. I can read that into the record for  
23 you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. What is  
25 it? What is the offer in compromise please?

1 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay. The violation  
2 for this particular case is operation of a summer  
3 garden without the proper endorsement, a  
4 violation of DC Code 25-762(b)(2). The fine that  
5 we agreed upon is \$1,000 payable within 120 days  
6 or the license shall be suspended indefinitely  
7 until the fine is paid.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
9 thank you. Ms. Yohannes, it's my understanding  
10 that there's an offer in compromise. And what  
11 I'll represent is that there's a fine of \$1,000  
12 payable within 120 days. If the fine has not  
13 been paid within 120 days, the license shall be  
14 suspended indefinitely until the fine has been  
15 paid. Is this your understanding of the offer in  
16 compromise?

17 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, it is.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client  
19 aware that by accepting the offer in compromise,  
20 they are giving up their right to a hearing?

21 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, they are.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client  
23 also aware that by accepting the offer in  
24 compromise that this matter is not appealable?

25 MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,  
2 thank you. Are there any questions by any board  
3 members regarding this offer in compromise?  
4 Hearing none, I make a motion that the offer in  
5 compromise be accepted. Is there a second?

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis will  
7 second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has  
9 seconded the motion. We'll now have a roll call  
10 vote on the motion. Mr. Short.

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato.

13 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Crockett.

15 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I  
16 agree.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen.

18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis.

20 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I  
21 agree.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.  
23 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 6-0-0.  
24 Thank you to the parties for reaching this offer  
25 in compromise. Thank you very much and have a

1 great day.

2 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you for your  
4 time.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
6 went off the record at 11:21 a.m.).

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