

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

2 11:02 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're on the
4 record.

5 Good morning. As Chairperson of the
6 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the
7 District of Columbia, and in accordance with D.C.
8 Code Section 2-571 et. seq. of the Open Meetings
9 Act, I am welcoming you to the regular scheduled
10 meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis
11 Board.

12 This meeting is being conducted
13 pursuant to guidance made available by the
14 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
15 regarding electronic meetings held by public
16 bodies. Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are
17 authorized pursuant to Section 2577(a) of the
18 D.C. Code.

19 Pursuant to the OMA requirements,
20 notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours
21 in advance of the meeting on ABCA's website and
22 on the District's Central Meeting Calendar. The
23 notice included the time, date, agenda, and
24 call-in or login information for public
25 participation.

1 This electronic meeting is being
2 hosted by a WebEx account provided by the
3 District of Columbia Government. Please address
4 any questions or complaints to the OOG at
5 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

6 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
7 Chairperson of the Board. I would like to
8 introduce the other members of the ABC Board who
9 are also participating electronically. Please
10 respond when I announce your name. Mr. James
11 Short?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
13 present.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silas
15 Grant?

16 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Silas Grant,
17 present.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
19 three members in attendance for the conduct of
20 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

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

25 There are nine cases scheduled for

1 today. Once your case is called, it will take a
2 moment for our IT specialist to elevate the
3 rights for each party to enable their camera and
4 microphone. Then, and only then, will you have
5 the ability to enable your equipment.

6 If your case is not being heard, you
7 will remain mute and your camera will be
8 disabled.

9 At the conclusion of each case, the
10 parties will have the option to leave. If the
11 parties choose to stay, all cameras and
12 microphones for the concluded case will be
13 disabled.

14 Should you have any questions or
15 require technical assistance during the hearing,
16 please submit them using the question and answer
17 feature.

18 I would like to apologize to the
19 public for our late start time this morning. As
20 you're aware, the Board was on recess for about
21 three weeks. And so, therefore we had a lot of
22 meetings to -- a lot of business to take care in
23 our executive meeting this morning.

24 All right. The first case on our
25 calendar today is Case Number 23-CMP-00073 Hiwot

1 Ethiopian Restaurant and Market, license number
2 100297.

3 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
4 please elevate the rights of the government and
5 the Licensee in this case?

6 MR. ORELLANA: Sure thing. Bisola
7 Oni, your access has been elevated. And that
8 appears to be all, Chairman. I'll check in the
9 chat again.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Well,
11 I'll just move on. Ms. Oni, good morning. Can
12 you please identify yourself for the record by
13 spelling and stating your name?

14 MS. ONI: Yes, good morning. Bisola
15 Oni, B-I-S-O-L-A, O-N-I, Assistant Attorney
16 General, here on behalf of the government.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
18 I see that the Licensee is not here, but this is
19 not a concern for this type of case. This
20 matter, then, is scheduled for a show cause
21 hearing on January 10, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

22 And I just want to advise the
23 government that, seven days before the hearing,
24 the parties are required to disclose documents
25 and witnesses that will be relied upon at the

1 hearing. Failure on the part of each party to
2 disclose documents and witnesses that will be
3 relied upon at the hearing, unless good cause is
4 shown, the Board is empowered to prevent that
5 other side from moving forward. Any questions,
6 ma'am?

7 MS. ONI: No. No questions.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
10 went off the record at 11:06 a.m.)
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