

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD  
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 MEETING

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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 Seven Seas, Inc. :  
 t/a Seven Seas Restaurant: :  
 5915 Georgia Ave NW : Show Cause  
 Retailer CR - ANC 4B : Hearing (Status)  
 License No. 654 :  
 Case #23-CMP-00076 :  
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Wednesday  
 December 6th, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member  
 SILAS GRANT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff  
 CHRISTINA OKURA, Licensee Counsel  
 BISOLA ONI, DC OAG

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

2 11:14 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The  
4 next case on our calendar is Case No. 23-CMP-  
5 00076, Seven Seas Restaurant, License No. 654.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate  
7 the Licensee in this case?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Christina Okura, your  
9 access has been elevated.

10 And that appears to be all, Chairman.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 Ms. Okura, can you turn on your  
13 camera, please?

14 MS. OKURA: Yes.

15 Good morning. This is Christina  
16 Okura, representing Seven Seas Restaurant.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on one  
18 minute, please.

19 Okay. Good morning, Ms. Oni. Can you  
20 please identify yourself for the record?

21 MS. ONI: Yes.

22 Good morning. Bisola Oni, B-I-S-O-L-A  
23 O-N-I, Assistant Attorney General, here on behalf  
24 of the Government.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

1 Ms. Okura, can you spell and identify  
2 yourself for the record by spelling and state  
3 your name?

4 MS. OKURA: Sure.

5 My name is Christina Okura. Last  
6 name, last name spelled O-K-U-R-A, representing  
7 Seven Seas Restaurant.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

9 Ms. Oni, is there any preliminary  
10 matters in this case?

11 MS. ONI: No. Just that the OIG has  
12 been placated and the parties are in talks.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 Then this matter, this matter is now  
15 settled.

16 It is scheduled for a show cause  
17 hearing on January 10th, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

18 I would like to advise the parties  
19 that if this matter goes to a show cause hearing,  
20 seven days prior to the hearing both parties are  
21 required to disclose documents and witnesses that  
22 will be relied upon at the hearing.

23 Failure by either side to disclose  
24 documents and witnesses seven days before the  
25 hearing, unless you can show us some cause why,

1 reasonable cause why you failed to disclose the  
2 documents, the Board is empowered to prevent you  
3 from moving forward.

4 Any questions by either side?

5 MS. OKURA: Just to confirm. This  
6 matter has been settled. My client accepted OCI.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I have not, the  
8 Board has not -- that isn't -- All right. The  
9 Board has not received, received this information  
10 for us to sign off on it.

11 So, until, until the Board receives it  
12 and we sign off on it, so, if there is a paper  
13 OIC, then the parties, it will be submitted to  
14 our office, to the Board, the Board will vote on  
15 it publicly and cancel the hearing.

16 MS. OKURA: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But, until  
18 that's done --

19 MS. OKURA: Sure.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- then, but I  
21 guess the bottom line, the bottom line, it can be  
22 done now.

23 So, if the parties have, if the  
24 parties have agreed, we can put it on the record  
25 and dispose of it right now. So, if that's

1 something that we can do, Ms. Oni, or do you want  
2 to a -- wait for the, wait for the documents in  
3 writing?

4 MS. ONI: Yes.

5 This is Assistant Attorney General  
6 Matthew Brown's case. I do want to wait for the  
7 document because there is another case that's  
8 coming up. And so, --

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

10 MS. ONI: -- there's a potential for a  
11 combined OIC potentially.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All  
13 right, so, once the Board receives, so this  
14 matter is scheduled for a show cause hearing on  
15 January 10th, 2024, however, if, if an offer in  
16 compromise is submitted to the Agency, the Board  
17 will review it. The Board will accept it or  
18 reject it.

19 And then if the Board accepts it, then  
20 this matter moves away.

21 MS. OKURA: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay?

23 MS. OKURA: Yes.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank  
25 you.

1 MS. OKURA: Thank you very much.

2 So, may I excuse?

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.

4 It's over.

5 MS. OKURA: Okay, thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a good day,

7 yes.

8 (Whereupon, at 11:18 a.m., the hearing  
9 was concluded.)

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