DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Field House, LLC, : t/a Field House DC :

151 T Street SW, : Fact Finding

Retailer CX : Hearing

License No. 110405 :
Case #18-CMP-00154 :

(Application for a New :

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License, Sold alcoholic :
beverages without a :
License) :

Wednesday
June 27, 2018

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.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson BOBBY CATO, Member JAMES SHORT, Member DONALD ISAAC, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ANNA VALERO, Licensee

IOANNIS "JOHN" GLIATIS, Licensee

SEAN GORDY, ABRA Licensing Program Manager

MARK BRASHEARS, ABRA Investigator

COUNTEE GILLIAM, ABRA Investigator

SHAWN TOWNSEND, ABRA Investigator

CORALIE FARLEE, ANC 6D

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
4:35 p.m.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And then, move
to the fact finding hearing in Case Number 18-
CMP-00154, Field House DC, License Number 11
MR. WOOD: Mr. Anderson?
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 0405. Yes,
Mr. Wood?
MR. WOOD: Before you move on,
obviously I don't have anything to do with the
next hearing
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
MR. WOOD: and I would just ask, who
would I speak with, I just want to know what I
can do to protect myself
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I would ask
MR. WOOD: going forward.
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I would ask that
you speak to the Director of this Agency, sir.
I'm not sure I don't know what is but I
but the record is clear, we do have a transcript.
MR. WOOD: Okay.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We have a
2	transcript that you have stated that you have not
3	had any business relationship with James Martens
4	
5	MR. WOOD: Okay.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: you have not
7	had any business relationship with Kraken Axes,
8	and there is no reason for at least any entity at
9	3400 Georgia Avenue to have had a copy of your
10	expired license or your current license.
11	MR. WOOD: Correct.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, that is
13	correct on the
14	MR. WOOD: So, that's on the record?
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: on the
16	record.
17	MR. WOOD: Okay.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's in the
19	transcript and you can take that. Now, I would
20	also talk to Fred Moosally, the Director of the
21	Agency
22	MR. WOOD: Okay.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: to let him
2	know that, it's now known to you that someone is
3	utilizing your license illegally, what if
4	anything you can do. I can't
5	MR. WOOD: Okay.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know
7	
8	MR. WOOD: Very well.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: or maybe you
10	can
11	MR. WOOD: I'll ask Mr. Townsend to
12	help me follow up on it.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
14	MR. WOOD: Thank you very much.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for
16	being here today
17	MR. WOOD: All right.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: today, Mr.
19	Wood.
20	DR. FARLEE: Going back later to the
21	other fact finding hearing
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's which

1	is what I've closed the Kraken Axes, now we're
2	going to do the
3	DR. FARLEE: One that was scheduled for
4	2:00? The Audi Field Ribbon Cutting?
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is there someone
6	here
7	DR. FARLEE: The guy in the yellow
8	vest.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, all right.
LO	Unfortunately, we're before or after? All
L1	right. Well, all right. This is what I'm going
L2	to do is that
L3	MS. VALERO: Field House?
L 4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. No,
L5	what I'm going to do is that we're and, sir
L6	all right. So, I'm going to this is what I'm
L7	going to do. Okay. Let me call a different
L8	case. So, I'm not going to call Field House.
L9	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
20	went off the record at 4:37 p.m. and resumed at
21	5:02 p.m.)
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1	Let's go back to on our agenda. The next case
2	that will be called is Case Number 18-CMP-00154,
3	Field House DC, License Number 110405. Will the
4	parties please approach and identify themselves
5	for the record, please?
6	DR. FARLEE: Coralie Farlee, Chair, ABC
7	Committee, ANC 6D.
8	INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: Investigator
9	Mark Brashears with ABRA.
10	INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Investigator
11	Kevin Puente with ABRA.
12	INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Investigator
13	Countee Gilliam, ABRA.
14	MR. GLIATIS: John Gliatis, Field
15	House.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry,
17	Mister?
18	MR. GLIATIS: Gliatis, G-L-I-A-T-I-S.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,
20	Mr. Gliatis.
21	MS. VALERO: Anna Valero, Field House.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,

Ms. Valero. This is a fact finding hearing that 1 2 we're having. You had applied for a new license for this location and you had requested a CX 3 4 license. 5 And one of the reasons why you are 6 here is that there was, at least for this 7 location, the Field House, that there's an 8 allegation that you had sold alcoholic beverages at this location without a license. 9 10 And I don't have a copy of the report. So, based on the -- no, I'll get it. So, who 11 12 wrote a report in this case? 13 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: I did, Mr. 14 Chairman. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. 15 So, Mr. 16 Gilliam, so can you tell us, as a result of --17 what is it that you've been able to find out 18 regarding this event? This establishment? 19 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: All right. 20 Well, in regards to this incident that occurred 21 on Monday, June 18, Mr. Martens, who owns Drink

the District, LLC, he applied for a one-day

license, but as she testified, as Ms. Valero testified in the last hearing, that she's part owner of Drink the District.

So, on June 18, ABRA got alerted by a member of the public that somebody was trying to buy alcoholic beverage without a correct license. Investigation was generated. I was dispatched to DC Field House located at 151 T Street Southwest.

When I approached the location, before I entered, above the fence, it had the name DC Field House, like they were advertising training with DC Field House. Walked inside, I observed several people drinking alcoholic beverages.

I identified myself as an ABRA investigator and requested to speak to the ABC manager. That's when I talked to Mr. Gliatis. I requested from Mr. Gliatis to look at the ABC license. He immediately gave me a copy.

When I viewed the copy, based on my experience, it didn't look right. It didn't look like an ABRA-issued ABC license. So, I inquired to him about that. I said, this license looks

altered.

He made the response saying that he got emailed the license, he just placed copies around the entire bar, he didn't have the original. Came back and questioned him as it relates to the dates.

I actually looked at the one-day license and it was expired. It expired on June 17 and they were selling alcoholic beverages, and this was June 18. Then, Mr. Gliatis, he stated to me that a representative went to ABRA today, which was Monday, June 18, and that they talked to Ms. Reina, which is the ABRA contact rep.

And they was advised by Ms. Reina that something transpired, but they can pick up the licenses on Tuesday the 19th, but they still could operate for that day, which was Monday the 18th. He stated that, he said Ms. Reina and ABRA licensing manager, Mr. Sean Gordy, that they both agreed upon that and that was the case.

I advised him, I said, I have to verify your statements and if they turn out to

not be true, I told him the establishment will be charged for selling alcoholic beverage without a license.

I left, left the establishment. I'm sorry, Mr. Gliatis stated, okay, when I told him that we'd charge if the statements don't match up and if the records don't match up.

On that day during day shift,

Investigator Puente and Investigator Brashears

was assigned to go back out there, because it was

validated that Ms. Reina, she didn't even work on

Monday, June 18, she wasn't even here.

And after talking with Mr. Gordy, the licensing manager, he say he never talked to anybody associated with the event. That was validated, Investigator Puente and Investigator Brashears was dispatched back to DC Field House.

And upon returning, Investigator

Puente, he noticed several alcoholic beverages

out. I believe it was sangria wine and, I don't

drink wine, I think pinot grigio, I know I'm not

pronouncing it right, I'm not a wine drinker.

And he actually observed the beer trailer and the 1 2 tap was up, with alcohol ready to be served. Investigator Puente talked to Mr. 3 4 Gliatis, asked him where the alcohol license was. 5 He told him the same thing he told me the day prior, that it was just a copy and he had copies 6 7 located on every bar. 8 Then, Investigator Puente actually 9 showed him a ABRA approved license and asked him why was it altered. If you look at your 10 11 exhibits, you can tell Mr. James Martens' name is 12 removed from the license that they had. 13 license --14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What exhibit? 15 Tell me what exhibit. 16 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Mr. Chairman, that should be -- the altered license is Exhibit 17 18 2. And --19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, tell me 20 what's altered on Exhibit 2, please. 21 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Well, Mr. Martens' name has been removed. If you look at 22

Mr. Gliatis' name --1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: -- before his 3 4 name, that's where Mr. Martens' name is supposed 5 Mr. Martens' name was removed. If you look at Exhibit 3, the license --6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, how do you 8 know that Mr. Martens' name was removed? 9 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: If you look at Exhibit 3, the license that we issued them, 10 11 that's the original license, it should look just 12 like that, where you see Mr. Martens' name on it. 13 It should be top left-hand corner. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So, 15 Exhibit 3. So, you're saying that Exhibit 2 and 16 Exhibit 3 are the same -- were purported to be 17 the same document, is that correct? 18 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Exhibit 2 is the 19 altered license that I'm not sure how they got in 20 possession of. And Exhibit 3 is the ABRA license 21 that was issued to them after being approved by

the Board on June 6.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: All right.

Investigator Puente went to question Mr. Gliatis about why was the license altered. And if you look at Exhibit 3, it's supposed to have an ABRA watermark on there. It doesn't have the ABRA watermark on Exhibit 2. He inquired about that.

And Mr. Gliatis basically told him the same thing he told me. That they was granted authorization by Ms. Reina and Mr. Gordy that they could operate yesterday, which was June 18.

And she was actually -- and the representative, who he referred to as Mr.

Martens' mother, which was Cathy Martens, was actually at ABRA taking care of -- trying to rectify the situation while they was interviewing him at that time.

Investigator Puente explained to him that he talked to Mr. Gordy and he was advised that Ms. Reina was off on Monday and Mr. Gordy said he didn't talk to anybody associated with the event.

Mr. Gliatis told him, well, maybe -he didn't say maybe, he said that Ms. Martens
dropped the ball and didn't pick up the license
for the -- she didn't apply for the dates. Hold
on one second, let me look at it.

He told him that the mother, Ms.

Martens, dropped the ball and didn't pick up the license for the dates. Investigator Puente advised him that he was giving a prohibited statement, because he knew that that was an untrue statement.

Then, Investigator Puente advised him that if they want to continue to operate, because I believe the next time they was granted a one-day license was for that Friday, so if they wanted to operate until that Friday, they had to get a caterer onsite and the caterer had to have food and the caterer had to purchase alcohol.

Mr. Gliatis advised him, okay. And then, both investigators left.

So, at this point, this is when I really started my investigation. The following

day, I called Mr. Gliatis, asked him who did he work for, because I wanted to make sure I lined up who I talked to.

He advised me that he worked for Mr.

Martens, the CEO of Drink the District. So, when

I called Mr. Martens, and right off the bat, Mr.

Martens, the one that they refer to as Steuart,

which is James Steuart Martens, the first thing,

he was real adamant, he said, I didn't apply for

a one-day license for that date, I don't have

nothing to do with that, I can't be held

accountable for that date.

I talked to him a total of twice during the investigation and both times, he -- every time I asked him a question, he really wasn't giving me no leeway, he kept going back and saying, he didn't apply for the alcohol license for that date. He doesn't have anything to do with Monday the 18th and he can't be held accountable for that.

So, during the course of the investigation, when I was talking to Mr. Martens,

I asked him, was Mr. Gliatis an employee of his, and he told me, no.

And I explained to him, I said, well, when you testified before the Board on April 6, during your fact finding hearing, you said that he ran your bar operations. And he said, John, Mr. Gliatis, he said, he doesn't work for me.

So, the investigation basically determined that Mr. Gliatis and Mr. Martens gave prohibited statements, sold alcoholic beverages without a license, and they was in possession of an altered ABC license. That's why they was charged with forged documents.

One thing, let me say is, when I asked Mr. Gliatis, where'd he get the license, he would never tell me. All he said, it was emailed to him. He never gave me a name, I asked him several times, he would never give me a name.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. And Ms. Valero, what is your relationship to Field House, please?

MS. VALERO: Field House, I put in an

application before the Board to have a permanent 1 2 license. So --CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so, what's 3 your -- so, who are you, as far as Field House is 4 5 concerned? MS. VALERO: I own Field House, LLC. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You own --8 MS. VALERO: Field House, which is the 9 permanent, as I spoke about earlier, venue for 10 the space at 151 T Street Southwest. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 12 what is -- I've been hearing this name, Mr. 13 Martens. So, maybe you can clarify to me, since 14 you own Field House, LLC, which is located at 151 T Street Southwest, why is Mr. Martens -- all 15 16 right. 17 Let me ask the question this way. 18 was Mr. Martens -- why did Mr. Martens apply for 19 a one-day license for 151 T Street? 20 MS. VALERO: Because Mr. Martens is the owner of Drink the District. Drink the District 21 22 is an event production company. And Drink the

1	District was hosting events at 151 T Street
2	Southwest.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And does Mr.
4	Martens have any ownership interest in DC Field
5	House?
6	MS. VALERO: No.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you know how
8	is it that do you have a lease for this
9	property, 151
10	MS. VALERO: Yes, and you should have
11	a copy of it from the ABRA application that I
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
13	you
14	MS. VALERO: the permanent license
15	application.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: have a lease.
17	And so, therefore, you are in charge of this
18	location, is that correct?
19	MS. VALERO: Yes.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So, can
21	you tell us, what happened in your facility on
22	June 18, 2018? This is your facility, so what

1	was going on on June 18?
2	MS. VALERO: My understanding
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Not it can't
4	be your understanding, ma'am. You told me you
5	have a lease for this facility. You own this
6	facility, so you it can't be your
7	understanding. You have to tell me what happened
8	in your house on June 18, 2018.
9	MS. VALERO: What happened in my house
10	
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
12	MS. VALERO: is what Investigator
13	Gilliam has said. He came in, he spoke with one
14	of he spoke with John. John works for Field
15	House. And there was an issue with the license
16	that Field House had that day.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.
18	MS. VALERO: There is a
19	misunderstanding as to whether or not the one-day
20	application for the 18th was submitted or not.
21	That is 100 percent what happened. What he has

spoken to is exactly my understanding as well.

The application, and John was 1 2 operating off of the understanding that the application was submitted and that the license 3 was -- there were three licenses that were 4 5 issued, because there were three that came out in succession. And one was a duplicate license. 6 7 So, when Ms. Martens went back --8 she's the one who has been doing all of the -- I 9 use her essentially as a permit expediter. she submitted the original applications and she 10 11 went in and was in the office, in ABRA, working 12 with the staff here in order to figure out what 13 was going on. 14 Because the understanding was, three sets of licenses, inclusive of the 18th, were 15 16 approved. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did she have --18 MS. VALERO: And so --19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did she have a 20 license in hand that says that whoever had a 21 license to sell and serve alcohol on June 18?

MS. VALERO: No.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, where did
2	the alcohol come from that was being sold on June
3	18?
4	MR. GLIATIS: Can I
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on.
6	MR. GLIATIS: Sure.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm talking to
8	the owner.
9	MR. GLIATIS: I'm sorry.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I don't know
11	who you are as yet, sir. I've heard your name
12	being thrown around.
13	MS. VALERO: So
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold
15	on, hold on, hold on. And so, that's one of the
16	reasons why I'm talking to the owner, because I'm
17	talking to the person who has come to ABRA to
18	apply for a permanent license for her business.
19	The owner told me that she has a lease for this.
20	Now, I don't know who you are, I mean,
21	unless you're going to tell me that you own this
22	business, that you're part owner. But I'm not

1	quite ready for you yet, sir. Your name has been
2	thrown around, so I'm going to ask you some
3	questions, since your name was thrown around.
4	But I'm asking the owner for her to
5	tell me, for her business that she's applying for
6	a one-day license from, where did this alcohol
7	come from for the 18th, that was being served?
8	MS. VALERO: I would need to check my
9	records.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, you don't
11	know. Who are you, sir?
12	MR. GLIATIS: I'm the on-premise
13	manager for Field House DC.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is your
15	relationship to Mr. Martens?
16	MR. GLIATIS: I was actually hired by
17	Ms. Valero to come in and help with operations,
18	as
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When were you
20	hired, sir?
21	MR. GLIATIS: I'm sorry?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When were you

1	hired?
2	MR. GLIATIS: April, beginning of May.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I want to ask a
4	question. Have you ever testified before me
5	before, sir, before?
6	MR. GLIATIS: Have I? I was present,
7	but I never testified, I was
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, now,
9	that's not true, I think you need to get your
LO	facts straight. You appeared in front of me on
1	June 6, 2018, in the matter of Drink the
L2	District. What is your relationship with Drink
L3	the District?
L 4	MR. GLIATIS: I was hired by Drink the
L5	District as an independent contractor.
L6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, why is it
L7	that and maybe the transcriber made an error,
L8	so I need you to correct the record.
L9	MR. GLIATIS: Sure.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I need you
21	to correct the record. I'm reading, I'm looking
22	at the transcript, and it says. John Gliatis

I'm bad with names -- John Gliatis, he is an applicant. So, I don't know, maybe when you identified yourself for the record, maybe you identified yourself incorrectly.

But the transcript says that you said that you were an applicant for a license, when, I guess when we were here for the fact finding hearing for Drink the District. So, maybe there was some error and maybe we need to correct the record.

So, maybe today, you can correct the record to tell me, when you were here -- and because, the reason I'm asking you, because you volunteered to speak and I'm hearing Mr. Martens and you were here, so why were you here on June 6, 2018?

MR. GLIATIS: I sat in the meeting, but I really didn't say anything. And I want to correct the record, I have nothing to do with the Drink the District or Kraken Axes or any of that, the entities I heard earlier.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

MR. GLIATIS: Is that what you're asking me?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The question I'm asking is, sir, okay, this is what I'm asking you, it's simple, I don't know who you are.

And remember, remember I start off
this hearing and I was asking Ms. Valero a
question, you volunteered, I never called you.
You volunteered to me to say, oh, by the way,
I've got something to say, right?

MR. GLIATIS: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, because you now put yourself in front of me, because you have something to say, I have another record that three weeks ago, you came in front of me and you came here for Drink the District with Mr.

Martens.

And so, I'm just asking you for the record today for you to tell me, because Mr.

Martens applied for a temporary license application for Drink the District and you showed up here with him.

And I'm not sure how much you said,
but at least the record reflects that you said,
on Page 23 of the transcript, oh, I think
Investigator Peru asked you a question and then,
you have -- so, you are listed on the application
as well -- hold on.

I'm just reading from the transcript, so then, I have the application in front of me.

And so, you are listed on the application for Drink the District as you had some ownership.

So, you need to tell me, what's your relationship with Mr. Martens? Why is Mr.

Martens involved in -- and why is Mr. -- all right, you know what? Let me ask you a softball question. This is an easy question you can answer --

MR. GLIATIS: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- for me, okay?

Can you tell me, for Exhibit 2, how did your name end up on this document and why did you give this document to ABRA? To the investigator? How did your name end up on this document --

MR. GLIATIS: What's Exhibit 2? 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Show him Exhibit 2. 3 4 MR. GLIATIS: Yes, so, I was -- Field 5 House DC, as you guys already know, it's an open It's a parking lot. So, I'm operating 6 7 out of a trailer, there's not really a physical 8 office. So, the licenses that were -- I see 9 right here. The licenses that were applied for the 10 one-day -- the one-day licenses that were applied 11 12 for were at a different location. And what I was 13 sent was a scanned email copy of the one-day 14 licenses. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But it has 151 16 T Street Southwest, it has your name and it has 17 151 T Street Southwest. 18 MR. GLIATIS: Sure. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You had this 20 document in your hand, so I'm trying to find out 21 from you, how is it that your name end up on this 22 document for this address and, yes, for this

1	address? So, how did, you tell me, how did that
2	happen?
3	MR. GLIATIS: For the address, for
4	Field House, right, Chairman? Is that what
5	you're asking me?
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
7	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For so, how
9	did your yes. But what I'm who is I-O
10	MR. GLIATIS: That's me. That's my
11	given name, Ioannis.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ioannis.
13	MR. GLIATIS: My last name is hard
14	enough, I didn't want to make it double hard, so
15	I'll go by John.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
17	why did you you applied, you and Mr. Martens
18	were issued a one-day license
19	MR. GLIATIS: Correct, sir.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: for this
21	address.
22	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, tell me,
2	explain that to me.
3	MR. GLIATIS: We, Mr. Martens and I
4	applied for a one-day license and for Field
5	House. Is that what you're asking me?
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
7	MR. GLIATIS: Okay. We applied for it,
8	I don't understand what
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, why did
10	tell me. So, your name applied for a license for
11	Field House.
12	MR. GLIATIS: Sure.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, on and
14	that a license expired on June 18. So, if you
15	look on Exhibit 2 all right. This is the
16	question, okay? Now, Mr. Gilliam, where did
17	Exhibit 2 come from?
18	INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Mr. Chairman,
19	during my visit on the 18th, that's what he
20	presented to me.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He who?
22	INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Mr. Gliatis.
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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Gliatis gave
2	you Exhibit 2?
3	INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Yes, sir, that's
4	correct.
5	MR. GLIATIS: All right, okay.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Gliatis
7	MR. GLIATIS: Yes?
8	INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Excuse me, I'm
9	sorry, let me correct that. He gave me a
10	photocopy of that exhibit. He didn't have an
11	original copy, he had a photocopy.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Exhibit 2 is
13	the document that Mr. Gliatis provided to you, is
14	that correct?
15	INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Yes, sir.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So,
17	Mr. Gliatis
18	MR. GLIATIS: Yes?
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to
20	look, you applied, you and Mr. Martens applied
21	for a license, okay?
22	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so, how is
2	it that the official ABRA license is Exhibit
3	3. How is it that you came in possession of
4	Exhibit 2, to give it to the ABRA investigator?
5	MR. GLIATIS: Mr. Chairman, let me back
6	up a little bit, because this is just one
7	snippet, so let me give you the whole picture, I
8	think will make a little more sense.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
10	MR. GLIATIS: I was in like I was
11	saying earlier, I'm operating out of a trailer.
12	The licenses, which Investigator Gilliam and Mr.
13	Puente seen, is a scanned license that
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
15	MR. GLIATIS: all right. And so, I
16	laminated it, because we're obviously outside and
17	the weather, as you can see, is not so, I got
18	sent in the same email, three scans of the
19	original licenses.
20	I printed them all three out and I
21	laminated them. One was for 11-13, one was for
22	14-17 and another one, again, which I assumed was

1	for 18-21, which wasn't. It was the one that you
2	see, Exhibit 2. All right.
3	So, as I'm outside well, actually,
4	we're not even open before the 14th. I display
5	the laminated ones behind a bar or a tent, right
6	there.
7	When Investigator Gilliam showed up,
8	I had what I thought it was 18-21 posted behind
9	the bar. And that's what I presented to
10	Investigator Gilliam. And that was that's how
11	I got in possession and that's what I gave him.
12	When I found out that this was
13	actually not the right one, I was informed by Ms.
14	Cathy Martens, who's our expediter or
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I haven't
16	gotten there yet.
17	MR. GLIATIS: Oh, I'm sorry.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not
19	MR. GLIATIS: I apologize.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not even
21	asking you about
22	MR. GLIATIS: Got it.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm not even
2	asking you about the 18th. I'm asking you about
3	the document itself.
4	MR. GLIATIS: Okay.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, I'm just
6	asking you
7	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: if you look
9	at Exhibit 2, Exhibit 3
10	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm just
12	trying to find out, okay, how did you end up with
13	this ABRA license that is completely different
14	from the license that you and Mr. Martens was
15	issued? So, that's all I'm asking you to do
16	MR. GLIATIS: Only
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean, I
18	have a this is what I'll say to you
19	MR. GLIATIS: Yes, sir.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: okay? It was
21	an administrative foul-up that on the 18th
22	MR. GLIATIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- you thought you were supposed to have a license, you didn't have it. Mr. Gordy or somebody from ABRA told you that you could operate because ABRA made an error. I'll take that, I'll take your word for that, that ABRA messed up.

But before getting there, what I'm trying to find out from you, how did you end up with a license from ABRA that you laminated that is not the original license?

I'm fine with the dates, I'll say, I'm just trying to find out, you have a license, you know you came here, you applied for the license, you got it. Both your name and Mr. Martens' name was on the license.

MR. GLIATIS: Sure.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How is it that you end up with a different document that is completely different from the original license?

Tell me how, how did you, you had it in your hand, how did you end up with this document?

MR. GLIATIS: Okay. Again, for one,

all due respect, it's not completely different, 1 2 it's just a name missing, and that's a scanned 3 copy. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It is completely 5 different, sir. MR. GLIATIS: What --6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Look at them. 7 8 Tell me -- no, I'm serious, look at them. I'm 9 not -- I don't want you to waste my time and I 10 don't want to waste your time. 11 You tell me, how is it you have a 12 document -- you have a document that have a 13 watermark on it, how can the watermark disappear 14 on the document that you have? You tell me. I cannot -- I can understand, somebody 15 16 did something on the name, the watermark is gone. The watermark is in the middle of the document. 17 18 How can the watermark -- if somebody scan 19 something, you can -- when I talk to folks, I can 20 give folks the benefit of the doubt. 21 That's -- I gave you the benefit of the doubt to say that, on the 18th, we thought we 22

applied for a license for the 18th, we got the 1 2 license, and somebody was at ABRA, Mr. Gordy or someone told them that you can operate on the 3 4 18th because we, ABRA, messed up. Okay. 5 what you say, I'm not saying it's true, but that's believable. 6 7 MR. GLIATIS: Sure. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But the problem 9 I'm having, before I get to the 18th --10 MR. GLIATIS: Right. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- how did --11 and how was Mr. Martens' name removed? 12 How was 13 the watermark removed? How did you end up with 14 this document? MR. GLIATIS: Okay. For -- again, from 15 16 what I see, I don't -- unless I'm missing 17 something, Mr. Chairman, I don't see a watermark 18 on either of them. They're scanned copies, I --19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you look at 20 -- did you look at Number 3, which is the license 21 that your name is on? 22 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: That's what he's

1	talking about.
2	MR. GLIATIS: Oh.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
4	MS. VALERO: But isn't the watermark
5	only going to appear
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I want you
7	to look at that one. You tell me, how did
8	MR. GLIATIS: This is not
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. How did
10	that happen?
11	MR. GLIATIS: Okay, but hold on a
12	second.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
14	MR. GLIATIS: Hold on one second, one
15	second.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You gave us
17	Number 2. You gave us this document. Tell me,
18	how did this happen?
19	MR. GLIATIS: There's no watermark
20	here.
21	(Simultaneous speaking.)
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You tell me

1	MR. GLIATIS: I'm trying to figure out
2	sorry.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. How did
4	that happen? You had you gave we said,
5	where's your license? You gave us Number 2.
6	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How did you end
8	up with this document?
9	MR. GLIATIS: I was emailed the scanned
10	copy. And I printed it and laminated it.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, who emailed
12	it to you?
13	MR. GLIATIS: I send the
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no, who
15	
16	MR. GLIATIS: It was
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's start
18	you said who, who emailed it to you?
19	MR. GLIATIS: It was sent to me by a
20	person from the main office, I can't remember the
21	name of it.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold up one

minute, Mr. --

MR. GLIATIS: And I forwarded the email to Investigator -- because Investigator Gilliam asked me to forward him the email that I was referring to and I forwarded him the email that had all the three licenses on there.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on a minute. Go ahead, sir.

INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Okay. So, on
Tuesday, June 19, myself and Investigator
Brashears went off to the establishment. I asked
Mr. Gliatis to show me the license they had. He
presented me that Exhibit 2 license.

I showed him what we had from ABRA and I advised him, on that license, the watermark was missing, I showed him. I showed that the name was missing. I asked, where did this license come from?

He said, Mama emailed it to me. I said, who is Mama? Mama is Catherine Martens, who handles everything. Their office on Georgia Avenue, he said, she sent everything over and he

printed it off. He said, maybe the watermark got 1 2 erased during the printing or the scanning. said, I'll give you the benefit of the doubt on 3 4 that one. But, I said, the original license has 5 to be posted at all times on the property. 6 7 said, you can post it inside the office, in the window, that is fine, and put copies outside. 8 9 But I made sure and clear to him, I said, this license did not -- looked altered or switched. 10 11 And he advised me that he got that license by 12 email from Mama, which was Cathy Martens. INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: And he said --13 14 I'm sorry, sir. He said --CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Introduce --15 16 give your name. 17 INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: Investigator 18 Brashears. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. 20 INVESTIGATOR BRASHEARS: He, when 21 Investigator Puente asked him about why the name was missing, he said, maybe it was cut off or not 22

1	covered under when it was scanned.
2	MS. VALERO: And, if I may?
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
4	MS. VALERO: We have since posted all
5	of the original licenses in the window of the
6	trailer onsite based off of that recommendation.
7	And
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But
9	MS. VALERO: we have copies of them
10	laminated, posted at the bars.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Which original
12	one? Which one?
13	MS. VALERO: The original one
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: At Number 3 or
15	Number 2?
16	MR. GLIATIS: We have all of them.
17	MS. VALERO: All of the originals.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm not
19	I'm talking about okay.
20	MS. VALERO: We did not have the
21	original onsite at Field House on
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you look

1	through the Exhibits and tell me what is the
2	original license?
3	MS. VALERO: The original license
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You tell
5	MS. VALERO: I would have to tell
6	you is sitting in my safe. I would have to
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No.
8	MS. VALERO: pull that
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you
10	MS. VALERO: license out and look at
11	it.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Look at
13	Exhibit
14	MS. VALERO: On Exhibit
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 3, tell me
16	MS. VALERO: It's 3.
17	MR. GLIATIS: 3.
18	MS. VALERO: 3.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, how did he
20	end up where did 2 come from?
21	MS. VALERO: A scan of 3. That's the
22	only place it could have come from. I only have

1	one
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so
3	MS. VALERO: license for that day.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: something was
5	scanned I'm an
6	MR. GLIATIS: But
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold up. I'm an
8	attorney, okay? I copy and scan in my practice
9	every day. So, you're going to tell me that I
10	scan something and the scanner decided that I
11	don't like this watermark
12	MR. GLIATIS: May
13	MS. VALERO: If I
14	MR. GLIATIS: Okay, hold on, Mr.
15	Chairman.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on a
17	minute.
18	MR. GLIATIS: I mean
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because I copy
20	and scan every day. You're going to tell me that
21	the scanner decided that, I don't like the
22	watermark, so I'm going to take it out, and I

1	don't like Mr. Martens' name on this license, so
2	I'm going to take Mr. Martens' name. So, come
3	on.
4	MR. GLIATIS: Okay, so
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
6	MR. GLIATIS: Mr. Chairman, let me
7	ask you, with all due respect, and I told the
8	investigators this same question, the name and
9	the watermark is one thing, and I agree, it shows
10	the validity and the original
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.
12	MR. GLIATIS: nature of the but
13	the date still is off.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't care
15	about the date, I'm giving you the benefit of
16	well, listen, you're missing the point I'm giving
17	you.
18	MR. GLIATIS: No, no, no, but
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm giving you
20	the benefit of the doubt. You told us listen.
21	Listen, you're not listening to me.
22	MR. GLIATIS: I am, sir. I am, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. I'm giving you the benefit of the doubt, okay? The benefit of the doubt is that you said that you thought you had a valid license for the 18th, okay?

MR. GLIATIS: All right.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And once you found out you didn't have a valid license, Ms.

Martens came down here to take care of it.

Someone from ABRA told her, you guys can operate, because you were supposed to have a valid license for the 18th. That's what you told me. I'm giving you the benefit of the doubt. I've not gotten there.

MR. GLIATIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Where I am, how is it that the license that you have, that you gave to investigator, how did that become altered?

And you can't tell me that somebody scanned it to you and when it was scanned, the scanner decided that, I didn't like the watermark

1	and I did not like Mr. Martens' name on it, so
2	therefore, I'm going to take it out. That's
3	where I am. I've not gotten to the 18th as yet.
4	MR. GLIATIS: Okay. So, from my point
5	of view
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
7	MR. GLIATIS: again, and I admit the
8	fact that I posted a license that I thought,
9	again, it was the right license. Now, the whole
10	alteration, I have no idea, all I did was print
11	it and laminate it and posted it.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And
13	MR. GLIATIS: That's it.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who gave it
15	to you?
16	MR. GLIATIS: I got it I forwarded
17	the email.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, who gave it
19	to you? Who
20	MR. GLIATIS: Who emailed it to me?
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
22	MR. GLIATIS: It was forwarded by go

1	ahead.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: By who?
3	MR. GLIATIS: It was a person at the
4	office, I think it was
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What office?
6	MR. GLIATIS: Jacob.
7	MS. VALERO: If I may, real quickly?
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
9	MS. VALERO: If the question is about
10	there was a valid license through the 17th.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're missing
12	the point.
13	MS. VALERO: My
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're missing
14 15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're missing the point.
15	the point.
15 16	the point. MS. VALERO: Knowing that we put up a
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15 16 17 18 19	the point. MS. VALERO: Knowing that we put up a scanned copy of all of the licenses CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're missing the point. The document that I have in front of me is a forged document. And one of the reasons

finding hearing on Kraken Axes, right?

And I've been hearing about this Mr. Martens. And we had a Mr. Wood here today. And Mr. Wood says, I don't know how this Mr. Martens got a copy of my expired license, that your organization gave ABRA an expired license from a caterer and the caterer says that, I don't know why you have it.

The caterer also testified that he didn't have an event at Kraken Axes on April 13, when Mr. Martens told us that this caterer was providing alcohol for the event on the 13th.

Now, you're here and now we're here talking about a different establishment and I'm hearing this Mr. Martens, and Mr. Martens is not here, you said that you are 100 percent, you own this business, but I'm not hearing nothing from you, I'm hearing about Mr. Martens. Mr. Martens, Mr. Martens, Mr. Martens.

MS. VALERO: Because Mr. Martens, and
Drink the District, was hosting an event at Field
House. They were hosting and they were getting

one-day licenses in order to help with the marketing of the venue. It's a brand new space in an area of D.C. that most people don't know exist and is really difficult to get to.

What Drink the District has been doing for the last ten years and what we know with the investigators, because we work with them all the time on the festival side of the business, is that Drink the District, for the last ten years, has been hosting and holding really successful, really legitimate, legal events, with a number of one-day festival licenses.

We would not -- I would not be here today in front of you if I did not know that I am here because I want to be in D.C., continuing to operate both festivals, as my minority partnership in Drink the District, and at my venues, moving forward for not just the next ten years, but for the next 50.

I want to work with you and I want to play by the rule book and I want to learn that entire stack of documents. That's what I know.

And I know that it sounds like on the 18th, there was an administrative flub. And I know that there is a legal document and there are legal licenses.

It makes zero sense to me why anyone would assume that we would suddenly start, after ten years of doing really good business with ABRA and really good business and really working with the investigators every time they show up to our events, to make sure that we are in compliance, why it would suddenly seem like we would start forging documents.

I honestly take some offense to that, because we are really trying to work with you and work with the investigators and provide them will all of the information when they show up.

And, respectfully, we are doing everything that you ask us. You ask us for information, we provide it to you. We have one-day licenses for the 17th. There is no reason why anyone would forge a document for the 17th, when there is a legal license for it.

If you would say to me, oh, I'm showing you a forged document for the 18th, and also trying to tell you there's some administrative flub, I completely understand that.

But respectfully, we are here and saying to you, the 18th, which is what the investigators have an issue with, the 18th, someone dropped the ball, either on our side or on your side.

And to be honest with you, the 70year-old woman I have being a permit expediter,
that really doesn't want to disappoint her son or
me, respectfully, because she does work for me as
Drink the District and is my permit expediter for
Field House, may have dropped the ball, I think
we can all agree to that, and didn't want to
disappoint us.

So, the story that we were getting and that John was getting was probably one that was getting a little spun, because she didn't want to disappoint us and she definitely didn't want to

disappoint her son, who just had a newborn a few days earlier.

So, respectfully, I'm here saying to you, the 18th, administrative flub. If that's what this fact finding hearing is about, completely, that -- we're here. I'm here, holler at me about it, I'm doing everything I can, I've hired a new expediter.

I am 100 percent here in good faith, wanting to do right by ABRA and wanting to do right by the community. I want to be in this community for a long time. And I want to operate venues.

Those venues also, in order to gather people and bring people together, we know the best way to do that is to also offer alcoholic beverages. And I want to do that in accordance with the Board and in accordance with the law.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Valero,
everything that you said has been wonderful and
is correct that ABRA, you have asked information
from ABRA and ABRA, you have given ABRA

information. However, the major problem that you're having today is that we had Mr. Wood who came and testified.

So, when the investigator went on the 13th -- all right. We had one investigator who went to your other facility on the 12th and they gave an expired license. And we said that the license was expired.

A different investigator went there on the 13th, the next day, and they gave a correct license. They showed us the food. So, we're fine, because we came out, you have all your paper in a row. You gave us everything that you were asked for.

But the problem that you're having is that Mr. Wood came and testified and Mr. Wood said, I don't know who those people are. And you have not explained that to me.

MS. VALERO: Because, respectfully, his business partner is the one that we deal with.

We don't --

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But --

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MS. VALERO: -- deal with Robby Wood, 1 2 the chef. We deal with John Cosgrove, his So, the catering on the 13th, 3 business partner. 4 from Eco Caterers, my guess, was scheduled 5 through John Cosgrove, his business partner. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But --6 7 MS. VALERO: But unless I have that in 8 front of me, I'm not going to say that to you in 9 that fact finding hearing until I go and I double-check everything. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You know what, 12 Ms. --13 MS. VALERO: I --14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- and I'll say this to you, because I'm getting frustrated, I've 15 16 been here, and I --17 MR. GLIATIS: But --18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just one minute, 19 One minute, sir. Now, I don't think ABRA sir. 20 called you up yesterday and said, I'm having a 21 hearing today, okay? You had notice that we were having this hearing. 22

Clearly, Mr. Wood, someone called Mr. Wood, and I know we didn't call Mr. Wood today, all right? So, Mr. Wood knew what was going on.

And Mr. Wood clearly stated today, what can I do, because someone is using my license without my permission. I would hope that since Mr. Wood was so indignant, that Mr. Wood would have spoken to his business partner.

so, I do take offense that you're telling me that, no, I have not dealt with Mr.

Wood, I've dealt with his business partner. That if Mr. Wood was going to take time out of his busy schedule to come here today and sit around for a hearing, I would hope, and he knows exactly why he's coming here today and Mr. Wood said he's coming here today to clear his name, that Mr.

Wood -- and I'll say this to you, ma'am, at no time during that hearing, when Mr. Wood stated that, I've never worked, I have never performed any work at this location, did you say to Mr.

Wood in front of his face that, oh, you might not have known, however, we have been dealing with

Johnny, your business partner.

Then, Mr. Wood would have said, oh, you know what, I never consulted my business partner, so maybe that's true. So, before I get indignant, let me go make sure that I talk to my business partner, to realize.

Then, what Mr. Wood said on the record in the first hearing is that, the reason why Mr.

Martens has a current copy of my license is because my office manager, she automatically, because these are people that we deal with consistently, we get a new license, she just sends it, so, she was just trying to be efficient. Because I know I don't do business with Mr. Martens, because I don't like his business practices.

And the reason why I'm here, I'm switching between these two cases, we're talking about your business and I'm hearing about Mr.

Martens and you've put on the record that you own 20 percent of his business, Drink the District.

And I don't know why Mr. Martens is

not here, the same way Mr. Wood -- Mr. Wood came here today to clear his name, okay? Mr. Martens knew that his name, and you are a business partner with Mr. Martens, you've seen these reports, because I've asked you, have you seen the reports? And you said, yes, you have.

And you have seen Mr. Martens' name spread over both of these businesses that you are the owner and you have not had Mr. Martens come here today to clarify everything.

If Mr. -- I'm hearing about, he had a newborn baby, Mr. Martens was here three weeks ago, he didn't have -- well, if he had a newborn baby three weeks ago, he sure -- he came here and didn't say nothing, he wasn't running.

But I'm saying, I'm concerned. I -this is -- I do not feel that you are being
honest to us. I don't feel that. And I don't -I try to make decisions based on what's presented
here today and I feel in my heart, that's just my
view, that Kraken Axes, Drink DC, and now this
new establishment, Field House, is playing games

with ABRA.

ABRA caught you, because before, as you said, you have cooperated with us. You have given us everything, so it looks good. I mean, I'm looking through all the one-day applications. Two weeks ago, the Board approved one-day applications for your address and it wasn't an issue.

But now, once we -- and we weren't even piercing the corporate veil to get to the bottom of it. Things just come out because you're applying for a new license and you're not doing what you are supposed to do.

And it's just -- I'm just, I'm dissatisfied with what I'm hearing today. I have confidence that the information that's been given to us by our investigators are correct.

But I don't have any confidence that the information that I'm getting from the licensee is correct. I don't, okay? I'm not convince. And so -- I'm not convinced, okay?

So, if you --

1	MR. GLIATIS: Mr. Chairman?
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: have
3	something else to say, go ahead and say it. Go
4	ahead.
5	MR. GLIATIS: Sir, just one closing
6	comment on mine. I've joined the family of
7	companies of Drink the District and Kraken Axes a
8	little over two months. I would plea that, I
9	know it sounds because guilty of association
10	and I get it.
11	And I'm here to tell you on the
12	record, that mistake that happened between the
13	18th and the 21st, which is what started
14	everything, was an honest mistake. I don't want
15	you guys to think because my name is on these
16	licenses moving forward.
17	And I have a clear record, I've been
18	in business for ten-some years. So, I don't want
19	to I want you guys to take that in
20	consideration.
21	Field House, I know you see that names
22	Martens, Martens, Martens everywhere, moving

forward, my name is on it. So, I don't want you guys to think that anybody is doing anything maliciously or intentionally.

The 18th to 21st was an honest mistake. And if we can take blame for it, that's fine. But I don't want it to be spun that we tried to do all these things that you guys think might happen with other entities.

MS. VALERO: And I will just say -- CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

MS. VALERO: -- if I can? Knowing -one of the major reasons that I brought John on
is to help me with this. Is to help me make sure
that we are doing everything in compliance. And
utilize his experience in the industry, which is
extensive, in order to do that.

I am -- I realize that I want to be here for a long time. And in order to do that, I need to have the best people around me to help me do that. There is -- I know that you -- you're suddenly seeing my face and you're suddenly hearing these things and that it's raising red

flags, and I understand that.

But I want you to know that I am here and I'm not trying to offend you or spin any kind of story, we're just simply trying to answer questions and I'm here trying to do the right thing. And as it relates to the 18th through the 21st, 100 percent, 100 percent, we messed up on the administrative side.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm coming to you, Mr. Gilliam. I guess, and I've not addressed the 18th, but I said I gave you the benefit of the doubt, but what our investigator - two names were utilized.

Our investigator was told that Ms.

Martens was down here at ABRA and that's what

ABRA told her, and ABRA spoke to one person. Mr.

Gilliam testified that that person wasn't working

that day, so therefore, couldn't have that

conversation.

And then, the next conversation is that it was spoken to Mr. Gordy. Mr. Gordy is in the room, so maybe I'll -- Mr. Gordy, can you

come, since you're in the room, can you come and 1 2 identify yourself for the record, please? MR. GORDY: Good evening, Mr. Chairman. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good evening. 4 MR. GORDY: Sean Gordy, Licensing 5 Program Manager for ABRA. 6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Gordy, do 7 8 you recall having a conversation with anyone from 9 either Drink DC or Field House DC regarding a 10 license, or a Ms. Martens regarding a license application for June 18, 2018? 11 12 MR. GORDY: I do not. 13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And how are you 14 so sure you do not, Mr. Gordy? MR. GORDY: Because my staff actually 15 16 put me on notice that a representative from Drink 17 the District had been calling for most of the 18 day, that representative being Cathy Martens, 19 trying to say that they had an application in, 20 they didn't have a license, and that she was 21 going to come down to bring the applications that 22 were missing.

And so, that staff person, who was here, received a call, did some research, found that there was no application on file, no application had been submitted. And then, I had that staff person call Ms. Martens back and advise her of that. She says, no, I'm going to come down.

So, we expected Ms. Martens at 10:00, no-show. Around 1:00 p.m., Ms. Martens called and spoke with our licensing staff assistant, Kelly Campbell.

And Kelly Campbell, I advised Ms.

Campbell of the information and the situation,
and which we transferred Ms. Martens back to the

original staff person, Ms. Sullivan, who then

made arrangements for Ms. Martens to come down at

3:00 p.m. Ms. Martens was a no-show, no-call.

She did not appear until the following Tuesday morning, where she produced the applications, not hard copies, no date stamps, but on a laptop, which she tried to show us. And when we looked at the application, it actually

1	was saved with a date of June 18.
2	So, that's how we know the
3	applications weren't submitted. Secondly, when
4	they saw the email in which this gentleman wrote
5	to Mr. Gilliam
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who's this
7	gentleman? Mr. Gliatis?
8	MR. GORDY: I can't say it.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For the record,
10	I'm just
11	MR. GORDY: Gliatis.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Gliatis,
13	yes.
14	MR. GORDY: I saw the email in which he
15	stated to Mr. Gilliam that he sent a
16	representative from Drink the District to ABRA to
17	inquire about why they did not have a license for
18	the 18th and 19th and the 20th.
19	And that that individual reported back
20	to him that they met with and spoke with Ms. Wong
21	and myself. No one from that organization came
22	to ABRA, spoke with me that day. And Ms. Wong

was on approved leave from the Agency, so she was 1 2 not available that day. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. 3 Mr. 4 Gilliam, did you have something to add? INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Yes, Mr. 5 Please forgive me, because I forgot 6 Chairman. 7 this during my original testimony. The purpose 8 how we got alerted to this is because a member of 9 the public, which represents licensees, gives them guidance, alerted us that somebody tried to 10 buy alcoholic beverage from a wholesaler with a 11 12 incorrect license. 13 So, I interviewed the witness, she put 14 me in touch with Mr. Chmiel from Capital Eagle. He's the General Manager at Capital Eagle. 15 16 asked Mr. Chmiel what occurred. He told me that 17 Mr. Gliatis called him on Monday, June 18, and 18 put in an order for alcoholic beverage to be 19 delivered on the 19th. 20 He -- the license that he gave to Mr. 21 Chmiel from Capital Eagle was the altered Now, you might think, okay, well, they 22

might say the date is wrong or the date is different, but he knew at that point, when Mr. Chmiel told me, this license is no good, I can't fulfill an order. He knew that he didn't have a correct license. I just wanted to put that on the record.

And then, another thing is, while interviewing Mr. Chmiel, he did advise, he said, up until like a little over a month ago, he said that Ms. Valero was completing all their orders.

So, one thing I want the Board to realize, especially through my investigations, what the problem is, in my opinion, is that they're doing shady business practices, they're not properly superintending their business.

Everybody's in one person's business, and this is how you have a major -- something like this major happens.

INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, go ahead.

INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: To piggyback of

Mr. Gordy, when myself and Investigator Brashears

went there on Tuesday the 19th, I brought the applications from the June 6 fact finding hearing that showed all the dates they applied for and were approved.

I advised Mr. Gliatis, I was sitting in the room for that hearing and I recall Investigator Peru and several Board members asking them, what about the dates missing for the World Cup dates, because the dates are still two weeks out? And they said they'll be coming in and apply.

I advised Mr. Gliatis that the 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st, no one applied for. You guys don't have a license, all alcohol needs to be locked and secured, no alcohol is to be on the premises.

We left, probably within five minutes, we got a phone call from Cathy Martens, myself and Investigator Brashears, and actually, Mr.

Gordy was with us, because we were doing the final inspection at the soccer stadium.

And Ms. Martens advised us that Mr.

Gordy was working on giving her a license as we spoke. Which was untrue, because Mr. Gordy was sitting next to me, driving back to the offices. So, I didn't tell her that, I was like, okay, we'll figure it out. I advised her that, until you guys have a license, you guys can't do anything.

Myself and Investigator Brashears and Investigator Peru and Townsend went back out on Thursday the 21st, found the establishment open, patrons inside consuming alcohol. A food vendor there from a munchies restaurant serving food.

I approached where the bar was set up, beer taps were tapped, alcohol was in coolers.

We asked if there was a catering license, a caterer there. A female came down from the office, Julia (phonetic) Spriggs, said she was the caterer.

We asked to see the catering license from Guava Catering Company. I asked Ms.

Spriggs, did she bring all the alcohol? She said, yes. I advised her not to lie, because all

the alcohol that we saw was the same alcohol from the previous visit, that myself and Investigator Brashears saw from Tuesday.

We asked her again. She said she was just told to show up with a catering license. I asked her if she brought any food. She said she did not know she had to bring any food, she did not know if she had to provide food.

I advised her, she's a caterer, you have to read the caterer regs, because you need to provide food and the alcohol is incidental to the food.

We saw Mr. Gliatis, we advised him.

He told us, he's being told everything from Ms.

Cathy Martens. He's getting third-party

information from Ms. Martens. He advised Ms.

Martens messed up, in those words.

I advised him that no alcohol could be sold or consumed until you guys have an actual license on the premises. Mr. Gliatis said he was shutting down alcohol sales for the rest of the day, until everything was resolved, and he would

1	be working with getting a license for the
2	premises.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
4	Anything else? Any final yes, I'm sorry, Dr.
5	Farlee?
6	DR. FARLEE: Yes, I understood this was
7	advertised by the Board as a fact finding hearing
8	on a new license.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
10	DR. FARLEE: So, I have some questions
11	about that, if I can do that quickly?
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sure, quickly,
13	please.
14	DR. FARLEE: How many feet do you have,
15	3,400 square feet? How many people, what's your
16	occupancy expected to be for that?
17	MR. GLIATIS: How many square feet you
18	say, ma'am?
19	DR. FARLEE: You said 3,400 square feet
20	for this space. In the
21	MR. GLIATIS: Which space? Which space
22	are we referring to?

1	MS. VALERO: Field House?
2	MR. GLIATIS: Field House?
3	DR. FARLEE: Yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Field
5	House. This is about the application
6	DR. FARLEE: New application
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: for a
8	DR. FARLEE: for Field House.
9	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.
10	DR. FARLEE: So, how many what
11	occupancy are you proposing?
12	MS. VALERO: I mean, the Fire Marshal
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14	MR. GLIATIS: The Fire Marshal gave
15	MS. VALERO: Yes, we don't get to
16	choose that.
17	DR. FARLEE: Okay. Who's going to be
18	doing the security for that?
19	MR. GLIATIS: There's a company we hire
20	called Massive Entertainment.
21	DR. FARLEE: Who's going to be doing
22	Massive Entertainment?

1	MR. GLIATIS: Correct.
2	MS. VALERO: Yes, they're
3	MR. GLIATIS: They're
4	MS. VALERO: a really large security
5	company here in the District.
6	DR. FARLEE: Okay. Who's going to be
7	doing the food and beverage service?
8	MS. VALERO: So, we're contracting with
9	a restaurant operator here in the District to put
10	in permanent stalls. A restaurant operator.
11	DR. FARLEE: Onsite restaurant
12	MS. VALERO: There it will be
13	DR. FARLEE: not a caterer?
14	MS. VALERO: Correct, we will have
15	DR. FARLEE: But you're listing
16	MS. VALERO: a contracting
17	restaurant.
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18	DR. FARLEE: for a CR license,
18 19	DR. FARLEE: for a CR license, right?
19	right?

1	DR. FARLEE: Well, she says both.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, the
3	application says
4	DR. FARLEE: A CR and then, over here
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6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The application
7	says CX.
8	INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: That's the class.
9	DR. FARLEE: Okay.
10	INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: C is the class.
11	DR. FARLEE: C is the class, category
12	is retailer, and it also says multi-purpose.
13	MS. VALERO: Multi-purpose is the
14	DR. FARLEE: So, you have CR plus
15	multi-purpose checked on the application. Okay.
16	Somebody will straighten that out. But what
17	so, you're going to have onsite permanent
18	providers of food and alcohol?
19	MS. VALERO: Yes.
20	DR. FARLEE: Okay.
21	MS. VALERO: Yes, ma'am.
22	DR. FARLEE: And what kind of

	entertalimment:
2	MR. GLIATIS: We have a large TV and
3	then, recorded music.
4	DR. FARLEE: That's not entertainment.
5	That's not I mean, for the entertainment
6	endorsement, it's typically live people.
7	MS. VALERO: If
8	DR. FARLEE: So, you checked
9	entertainment and dancing endorsement
10	MS. VALERO: We don't currently have
11	anything programed, but the idea would be to, on
12	certain nights, have some live band
13	entertainment, which
14	DR. FARLEE: Okay. Well, we get to
15	that, you'll come to the ABC Committee at some
16	point. And who will provide the alcohol, did you
17	say?
18	MR. GLIATIS: Purveyors.
19	MS. VALERO: The distributors, you have
20	to buy from distributors in the District.
21	DR. FARLEE: Yes. You will be buying,
22	you, the Field House

1	MR. GLIATIS: Correct.
2	MS. VALERO: The Field House.
3	DR. FARLEE: will be purchasing from
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5	MS. VALERO: Exactly. Legally, you
6	have to.
7	DR. FARLEE: Okay. And the other
8	responsibilities, like noise, parking,
9	transportation, security, those are going to be
LO	your responsibilities, is that correct?
L1	MS. VALERO: Yes, those are our
L 2	responsibilities. And parking is
L3	DR. FARLEE: Okay. Well
L 4	MS. VALERO: very possibly
L5	DR. FARLEE: we're work on that when
L6	we get into
L7	MS. VALERO: Sure.
L8	DR. FARLEE: my committee. So, you
L9	don't know the capacity yet, you don't have an
20	estimate? Or how many security people you'll
21	need for that?
22	MS. VALERO: There's a ratio that we're

1	required to use.
2	DR. FARLEE: And how many days a year?
3	This is an open beer garden setting, how many
4	days a year do you plan to operate?
5	MS. VALERO: Weather permitting.
6	DR. FARLEE: Like March to November?
7	MR. GLIATIS: Oh, we're as long as
8	they allow us to
9	MS. VALERO: Yes, it's for a permanent
10	license. So, the permanent license wouldn't be
11	dependent on days of the week or it would be a
12	365-day license.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think the
14	question she was asking is that, are you planning
15	to operate all year
16	DR. FARLEE: All year.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: at the
18	MR. GLIATIS: Yes. Yes, we are.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I think
20	that's the question.
21	MR. GLIATIS: In the long-term, yes.
22	MS. VALERO: Long-term, year-round,

1	weather permitting.
2	MR. GLIATIS: Yes.
3	MS. VALERO: Yes.
4	DR. FARLEE: As a beer garden, open air
5	beer garden?
6	MS. VALERO: Yes.
7	MR. GLIATIS: Yes, ma'am.
8	DR. FARLEE: Okay. Then, we'll have to
9	talk about some noise things too. All right.
10	Whenever this is placarded, if that gets if it
11	gets to that stage, we'll work on you
12	MS. VALERO: And we've been in touch
13	with the chair of the ANC in that area, when we
14	submitted our application, to let her know that
15	it was going in.
16	DR. FARLEE: The chair of the ANC? The
17	D commissioner?
18	MS. VALERO: I'm going to remember her
19	name here in a second.
20	DR. FARLEE: Meredith Fascett?
21	MS. VALERO: Meredith, I have spoken
22	with her.

1	DR. FARLEE: Thank you.			
2	MS. VALERO: And invited her to come			
3	down, so we could walk through the space and			
4	DR. FARLEE: She's not the SMD			
5	Commissioner. Thank you.			
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Yes,			
7	I'm any additional questions or is that?			
8	DR. FARLEE: I assume it will be			
9	placarded at some point			
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm it will			
11	be what?			
12	DR. FARLEE: I assume we'll get to the			
12 13	DR. FARLEE: I assume we'll get to the next stage and you'll come through our committee			
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application. So, the Board will -- yes. All right. Any final comments by the investigators? From any of the investigators, any final comments you want to make?

INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: No, sir.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any -- I'll give you the last word, Ms. Valero, since you've applied for a new license and this is just a fact finding matter.

This is not -- the Board is not going to make a decision whether or not we're going to approve or deny your license, based on this hearing. I mean, we can't do that, this is just gathering facts. So, your license will still be under consideration by the Agency.

But it's just, we're gathering facts based on, at least the one violation that, at least what the report says, is that you were selling alcohol on the 18th without a license.

So, that was a major issue for the 18th. There are some other issues that we see -- yes?

INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Just for the record, there is going to be two cases coming forward from the 21st as well.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, well, we hadn't gotten there yet, so we're -- but this was just -- I was just advising her -- and now I'm being told, although we haven't had the testimony, that there are issues from the 21st of June.

But this was just a fact finding hearing, based on the fact that you were selling alcohol on the 18th without a license. And during our investigation, the investigator found out that there was fraudulent documents that were provided to ABRA.

And it appears that it was provided to both ABRA and it was also provided to one of the wholesalers. So, that's why we brought you in today. So, to end this hearing, are there any final comments that you want to make?

MS. VALERO: No. I just want to reiterate what I said before. We're here and I

want to work with ABRA. And I have been very much, since this happened last week, been putting in place a lot of new procedures around how we, one, track the one-day licenses.

We have new schedulers that we've built internally. And we're going to make sure that a blunder like this, if an administrative piece happened on our end, doesn't happen again.

I have switched and found a new person who will be applying for the permits, that is not Ms. Martens, and that is strictly working with Field House and John and myself, in order to make sure that we are doing everything completely administratively and moving forward in the best way possible.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you for that presentation. Thank you for being here today and thank you for your testimony. And the Board will take this matter under advisement.

Okay.

MR. GLIATIS: Thank you.

MS. VALERO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All right.

As Chairperson of the Alcohol and Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2574(b), closed meetings, and Section 2574, notice of meetings, I move that ABC Board hold a closed meeting on July 11, 2018, for the purpose of discussing and hearing reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations of alleged criminal or civil misconduct or violations of law or regulations and seeking legal advice from our counsel and the Board's investigative, legal, and licensing agenda for July 11, 2018, as will be published in the DC Register on June 29, 2018. Is there a second? MEMBER SHORT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call vote on the motion before us now that has been seconded. Mr. Short?

MEMBER SHORT: I agree.

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?
2	MEMBER CATO: I agree.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Isaac?
4	MEMBER ISAAC: I agree.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson?
6	I agree. As it appears that the motion has
7	passed, I hereby give notice that the ABC Board
8	will hold this aforementioned closed meeting
9	pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.
10	Notice will also be posted on the ABC
11	Board hearing room bulletin board, placed on the
12	electronic calendar on ABRA's website, and
13	published in the DC Register in as timely a
14	manner as practical. It is 6:15 p.m. and we are
15	adjourned for the day. Thank you very much.
16	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
17	went off the record at 6:11 p.m.)
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