

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

2 10:32 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcohol Beverage
5 Control Board for the District of Columbia, in
6 accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 25764
7 of the Open Meetings Act, I'm welcoming you to a
8 regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol
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 health 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. The notice
19 included the time, date, agenda, and call-in or
20 log-in information for public participation.

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

1 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
2 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
3 the other members of the ABC Board who are also
4 participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's
5 Order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce
6 your name. Mr. James Short?

7 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
8 present.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato?

10 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rema
12 Wahabzadah?

13 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,
14 present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi
16 Crockett?

17 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,
18 present.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen?

20 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis?

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, present.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
24 seven members in attendance for the conduct of
25 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

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

5 Today's hearings are being conducted
6 through a Webex account provided by the D.C.
7 Office of Open Government. There are 22 cases on
8 this morning's calendar.

9 Once your case is called, I will take
10 a moment for our IT specialist to elevate the
11 rights for each party to enable their camera and
12 microphone. Then, and only then, will you have
13 the ability to enable your equipment. If your
14 case has not been heard, you will remain mute and
15 your camera will be disabled.

16 At the conclusion of each case, the
17 parties will have the option to leave. If the
18 party chooses to stay, all cameras and
19 microphones for the concluded case will be
20 disabled.

21 Should you have any questions or
22 require technical assistance during the hearing,
23 please submit them using the question and answer
24 feature or email simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

25 Our first order of business today is

1 case number 19-CC-00149, Kiss Tavern, license
2 number 104710. Ms. Andrews, I will take a moment
3 for our IT specialist to elevate the rights of
4 Mr. Ansbaugh (phonetic) and the government.

5 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Ansbaugh is now on
6 the line. That's all, Mr. Chair.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank
8 you very much. Mr. Asim, can you please state
9 your name and spell your name for the record,
10 please?

11 MR. ASIM: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
12 and members of the Board. My name is Shahzeb
13 Asim, S-H-A-H-Z-E-B, last name A-S-I-M, and I
14 represent the District of Columbia.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, I
16 see that the licensee is not here, but because
17 this is only a status hearing, this matter will
18 be scheduled for a -- I'm sorry. I see mister --

19 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bianco
20 sent a message and said that he's here on the
21 behalf of the defendant.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I saw that Mr.
23 Bianco popped up, so let me -- Mr. Bianco, can
24 you please enable your camera and then please
25 identify yourself by spelling your name on the

1 record, please?

2 MR. BIANCO: Sure, my name is Richard
3 Bianco. My last name is spelled B-I-A-N-C-O, and
4 I represent the licensee in this matter.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, good
6 morning, Mr. Bianco. Mr. Asim, now that the
7 licensee's representation is here, are there any
8 preliminary matters in this case?

9 MR. ASIM: No, Chairman, there are no
10 preliminary matters.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And for Mr.
12 Bianco, are there any preliminary matters from
13 your perspective, sir?

14 MR. BIANCO: Nothing from the
15 respondent.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, thank
17 you. Well, hearing that, this matter then will
18 be scheduled for a show cause hearing in January,
19 but we will provide the parties with a date
20 certain for the hearing in January, mostly likely
21 in January 2021, all right? Thank you very much.

22 MR. ASIM: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 10:38 a.m.)

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