

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Big D Corporation :
t/a Big D Liquors :
4173 Minnesota Ave NE : Show Cause
Retailer A - ANC 7D : Hearing (Status)
License #98255 :
Case # 21-CMP-00029 :
 :
(No ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday
October 10, 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
SHAFI BEGZAD, Licensee
JANIKA JORDAN, DC OAG

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

2 10:51 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is Case No. 21-CMP-00029, Big D
5 Liquors, License No. 98255.

6 Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
7 the rights of the licensee in this case.

8 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, it doesn't
9 seem as though the licensee is online.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We'll wait
11 probably another minute to see.

12 If there's anyone online who is for
13 Big D Liquors, can you please identify yourself
14 in the chat, please.

15 MS. ANDREWS: All right. One second,
16 Mr. Chair. I see that Mr. or Ms. Shafi -- Mr.
17 Begzad, your rights have been elevated.

18 MR. SHAFI: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20 Good morning, sir. All right. Let's start with
21 the Government. Ms. Jordan, can you please state
22 your name for the record, please.

23 MS. JORDAN: Janika Jordan on behalf
24 of the Government.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Begzad, can

1 you please spell and state your name for the
2 record, please.

3 MR. BEGZAD: Yes, sir. My name is
4 Shafi Begzad. I'm representing the licensee Big
5 D Corporation, Big D Liquors.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you please
7 spell your name, sir, please?

8 MR. BEGZAD: Sure. S-H-A-F-I. The
9 last name is B-E-G-Z-A-D.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And pronounce
11 that one more time, please, sir.

12 MR. BEGZAD: Shafi Begzad.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Begzad. Good
14 morning, Mr. Begzad.

15 MR. BEGZAD: Good morning.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jordan, are
17 there any preliminary matters in this case?

18 MS. JORDAN: There are no preliminary
19 matters at this time.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

21 Mr. Begzad, this matter is scheduled
22 for a show cause hearing on November 3rd at 1:30
23 p.m.

24 Ms. Jordan, who is the assigned
25 attorney for this case, please.

1 MS. JORDAN: The assigned attorney for
2 this case is James Jordan.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Begzad,
4 have you had any conversation with the Government
5 regarding this case, sir?

6 MR. BEGZAD: Yes, sir. I had a
7 conversation regarding this case. I --

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't
9 necessarily want to get the details. I just want
10 to make sure that you're in contact with the
11 Government, sir. That's all. I don't want to
12 cut you off but I don't want to get into the
13 substance of the case. I just want to make sure
14 that you have that contact information and that
15 person has your contact information.

16 MR. BEGZAD: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I would say,
18 sir, you can continue speaking to them. If you
19 reach an agreement with the Government, you can
20 -- both parties can alert us to that. If not,
21 we'll have a hearing on November 3rd at 1:30 p.m.
22 If we go to a hearing, this is your opportunity
23 to present documents and witnesses to
24 substantiate your position.

25 Seven days before the hearing you are

1 suppose to provide -- exchange the documents and
2 witnesses to the Government attorney, and also
3 provide a copy of that document to the agency.
4 So, as I said, have conversations with the
5 Government. If not, the Board will see you on
6 November 3rd at 1:30 p.m. if this matter is not
7 settled.

8 MR. BEGZAD: Thank you so much, sir.
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. Have
11 a great day.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
13 off the record at 10:55 a.m.)

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