

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.,
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t/a Seven Seas Restaurant:
5915 Georgia Ave NW : Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 4B : Hearing (Status)
License No. 654 :
Case #23-CMP-00075 :
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(No ABC Manager on Duty) :
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Wednesday
December 13, 2023

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

PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff
CHRISTINA OKURA, Applicant
CHRIS SOUTHCOTT, DC OAG

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

2 11:15 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4 on our calendar is our show cause hearing status
5 calendar, Case No. 23-CMP-00075, Seven Seas --
6 excuse me, Seven Seas Restaurant, License No.
7 654. Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate the
8 rights of the government and the licensee in this
9 case?

10 MR. ORELLANA: Christina Okura, your
11 access has been elevated. Christ Southcott, your
12 access has been elevated. And I believe that is
13 all, Chairman.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

15 MS. OKURA: Good morning.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
17 Good morning. All right. Good morning, Mr.
18 Southcott. Can you please spell and state your
19 name for the record, please?

20 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Sure. My name is
21 Chris Southcott -- first name, C-H-R-I-S, last
22 name, S-O-U-T-H-C-O-T-T -- from D.C.'s Office of
23 the Attorney General representing the government.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
25 sir. Ms. Okura, can you please spell and state

1 your name for the record?

2 MS. OKURA: Sure, good morning.
3 Christina Okura representing Seven Seas
4 Restaurant. First name is spelled C-H-R-I-S-T-I-
5 N-A. Last name is spelled O-K-U-R-A.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
7 Mr. Southcott, are there any preliminary matters
8 in this case?

9 MR. SOUTHCOTT: The information that
10 was communicated to me is that the parties have
11 reached an OIC -- have reached an agreement but
12 haven't been able -- haven't reduced it to
13 writing yet. So I just want to make sure with
14 Ms. Okura that is correct. And if that's the
15 case, then I believe that we can read the OIC
16 into the record.

17 MS. OKURA: That's correct. We
18 accepted the Offer in Compromise. I'm waiting
19 for Mr. Brown to draft the settlement agreement.
20 That's the status.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, if an
22 Offer in Compromise has been provided and it's
23 accepted, if Ms. Southcott could read that in the
24 record.

25 MS. OKURA: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And if you
2 agree with it, the Board can vote on it right
3 now.

4 MS. OKURA: Yeah, okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
6 what's the Offer in Compromise?

7 MR. SOUTHCOTT: The Offer in
8 Compromise is one charge. It is a no ABC manager
9 charge under D.C. Code Section 25-701, secondary
10 tier offense. Secondary tier violation within
11 four years in the OIC is 2,000 dollars within 30
12 days or its license shall be suspended
13 indefinitely until the fine is paid.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Okura, you
15 have stated that the Offer in Compromise that was
16 provided is a fine of 2,000 dollars payable
17 within 30 days. If the fine is not paid, the
18 license will be suspended until the fine has been
19 paid. Is this your understanding of the offer in
20 compromise?

21 MS. OKURA: Yes, yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
23 that by accepting an Offer in Compromise that you
24 give up your right to a hearing?

25 MS. OKURA: Yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also
2 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,
3 you've given up your right to appeal this matter?

4 MS. OKURA: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
6 With that said, I make a motion that the Offer in
7 Compromise be accepted. Is there a second?

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

9 MEMBER GRANT: -- motion.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant has
11 second the motion. We'll now have a roll call
12 vote. Mr. Short?

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

15 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
17 Anderson, I agree. The matter -- the Offer in
18 Compromise has been for 1,000 -- for 1,000 -- I'm
19 sorry, for 2,000 dollars payable in 30 days. And
20 this is for Case No. 23-CMP-00075, for that case.

21 That's the case that the Offer in
22 Compromise for 2,000 dollars. I just want to
23 make sure there is another outstanding case out
24 there. But this Offer in Compromise, though, is
25 just for Case No. 23-CMP-00075. Okay?

1 MS. OKURA: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

3 Thank you. So there is no need to sign a
4 document. So the Board has accepted the Offer in
5 Compromise of 2,000 dollars payable within 30
6 days for Case No. 23-CMP-00075. All right?

7 MS. OKURA: Okay. Thank you very
8 much.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you very
10 much. Have a great day.

11 MS. OKURA: You too. Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the record at 11:20 a.m.)

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