

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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The Juniper Group, LLC, :  
t/a The Blaguard :  
2003 18th Street NW : Show Cause  
Retailer CR - ANC 1C : Hearing (Status)  
License No. 86012 :  
Case #19-AUD-00086 :  
:  
(Failed to File Quarterly:  
Statement) :

Wednesday  
February 12, 2020

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

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

SIDON YOHANNES, Counsel for Applicant  
JASON FACCI, Counsel for Complainant

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

2 (9:59 a.m.)

3 MEMBER ANDERSON: All right. The next  
4 case on our calendar is case number 19-AUD-00086,  
5 The Blaguard, license number 86012. Would the  
6 parties please approach and identify themselves  
7 for the record, please?

8 MR. FACCI: Jason Facci on behalf of  
9 the District of Columbia.

10 MEMBER ANDERSON: MR. Facci, good  
11 morning.

12 MS. YOHANNES: Sidon Yohannes on  
13 behalf of the licensee.

14 MEMBER ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes, good  
15 morning. Mr. Facci, are there any preliminary  
16 matters in this case?

17 MR. FACCI: Yes, Mr. Chairman. We do  
18 have an offer in compromise.

19 MEMBER ANDERSON: And what is that,  
20 please?

21 MR. FACCI: A \$1,250 fine to be paid  
22 within 30 days or the license shall be suspended  
23 indefinitely until the fine is paid and the for  
24 the establishment to submit any pending quarterly  
25 statements if they have not submitted them yet.

1                   MEMBER ANDERSON: Ms. Yohannes, it's  
2 my understanding that there's an offer in  
3 compromise, and the offer in compromise is that  
4 there is a fine of \$1,250 payable within 30 days.

5                   If the fine has not been paid within  
6 30 days, the license will be suspended until the  
7 fine has been paid. And secondly, that all  
8 outstanding quarterly statements be filed. Is  
9 this your understanding of the offer in  
10 compromise?

11                  MS. YOHANNES: Yes, it is.

12                  MEMBER ANDERSON: Is our client aware  
13 that by accepting the offer in compromise that  
14 they're giving up their right to a hearing?

15                  MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

16                  MEMBER ANDERSON: And is your client  
17 also aware that by accepting the offer in  
18 compromise, they're giving up their right to  
19 appeal this matter?

20                  MS. YOHANNES: Yes.

21                  MEMBER ANDERSON: With that said, I  
22 make a motion that the offer in compromise of a  
23 fine of \$1,250 be accepted. If the fine is not  
24 paid within 30 days, the license will be  
25 suspended until the fine has been paid, and

1       secondly, that all outstanding quarterly payments  
2       -- I'm sorry. All outstanding quarterly filings  
3       be submitted. Is there a second?

4               MEMBER CATO: Second.

5               MEMBER ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has second  
6       the motion. All those in motion, say aye.

7               (Chorus of ayes)

8               MEMBER ANDERSON: Those opposed? The  
9       matter passed 6-0-0.

10              (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
11       went off the record at 10:01 a.m.)

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