DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: : : 5534 Connecticut, LLC, : t/a Capital Crab & : Seafood : 5534 Connecticut Ave NW : Show Cause License #106151 : Hearing (Status) Retailer CR - ANC 3G : Case # 19-AUD-00021 : : (Failed to File Quarterly Statement) :

> Tuesday December 2, 2020

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via Webex videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, JR., Member RAFI CROCKETT, Member ED GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff SHAHZEB ASIM, DC OAG SIDON YOHANNES, Licensee's Counsel

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2	11:01 a.m.		
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the		
4	last case that's on our morning agenda is case		
5	number 19-AUD-00021, Capital Crab and Seafood,		
6	license number 106151. Ms. Andrews, can you		
7	please elevate the rights of the licensee if they		
8	are on the line?		
9	MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, there is no		
10	one on the line.		
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All		
12	right, I have some information here, and so if I		
13	am		
14	(Simultaneous speaking.)		
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're not		
16	necessarily incorrect. The calendar does not		
17	give me any notification that it's canceled. Let		
18	me ask Mr. Asim. Is this hearing canceled or is		
19	this hearing still on? Let me ask the government		
20	to introduce themself for the record, please.		
21	MR. ASIM: Good morning, members of		
22	the Board, Shahzeb Asim for the District of		
23	Columbia, S-H-A-H-Z-E-B, last name A-S-I-M.		
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, and		
25	there is no licensee? If there is a licensee for		

this case, can you please identify yourself 1 2 through the chat? 3 MS. ANDREWS: Ms. Yohannes sent a 4 message and said she's representing the licensee 5 in this case. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 6 7 Ms. Yohannes, can you please identify thank you. 8 yourself for the record, please? 9 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, Sidon Yohannes on 10 behalf of the licensee, and S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-11 N-E-S. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All right, Mr. Asim, are there any preliminary 13 matters in this case? 14 15 The parties do not have an MR. ASIM: 16 offer in compromise to present to the Board right 17 now. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes, 19 do you have any preliminary matters you want to 20 bring to the Board? 21 MS. YOHANNES: I just want to be clear 22 that we are moving forward, as it sounds like Mr. 23 Asim just said, on this matter with a pending 24 motion to reinstate the license. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I'm

not aware -- I'm not sure if that's on another 1 2 calendar. I don't know at the moment, so maybe 3 it's on our calendar for today. I don't know, 4 but that's -- I'm not aware of that at the 5 moment, but where we are at the moment is that 6 this matter then will be --7 Where we are at the moment is that this matter will be scheduled for a show cause 8 9 hearing for a date to be determined in January, so we'll advise both parties of the date and time 10 11 of the hearing. Yes, Ms. Yohannes? 12 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, I have no 13 objection and we have no reason to want to delay 14 this, so I'm fine with moving forward as-is 15 assuming that and hoping that the Board will 16 grant the motion. The reinstatement is a 17 different calendar this afternoon. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, so that's 19 on this calendar? Let me see. Hold on one 20 minute. Please let me get something. 21 MS. YOHANNES: Sure. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, it 23 is on our calendar today, so, yeah, it's on our 24 calendar. So, I'm doing to do that calendar now 25 once we're -- because we're not -- so what I'm

1 asking, Ms. Andrews, please do not deactivate Ms. 2 Yohannes' --3 MS. ANDREWS: Her rights. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Her rights, 5 yes. 6 MS. ANDREWS: Okay. 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, she can 8 stay on if she so desires. 9 MS. YOHANNES: I have no issue with 10 that. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, all 12 right, so I understand this matter is scheduled for another -- will be scheduled for a show cause 13 14 hearing in January and we will advise both 15 parties. 16 MS. YOHANNES: Mr. Chair, may I ask 17 one question? 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am. 19 MS. YOHANNES: Regarding OICs moving 20 forward, I just want to be clear. You all are 21 still accepting OICs in writing, is that correct, 22 or are we --23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. 24 MS. YOHANNES: Okay. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we are, if

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the government brings us a written OIC, then we 1 2 will place that on our legal agenda and we will 3 vote on the legal agenda, and I recommended to our general counsel to inform the Office of 4 5 Attorney General that even when we return to normal operations, whenever that is, and if that 6 7 ever occurs --Okay. 8 MS. YOHANNES: 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- the Board will still entertain both written OICs because I 10 11 think that it's actually very efficient if the 12 parties are able to work that out and if they 13 give us something in writing, that we will vote 14 on it on our legal agenda, so --15 MS. YOHANNES: Absolutely, thank you. 16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. **All** right, so that concludes our morning calendar, 17 and with the conclusion of our morning calendar 18 19 and mister --20 You know, I'm bad with names, and it's 21 Mr. Asim? Am I -- you know, I should know how to 22 pronounce your name by now, so, but I will get 23 So, one more time for the record, how am I it. 24 supposed to pronounce your name, please, sir? 25 MR. ASIM: It's Asim, like --

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Asim.		
MR. ASIM: Yeah, Asim, yeah.		
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, because		
you have said it for me and I guess I continue to		
butcher it, but I apologize, but the more you		
appear before me and the more you say it to me, I		
will		
See, I'll give you a perfect example.		
Looking at one of our Board member's names, I		
would be having a difficulty time saying her		
name, but now it just rolls off my tongue without		
any problems, so please forgive me.		
The more you say it to me, the more I		
will be very comfortable in pronouncing your		
name, so please do not take any offense if it's		
not pronounced properly, okay?		
MR. ASIM: No, it's no problem.		
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,		
thank you, and I think I'm doing a good job, Ms.		
Yohannes, with your name. I believe that I'm not		
really butchering your name.		
MS. YOHANNES: You're not and I		
appreciate that. Thank you.		
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because now I'm		
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because now I'm more comfortable with the name, and so therefore,		

1	I'm hoping that since I'm more comfortable, your
2	appearing in front of me is sufficient time that
3	I'm more comfortable in seeing you and
4	pronouncing your name properly, so I appreciate
5	everyone's indulgence.
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