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2 10:36 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone.

5 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic
6 Beverage Control Board for the District of
7 Columbia and in accordance with D.C. Code 2576 of
8 the Open Meetings Act, I am welcoming you to the
9 regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic
10 Beverage Control Board.

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

16 Pursuant to the virus, the notice of
17 today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance
18 of the calendar and on ABRA's website, and on the
19 District Central calendar.

20 The notice includes a time, date,
21 agenda and call-in or log-in information for
22 public participation. This electronic meeting is
23 being hosted by a WebEx account provided by the
24 District of Columbia Government.

25 Please address any questions or

1 complains to the OOG at opengovoffice@dc.gov. My
2 name is Donovan Anderson and I'm Chairman of the
3 Board.

4 I would like to introduce the other
5 Members of the ABC Board who are also
6 participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's
7 order 2021-096.

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

10 MEMBER SHORT: Present.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Bob Cato?

12 MEMBER CATO: Present.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

14 MEMBER CROCKETT: Present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Jeni Hansen?

16 MEMBER HANSEN: Present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Edward Grandis?

18 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,

19 present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
21 six Members in attendance for conduct of business
22 today and that constitutes a quorum.

23 Before we get underway with today's
24 hearing calendar, I need to make a few
25 instructions very clear so that the conduct of

1 these hearings is understood by everyone.

2 There are seven cases scheduled for
3 this morning's calendar. Once the case is called
4 I will take a moment for our IT specialist to
5 elevate the rights for each party to enable the
6 camera and microphone.

7 Then and only then will you have the
8 ability to enable your equipment. If your case
9 is not being heard, you will remain mute and your
10 camera will be disabled.

11 At the conclusion of each case, the
12 parties will have the option to leave. If the
13 party chooses to stay, all cameras and
14 microphones for the concluded case will be
15 disabled.

16 Should you have any questions or
17 require technical assistance during the hearing,
18 please submit them using the question and answer
19 feature or email simone.andras2@dcg.ov.

20 Our first order of business to say is
21 a short concierge status calendar this morning is
22 case number 21CC-0001 Gold Coast Caf, and Mart,
23 Licence Number 98589.

24 Ms. Andras, can you please elevate the
25 rights of the parties in this case?

1 MS. ANDREWS: Stand by. Mr. Alemu,
2 your rights have been elevated and Ms. Janika
3 Jordan, your rights have been elevated. That's
4 all.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. I
6 would like to the parties to introduce themselves
7 for the record. Please state and spell your name
8 for the record.

9 Let's start with the Government.

10 MS. JORDAN: Good morning, Mr.
11 Chairman, Janika Jordan on behalf of the
12 Government.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir?

14 MR. ALEMU: Good morning, sir, my name
15 is Alamayehu Alemu on behalf of Gold Coast Caf,
16 and Market.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Could you
18 please spell your first and last name, sir?

19 MR. ALEMU: A-L-A-M-A-Y-E-H-U, A-L-E-
20 M-U.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
22 Ms. Jordan, are there any my matters in this
23 case?

24 MS. JORDAN: Yes, there are. The
25 parties have an offer in compromise to present to

1 the Board at this time.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What is that,
3 please?

4 MS. JORDAN: For the first charge a
5 \$2000 fine, payable within 60 days of the Board
6 acceptance the OIC and if payment is not made
7 within 60 days, the license will be suspended
8 until payment is received.

9 The license will be suspended for five
10 days with all days stayed for one year and all
11 employees who serve alcoholic beverages in the
12 licensed establishment will complete an alcohol
13 training program within three months from the
14 OIC's date.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's the
16 second charge, please?

17 MS. JORDAN: A \$1000 fine payable
18 within 60 days of the Board acceptance the RIC
19 and if payment is not made within 60 days, the
20 license will be suspended until payment is
21 received.

22 And for the third charge, a \$2000 fine
23 payable within 60 days of the Board accepting the
24 OIC. And if payment is not made within 60 days,
25 the license will be suspended until payment is

1 received.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

3 MS. JORDAN: That's the OIC.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Alemu, it's
5 my understanding that there's an offer in
6 compromise. The offer in compromise is that for
7 Charge 1 there is a \$2000 fine payable within 60
8 days.

9 If the fine is not paid within 60 days
10 the license will be suspended until the fine is
11 paid. There is also in Charge 1 a five-day
12 suspension of the license and the five days will
13 be stayed for one year provided that there are no
14 further violations.

15 All the employees who sell alcohol
16 will undergo training within 90 days. For Charge
17 2 there is a \$1000 fine payable within 60 days.
18 If the fine is not payable within 60 days, the
19 license will be suspended.

20 For Charge 3 there is a \$2000 fine
21 payable within 60 days. If the fine is not payed
22 in 60 days the license will be suspended. Is
23 this your understanding of the offer in
24 compromise?

25 MR. ALEMU: Yes, sir.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
2 that an offer in compromise that you are given
3 the right to a hearing?

4 MR. ALEMU: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also
6 aware that by accepting an offer in compromise,
7 you give up the right to appeal this matter?

8 MR. ALEMU: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are there any
10 questions by any Board Members of the Government,
11 whether or not Board Members are free to ask
12 questions of either party of the offer in
13 compromise that was presented?

14 Hearing no questions by any Board
15 Members, I will then make a motion that -- this
16 is the Gold Coast Caf, and Mart and I will then
17 make a motion to the Board that --

18 I will then make a motion that the
19 offer in compromise be accepted. The offer in
20 compromise is that for Charge 1, there is a \$2000
21 fine payable within 60 days.

22 If the fine is not paid within 60
23 days, the license will be suspended until the
24 fine has been paid.

25 As part of that first charge, there

1 will be a five-day suspension, all five days will
2 be stayed for one year provided there are no
3 further violations.

4 The third portion of Charge 1 is that
5 all employees will serve alcohol will undergo
6 training within 90 days of the acceptance of the
7 OIC.

8 For Charge 2, there is a fine of \$1000
9 payable within 60 days. If the fine is not paid
10 within 60 days, the license will be suspended.
11 For Charge 2, there is a fine of \$2000 payable
12 within 60 days.

13 If the fine is not payable within 60
14 days, the license will be suspended. So,
15 therefore I make a motion that the Board accepts
16 the offer in compromise.

17 Is there a second?

18 MEMBER SHORT: I second.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
20 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call
21 vote on the motion that has been seconded by Mr.
22 Short. Mr. Short?

23 MEMBER SHORT: I agree.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

25 MEMBER CATO: I agree.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

2 MEMBER CROCKETT: I agree.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

4 MEMBER HANSEN: I agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I agree. The
8 matter passes 6-0-0. So, thank you very much. I
9 want to thank the parties for being able to work
10 this matter out.

11 So, as you're aware, you'll have 60
12 days from today to make payment arrangements with
13 the Agency.

14 If payment is not made within 60 days
15 from today, the license will be suspended until
16 the payment has been made.

17 If you have not already started the
18 process to contact the Agency to make
19 arrangements for the training, you are on notice
20 that you have 90 days from today for the Staff to
21 do the training by the Board on alcohol
22 awareness.

23 Thank you very much and have a great
24 day.

25 MR. ALEMU: Can I leave?

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir, the
2 case is over so you are free to go.

3 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
4 went off the record at 10:44 a.m.)
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