

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

10:35 a.m.

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3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of
6 Columbia in accordance with D.C. Code Section
7 2576 of the Open Meetings Act I am welcoming you
8 to the regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic
9 Beverage Control Board.

10 This meeting is being conducted
11 pursuant to guidance made available by the
12 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
13 regarding electronic meetings held by public
14 bodies during the public emergency.

15 Pursuant to this guidance notice of
16 today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance
17 of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the
18 District's central meeting calendar.

19 The notice includes the time, date,
20 agenda, and call-in or log-in information for
21 public participation.

22 This electronic meeting is being
23 hosted by a WebEx account provided by the
24 District of Columbia government. Please address
25 any questions or complaints to the OOG at

1 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

2 My name is Donovan Anderson. I am
3 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
4 the other ABC Board Members who are also
5 participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's
6 Order 2021-096.

7 Please respond when I announce your
8 name. Mr. James Short?

9 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short.
10 Present.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato?

12 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato. Present.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi
14 Crockett?

15 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett.
16 Present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni
18 Hansen?

19 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen. Present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward
21 Grandis?

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis.
23 Present.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
25 six members in attendance for the conduct of

1 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

2 Before we get on the way with today's
3 hearing calendar I need to make a few
4 instructions are clear so that the conduct of
5 these hearings is understood by everyone.

6 There are ten cases on this morning's
7 calendar. Once your case is called I will take a
8 moment for our IT specialist to elevate the
9 rights for each party to enable their camera and
10 microphone.

11 Then and only then will you have the
12 ability to enable your equipment. If your case
13 has not been heard you will remain mute and your
14 camera will be disabled.

15 At the conclusion of these cases the
16 parties will have the option to leave. If the
17 party chooses to stay all cameras and microphones
18 for the concluded case will be disabled.

19 Should you have any questions or
20 require technical assistance during this hearing
21 please submit your views in the question and
22 answer feature or email simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

23 Our first order of business today is
24 the show cause hearing, Status Case Number 21-CC-
25 00011, The Wine Specialist, License Number

1 110396.

2 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
3 the rights of the parties in this case?

4 MS. ANDREWS: Sure. Standby. Mr.
5 Ortiz, your rights have been elevated. That's
6 all I have for this case, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8 Good morning, Mr. Ortiz. Can you please spell
9 and state your name for the record, please?

10 MR. ORTIZ: Good morning, Mr.
11 Chairperson, all Board Members. Stephen Ortiz on
12 behalf of the District of Columbia. That's S-T-
13 E-P-H-E-N, O-R-T-I-Z.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
15 Ortiz, is this your case, sir?

16 MR. ORTIZ: No. This is Mr. James
17 Jordan's case, but feel free to ask of me any
18 questions regarding this business.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I was just
20 trying to find out since the licensee is not
21 present this morning, but that's fine.

22 MR. ORTIZ: I will indicate that they
23 have been discussing the Offer in Compromise and
24 so there may have been some confusion regarding
25 whether the licensee had to appear.

1 I got a message that the licensee
2 accepted the OIC, but I was not told whether --
3 Oh, an OIC for Board approval was not submitted
4 to the Board, therefore, I was expecting the
5 licensee to be present.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
7 that's fine. All right, then this matter then is
8 scheduled for a show cause hearing on October 27,
9 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

10 And, of course, if there is an OIC the
11 parties can provide that to the Board for the
12 Board's consideration, all right. All right,
13 thank you, Mr. Ortiz.

14 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
15 went off the record at 10:40 a.m.)
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Before: DCABRA

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Court Reporter

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