

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:                   :  
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 Hard Rock Café                    :  
 International (STP) INC.,       :  
 t/a Hard Rock Café               :  
 999 E Street NW                   :  
 Retailer CR - ANC 2C            : Show Cause Hearing  
 License No. 14130                : (Status)  
 Case #19-CC-00087               :  
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 (Sale to Minor Violation,       :  
 Failed to Take Steps             :  
 Necessary to Ascertain         :  
 Legal Drinking Age)             :

Wednesday  
 October 30, 2019

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, JR., Member  
 JAMES SHORT, Member  
 RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOHN LUI, DC OAG  
 MATTHEW MINORA, COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT  
 SETH WILLIAMS, COUNSEL FOR APPLICANT

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

2 10:02 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 in our calendar is Case No. 19-CC-00087, Hard  
5 Rock Café, License No. 14130. Will the parties  
6 please approach and identify themselves for the  
7 record, please?

8 MR. LUI: Good morning, Board members.  
9 John Lui on behalf of the District of Columbia.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
11 Mr. Lui.

12 MR. MINORA: Matthew Minora of Mallios  
13 and O'Brien on behalf of the licensee.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
15 Mr. Minora.

16 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. Seth  
17 Williams representing Hard Rock.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
19 Mr. Williams. What's your role with Hard Rock,  
20 sir?

21 MR. WILLIAMS: I'm Director of  
22 Operations for Central East. So there's seven  
23 Hard Rock cafes that I oversee.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Your first name  
25 again?

1 MR. WILLIAMS: Set.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, your first  
3 name?

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Seth Williams.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm sorry,  
6 your last name?

7 MR. WILLIAMS: Williams.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Williams,  
9 and you're the Director of Operations?

10 MR. WILLIAMS: Correct.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.  
12 Lui, are there any preliminary matters in this  
13 case?

14 MR. LUI: Mr. Chairperson, not at this  
15 time.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
17 Then this matter is scheduled for a show cause  
18 hearing on December 4th at 10:00 a.m. And I want  
19 to advise both parties that I expect that since  
20 we have two attorneys, if this matter goes to a  
21 show cause hearing, I expect that seven days  
22 before the hearing that both sides disclose  
23 documents and witnesses to be relied upon in a  
24 hearing.

25 And my position has always been with

1 attorneys that there are no surprises. So each  
2 side along the Board should know what documents  
3 or witnesses that will be relied upon. Okay?  
4 All right. Have a good day. Thank you.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
6 went off the record at 10:04 a.m.)  
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Date: 10-30-19

Place: Washington, DC

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*Neal R Gross*

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Court Reporter

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