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2 10:31 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
4 I'm going to go out of order for a minute and I
5 am going to ask everyone to clear the room, with
6 the exception of Ms. Deems. So I'd like
7 everyone to clear the room and we'll call you
8 once we -- when I go back on the regular
9 schedule.

10 The next matter, we have a fact-
11 finding here, and it's an application for
12 manager license for Fay L. Deems.

13 Can you identify yourself for the
14 record, please?

15 MS. DEEMS: Fay L. Deems, D-E-E-M-S.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

17 MS. DEEMS: Good morning.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to
19 get a copy of the application, please.

20 All right, Ms. Deems, you applied
21 for a manager license and I understand that you
22 were given a temporary license.

1 MS. DEEMS: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Once you
3 applied for a permanent license, we have to do a
4 criminal background check. And in during the
5 background check the board became aware of some
6 blemishes on your background, specifically you
7 have been charged with several accounts of theft
8 and one count of fraud. And although -- it
9 appears to the board that you have not been
10 found guilty of any of these offenses, they do
11 relate to honesty, veracity and ethics. And
12 that's one of the reasons why the board
13 requested that we have a fact-finding hearing
14 today. And so maybe you can -- this is not a
15 matter of the board making judgement on you;
16 it's a matter of if we're going to grant you an
17 opportunity to have a manager's license, we're
18 put in the public, you're going to have
19 opportunities that you're going to have
20 personal/financial information for thousands of
21 people.

22 MS. DEEMS: Right.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And we want
2 to make sure that whoever we grant the license
3 to, that this person will uphold the law and be
4 honest and not abuse that privilege. And so we
5 just want to -- maybe you can explain to us
6 what's going on, why -- not necessarily in
7 detail, but why should we give you a license?

8 MS. DEEMS: Because I am an honest
9 person and I am a good person. I love
10 Washington DC and I -- I'm nervous, I'm sorry --
11 those things that happened, happened in the
12 past.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How long ago?

14 MS. DEEMS: I think the last one was
15 2016 and the other ones were way far back, and
16 it was basically, like, my ex-boyfriend was this
17 past one, and then the other one was my ex-
18 family and they tried to say things that I
19 didn't do, and I didn't do them, is why
20 everything -- that last one was dropped; they
21 didn't even take it -- it didn't even make it to
22 court. We went for the initial and then it was

1 dropped after that, because they couldn't find,
2 I guess, any evidence or anything that I
3 actually done it, so it was dropped. But I do,
4 I take my job very seriously. I've had no
5 issues at work, I've had no write-ups at work.
6 You know, I am an honest person and I am a good
7 person, and I would like to be able to have the
8 opportunity to have the manager's card.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where are you
10 currently working?

11 MS. DEEMS: Kellari Taverna on 17th
12 and K.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any questions
14 by any other -- Yes, Mr. Short.

15 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Good morning,
16 Ms. Deems. I guess what I'm trying to find out;
17 you said your last arrest was 2016? It says
18 here subject was arrested on 5/24/17 by
19 Montgomery County Police.

20 MS. DEEMS: Oh, yeah. I'm sorry.
21 But it started in 2016, apparently, and that all
22 happened -- I got arrested like -- and I didn't

1 know anything was happening until that happened.

2 MEMBER SHORT: What was that charge?

3 MS. DEEMS: I think -- something
4 with credit card. I don't even know exactly
5 what it was. My boyfriend said I used his
6 credit card when I didn't because we had broken
7 up, and that's what that was.

8 MEMBER SHORT: So domestic --
9 anything else?

10 MS. DEEMS: Yes.

11 MEMBER SHORT: Was he the only
12 person who accused you of --?

13 MS. DEEMS: Yes.

14 MEMBER SHORT: He's the only one?

15 MS. DEEMS: On that date, yes. And
16 that was the only credit card issue.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Well, I believe in
18 redemption and I'd like to see you get a
19 license. But that still doesn't explain -- how
20 many arrests have you had?

21 MS. DEEMS: Two. I mean, I've only
22 been arrested twice in my entire life. That was

1 that one time and then one other time before
2 that, which was way back when. And I've never
3 been convicted of anything.

4 MEMBER SHORT: Okay, that's all I
5 have. Thank you, Ms. Deems.

6 MS. DEEMS: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
8 questions by any other -- Yes, Ms. Crockett?

9 MEMBER CROCKETT: Good morning, Ms.
10 Deems.

11 MS. DEEMS: Good morning.

12 MEMBER CROCKETT: We don't have the
13 details of any of these arrests or charges, did
14 any of them take place at or have any relation
15 to your employer or your job or your workplace?

16 MS. DEEMS: No.

17 MEMBER CROCKETT: Okay, thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry; I
19 didn't -- did you have a question or are you
20 just making sure --?

21 MEMBER CROCKETT: I asked a
22 question.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, I'm
2 sorry.

3 MEMBER SHORT: Asked and answered.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
5 questions by any other board members?

6 MEMBER SHORT: Just like one
7 observation.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr.
9 Short.

10 MEMBER SHORT: Ms. Deems, you're
11 going to have a good responsibility -- where
12 again do you work?

13 MS. DEEMS: Kellari Taverna.

14 MEMBER SHORT: Where is that
15 located?

16 MS. DEEMS: 17th and K.

17 MEMBER SHORT: Great place?

18 MS. DEEMS: Yes.

19 MEMBER SHORT: You're going to have
20 a lot of responsibility as the ABC manager.
21 We're going to be expecting great things out of
22 you and not to see you before us, so don't let

1 us down.

2 MS. DEEMS: I won't.

3 MEMBER SHORT: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
5 Ms. Deems, as I said before, and as Mr. Short
6 said, no one is perfect.

7 MS. DEEMS: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Errors are
9 made, whether or not intentional or
10 unintentionally, and we want to make sure that
11 if we are -- because we ask certain information
12 and then we see that there are some concerns,
13 then we bring the person for them to fill in the
14 information.

15 MS. DEEMS: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So that is
17 why we don't want to ever see you back here
18 because of some other -- that you have done
19 something to break the trust the board has
20 granted in granting you this license.

21 With that, I make a motion that we
22 approve the license. Is there a second?

1 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
3 seconded the motion. All those in favor say
4 aye.

5 (Chorus of aye.)

6 All those opposed?

7 The matter passes 6-0-0.

8 You can go to the front desk now and
9 pick you your license.

10 MS. DEEMS: Okay. Thank you guys so
11 much.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled
14 matter went off the record at 10:40 a.m.)

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