DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

Rewind by Decades LLC,

t/a Rewind : Fact Finding

1219 Connecticut Avenue NW: Hearing

Retailer CN - ANC 2B : License No. 107182 :

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(Stock Transfer : Application) :

Wednesday October 2, 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 RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member BOBBY CATO, JR., Member JAMES SHORT, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ANTONIOS KARAGOUNIS, CURRENT STOCK HOLDER STEPHEN METZ, COUNSEL FOR CURRENT STOCK HOLDER ANDREW KLINE, COUNSEL FOR FUTURE STOCK HOLDER RAMIRO PAEZ, FUTURE STOCK HOLDER

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

1:43 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon, everyone. For the next four Fact-Finding
Hearings, they are similar in nature and that is they all involve a stock transfer regarding ownership. These matters originally came before the Board on the Licensing Agenda and the Board thought it prudent that some discussion be had on the record with respect to what these four licensees are trying to accomplish.

In that vein, the Board is going to ask a few questions for each of these hearings, specifically to establish that the transfers are made pursuant to an arm's length transaction; that there is transparency in every one of these transactions; that ABRA records accurately and fully reflect which owners remain and at what percentage; and finally all remaining or new owners have Clean Hands regarding any tax liability or outstanding tax returns owed to the Government of the District of Columbia.

Notwithstanding the similarities of the issues involved, I am going to take these cases one at a time and in the order in which

1	they are listed at the hearing on the calendar.
2	So the first case that is on the
3	calendar is Rewind, License No. 107182. So would
4	the parties, please, approach and identify
5	themselves for the record, please?
6	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Antonios Karagounis.
7	Do you need it spelled?
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
9	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Okay. A-N-T-O-N-I-O-
LO	S K-A-R-A-G, as in George, O-U-N-I-S.
L1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are
L 2	you, sir?
L3	MR. KARAGOUNIS: I'm the owner and
L 4	managing partner of Rewind.
L5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
L6	MR. METZ: Good afternoon. Stephen
L 7	Metz and I am counsel for Rewind.
L8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It normally
L9	goes the other way around, so all right.
20	MR. METZ: It's Stephen with a P-H.
21	M-E-T-Z.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
23	Yes, Mr. Kline? I'll start with the attorney
24	first.
25	MR. KLINE: Andrew Kline. I'm counsel

1	to Arman Amirshahi.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Who is that?
3	MR. KLINE: He is the
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is he here?
5	MR. KLINE: He is not here. He is
6	coming off of all these licenses.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
8	MR. KLINE: I suspect I have a very
9	minor role in these hearings, but he has an
10	interest in seeing that these transactions are
11	concluded, but will otherwise be off the license.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, can you
13	spell his name for the record, please, sir?
14	MR. KLINE: Of course.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just for the
16	court reporter.
17	MR. KLINE: A-R-M-A-N, first name,
18	Amirshahi, A-M-I-R-S-H-A-H-I.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And you
20	are, sir?
21	MR. PAEZ: Good afternoon. My name is
22	Ramiro Paez, R-A-M-I-R-O P, as in Peter, A-E-Z,
23	zebra.
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: P-A-E-Z?
25	MR. PAEZ: Correct.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Z?
2	MR. PAEZ: Z like zebra.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, P-A-E-Z.
4	And who are you, sir?
5	MR. PAEZ: I am the new owner/
6	investor for the place that I am buying from Mr.
7	Arman Amirshahi.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
9	MR. METZ: Let me just clarify what
10	Mr. Paez just said. He is here through an
11	entity, which you probably see in the documents
12	RXP Holding Corporation.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so
14	MR. METZ: That's the actual name of
15	the entity with ownership.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you are here
17	so what's the entity then?
18	MR. METZ: RXP Holding.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: RSP?
20	MR. METZ: X, RXP.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22	What's the name of the entity? Okay. You are
23	Mr. R-A-M-I-R-O Paez and you are what's the
24	entity that you are with?
25	MR. PAEZ: I own RXP.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: RXP?
2	MR. PAEZ: Holding.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Holding. And
4	is that tell me what type what's the
5	entity? What is that, an LLC? What is that, a
6	corporation? What is it?
7	MR. PAEZ: It's a corporation, sir.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's a
9	corporation. And what percentage of the
10	corporation do you own? Who are they?
11	MR. PAEZ: 100 percent.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you own 100
13	percent?
14	MR. PAEZ: Yes.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We are going to
16	have some questions. And I guess we can start
17	with Mr. Metz. Maybe you can tell us what is
18	going on, sir.
19	MR. METZ: Okay. So in general what
20	is going on with respect to Rewind and at least
21	the next two entities on the calendar
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, we are
23	going to do them separate.
24	MR. METZ: Right.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you can just

talk about Rewind.

MR. METZ: Okay. Well, I understand you will do them separately, but there is one deal, one transaction where RXP Holding Corporation, Mr. Paez' entity, is buying the interest of Mr. Amirshahi in each of those three entities.

So essentially, Mr. Amirshahi is coming off and his interest in Rewind in this particular case is being transferred essentially to RXP Holding Company. Mr. Amirshahi is no longer -- is already no longer involved in Anthony's and this is the transaction to approve the transfer of his interest in the entities.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The reason why
I need you to speak separately for the
establishments is because I'm not quite sure if
the percentages for the other companies are the
same as -- I'm not sure if -- and that's what I'm
trying to clarify from.

MR. METZ: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If the percentage of ownership for each establishment is the same --

MR. METZ: It's not quite the same.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 1 That's why I 2 need you to do it separately. 3 MR. METZ: Right. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Because since it's not the same --5 MR. METZ: It is the same with respect 6 7 to two of them and then one is a little different. 8 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. So that's -- just let's talk about -- so I mean I 10 11 understand that he is buying, but so let's do it 12 separately so -- because the percentages are not 13 -- it does not appear to me that they are the 14 same. 15 Right. So with respect to MR. METZ: Rewind, Mr. Amirshahi currently owns 27.5 percent 16 17 and that percentage is being transferred to RXP 18 Holding. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you are 20 saying Mr. Amirshahi, that he owns -- are you 21 sure? 22 MR. METZ: Yes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you are 24 saying that I -- that Mr. Amirshahi owns 50 -- 20 25 -- what percentage of the property did Mr.

	Amirshani own:
2	MR. METZ: He owns
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Of Rewind.
4	MR. METZ: Rewind, 27.5 percent.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And who
6	owns I need to find out from licensing.
7	So who owns the other 80 I'm sorry,
8	who owns the other 73 percent?
9	MR. METZ: Okay. So it's this is
10	prior to the transfer.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Prior to the
12	transfer.
13	MR. METZ: Okay. Mr. Amirshahi 27.5
14	percent, Mr. Karagounis 37.5 percent and an
15	entity called Biabani Group, LLC as to 30 percent
16	and then an individual, Mr. Tahir, as to 5
17	percent.
18	Now maybe your question arises you
19	may not have a record of the Biabani Group, LLC,
20	that may be causing the confusion. Is that
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. I
22	MR. METZ: the issue?
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: think the
24	confusion is that exactly what percentage of
25	Rewind did Mr. Amirshahi

1	MR. METZ: Yes.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: own?
3	MR. METZ: 27.5, yes.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I probably
5	need and that's the confusion. Maybe I need
6	to have and I haven't seen the documents that
7	licensing had well, what was provided to
8	licensing, but I'm not sure if they have those
9	percentages.
10	MR. METZ: My understanding is that,
11	I'm not sure what exactly the percentages are
12	that you are trying to see in a document, but my
13	understanding is that the Biabani Group, LLC may
14	not be reflected in those records. That entity
15	acquired the 30 percent interest shortly after
16	the
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
18	Let's start all right. Let's start at the
19	beginning. All right. Okay. Mr. Karagounis?
20	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Karagounis.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Karagounis?
22	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Yes.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Mr.
24	Karagounis, what percentage of Rewind does Mr.
25	Karagounis own?

1	MR. KARAGOUNIS: 37.5 percent.
2	MEMBER SHORT: How much?
3	MR. KARAGOUNIS: 37.5 percent.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you own 37.5
5	percent?
6	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Who
8	are the other owners, please?
9	MR. METZ: The Biabani Group, LLC.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
11	spell that?
12	MR. METZ: B-I-A-B-A-N-I Group, LLC.
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Uh-huh.
14	MR. METZ: 30 percent.
15	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
16	MR. METZ: Behroze Tahir.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
18	spell that, please?
19	MR. METZ: B-E-H-R-O-Z-E and T-A-H-I-
20	R.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Uh-huh.
22	MR. METZ: 5 percent.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That doesn't
24	add up to 100 percent.
25	MR. METZ: And Mr. Amirshahi 27.5,

that should add up to 100. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you said he 3 owned 20 what? 27.5 percent. 4 MR. METZ: 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kline, quick question. 6 7 Yes, sir. MR. KLINE: 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean since 9 you represent Mr. Amirshahi, what percent of 10 Rewind does he own? What's the percentage of 11 Rewind does he own? 12 MR. KLINE: 27.5 percent and I believe 13 we provided to the Board's counsel copies of the 14 purchase agreement, which I hope you have, which 15 I think clarifies in terms of what the percentage is that are being sold, membership interest 16 purchase agreement dated August 27, 2019, and 17 then there is an addendum to that. We did 18 19 provide that to the Board's counsel so that you would have the benefit of that. 20 21 If you see the recitals, it sets forth 22 what his ownership interest is in each.

understanding is, and I only lend this because I

have practiced in this area for quite some time,

obviously have some background before you and

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that your records have not reflected the true
ownership and I think the company is making -has made an effort to correct that with the
recent filings that have been done.

I've taken Mr. Amirshahi off, who is
getting out, pursuant to the membership interest
purchase agreement, adding Mr. Paez, who is new

purchase agreement, adding Mr. Paez, who is new to you and new to the application and also cleaning up the ownership in terms of what your records may not reflect.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But I think part of the problem that I'm having and this is the first case is that I have a 37 percent, a 30 percent and a 27.5 percent ownership. And it does not appear that the Agency was aware of these owners.

MR. KLINE: That's what I just said.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But that's

problematic. So I mean --

MR. KLINE: I understand, I understand.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I mean how long is it that these changes were made? I mean and I wasn't even going there, because that was not -- I wasn't even aware of that. I was just -- I'm

just trying to follow along and but our records, which makes it even more difficult, is that these are establishments that have been in business for a significant period of time and for any entity that owns more than 10 percent, we -- they need to be on the license and we should be aware of it.

MR. KLINE: I agree with that.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But not for this unfortunate incident. You have owners there that we don't even know whether or not they were qualified to even have an ownership stake in the business.

MR. KLINE: I understand the Board's concern and I appreciate the Board's concern. I don't represent the entities, but I will state it's my understanding that the filing that has been done has been done for two purposes. One is to acknowledge and have the Board qualify Mr. Paez as the successor in interest to the shares that are membership interest that have been owned by Mr. Amirshahi.

But in addition to that to clean up the Board's records in terms of other owners, qualify them, make sure that you have the

requisite clearances, Clean Hands and other 1 information that you require and is to be 2 3 expected from any licensee. Okay. 4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: MR. METZ: I think that what we are 5 talking about is --6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Metz? MR. METZ: -- not that one owner is an 8 9 insignificant issue. What we are talking about I think one owner that should have been disclosed 10 11 earlier that is the Biabani Group, that we are 12 now trying to clean this up with and disclose and 13 as Mr. Kline said, have that owner cleared along with Mr. Paez. 14 15 Well, yeah, but CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 16 that -- I mean, Mr., and I'm bad with the name, 17 Karagounis --18 MR. KARAGOUNIS: Karagounis. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- he owns 37 20 percent and we have another owner who owns 30 21 percent of this entity --22 MR. METZ: Yes. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- and you are 24 telling me that the Board wasn't even aware that 25 someone who owns almost a third of the entity and

I don't know how long this person has owned a third of the entity and the Board was not aware of this person.

And so even with us doing our inquiry and it's like who are the members? I mean, the entity that owns 30 percent, who are they? I guess what I'm trying to find out is that is Mr. Arman, his kids or his family own this other entity?

So you know what I'm saying because we don't know -- so I don't even know who the make up of this other entity is.

MR. METZ: We are happy to answer those questions and try to clear this up.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

MR. METZ: And I will say that this sort of, you know, came to light as this deal was being documented for the sale of Mr. Amirshahi's interest to Mr. Paez' entity. Mr. Amirshahi was the one sort of dealing with these issues before the Board. And as I said, we are sort of falling on the sword and saying all right, this is what the situation is and let's clean it up so they can move forward.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So

1	who are the individuals then in who is the
2	make up of the B-R-A-B I'm sorry, what's the
3	name of the group again?
4	MR. METZ: Biabani.
5	MR. PAEZ: Biabani Group.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Biabani Group.
7	So who is that? Who what's the make up of
8	this entity?
9	MR. METZ: That is Bourzou Biabani and
10	I know that he submitted an affidavit, I believe,
11	that you should have and he is 100 percent
12	owner of that?
13	MR. KARAGOUNIS: He is 100 percent
14	owner of that investment group. It's his
15	company.
16	MR. METZ: This is a passive investor
17	in the entity, not somebody who run who, you
18	know, has
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yeah, but he
20	owns 30 percent.
21	MR. METZ: Correct, correct.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He is the
23	second largest
24	MR. METZ: Correct, correct.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: he was the

second largest. I mean, passive or not, he is the second largest owner in this entity. So it is significant whether or not he is passive or not. I understand that we have managing members and we have members who are passive, but if this person -- I mean, I don't care about the 5 percent ownership, because that's not --

MR. METZ: Yeah.

MR. PAEZ: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board doesn't -- the threshold for the Board is 10 percent. So that's why -- I don't care about the 5 percent ownership.

MR. METZ: Right.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We are here talking about someone who owns 30 percent and I am assuming that this person and whatever transfer application that is submitted to the Agency, that this entity has provided -- will provide the requisite documents for us to see whether or not this entity is capable of having a license.

MR. KARAGOUNIS: We have submitted a Clean Hands and the police clearances.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For?

1	MR. KARAGOUNIS: For that
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For that
3	entity?
4	MR. KARAGOUNIS: individual. Yeah,
5	for the individual that it was a corporation,
6	yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
8	right. You were explaining to me, Mr. Metz,
9	before I so rudely interrupted you, but I was
10	confused, so I apologize.
11	MR. METZ: I understand.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you were
13	just I think that you were giving an overview.
14	MR. METZ: No, I think I said, you
15	know, sort of just explained how we got to where
16	we are.
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
18	MR. METZ: By and that we really
19	are trying to clean this up and move forward.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
21	MR. METZ: And as Mr. Karagounis said,
22	there is a Clean Hands and I think
23	MR. KARAGOUNIS: The police
24	clearances.
25	MR. METZ: the police clearance

that has been submitted for Mr. Biabani. 1 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 3 just tell us what's the nature of the proposed 4 change in ownership? Because so -- tell us. Ι 5 mean, prior to seeing Mr., and I'm bad with the name, your client. 6 7 MR. KLINE: Amirshahi. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Amirshahi. 8 9 In the four years I have been here, he has been 10 the face of, I believe, this establishment. 11 based on the 30 -- I'm sorry, based on his, I 12 guess, ownership share -- well, I guess he owns 13 27.5. 14 MR. PAEZ: 27.5. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So now tell me, 16 tell us, now share with me now the ownership of 17 this establishment. 18 MR. METZ: Okay. So assuming that 19 this request is approved, the ownership will be 20 30 percent Biabani Group, LLC, that's not 21 changing. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 23 MR. METZ: 37.5 percent Mr. Karagounis 24 and that's not changing. 25 27.5 percent RXP Holding Corporation,

1	Mr. Paez' entity.
2	And that's the one Mr. Amirshahi
3	previously owned.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Um-hum.
5	MR. METZ: And then the 5 percent
6	owner is not changing either, Mr. Tahir.
7	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. whom?
8	MR. METZ: Tahir, T-A-H-I-R, and he is
9	also known as, what is it?
10	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Bernard Lewis.
11	MR. METZ: Bernard Lewis. Apparently
12	that's the same person and you may see that name
13	in the documents that you have.
14	MR. KARAGOUNIS: He changed his name
15	legally last year, I think.
16	MEMBER SHORT: So which is his legal
17	name?
18	MR. METZ: Bernard Lewis.
19	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Bernard Lewis.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
21	Now, so are there any familiar or business
22	relationship with Mr. Amirshahi and other
23	remaining members of this company?
24	MR. METZ: No.
25	MR. KARAGOUNIS: No.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear
2	you, sir.
3	MR. KARAGOUNIS: No, no.
4	MR. METZ: This really is a clean
5	break with Mr. Amirshahi.
6	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I know that
7	you provided, so I know you provided us, so can
8	you tell us just for the record, just tell us
9	what the transaction, the percentage, who is
10	paying, how payment is being made?
11	MR. METZ: It's a \$3 million total
12	transaction price and that's for three different
13	entities. And it is allocated as follows:
14	Let's see, \$2.8 million is allocated
15	to Decades, which is the third item on the
16	agenda.
17	\$100,000 to this entity, Rewind. And
18	\$100,000 to the other entity, 727 Concepts.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So for Rewind
20	it's \$100,000?
21	MR. METZ: \$100,000.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How is that
23	going to be paid?
24	MR. METZ: Yes, it is paid that was
25	changed in the amendment that you were provided.

1	I spoke to that. So it's \$120,000 at closing and
2	a \$2.8 million promissory note with interest of 3
3	percent payable in 39 installments.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's over
5	three and a half years.
6	MR. KARAGOUNIS: It's tied to the
7	distribution, so it might be a little bit more.
8	MR. METZ: Okay.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear
10	you. You are being recorded, so are you speaking
11	to the attorney or are you speaking for us to
12	hear?
13	MR. KARAGOUNIS: No, I don't know what
14	the agreement is between the two individuals.
15	MR. KLINE: The payments are
16	quarterly, so
17	MR. PAEZ: When you said 39, there are
18	39 payments of quarterly payments, so it becomes
19	10 years.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
21	every quarter, so 39 payments over every quarter.
22	MR. METZ: Right.
23	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Yes, there you go.
24	MR. METZ: Right, right.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, if the

1	transfer is approved by the Board, so who will
2	operate Rewind?
3	MR. KARAGOUNIS: I will continue
4	operating it.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I know that
6	you have owned what 37 percent and I so what
7	role did you prior to this change, what role
8	did you play in Rewind?
9	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Okay. So I am the
10	managing partner of the Rewind.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.
12	MR. KARAGOUNIS: I operate out of the
13	building, that's where my office is, the day-to-
14	day, Mr. Amirshahi wasn't there working on a day-
15	to-day. The day-to-day decisions
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, tell
17	me again for the record your name, please, sir.
18	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Antonios Karagounis.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And you
20	what percentage do you own?
21	MR. KARAGOUNIS: 37.5.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm asking
23	those questions because
24	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Yeah, yeah.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: yeah. Go

1 ahead. 2 MR. KARAGOUNIS: 37.5 percent. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. 4 MR. KARAGOUNIS: So I'm the managing 5 partner of the business. Mr. Amirshahi's role was more on the legal payroll, tax and the back-6 7 end of the business, point of sale, setup and stuff like that. 8 9 So obviously from now on I have to 10 find new people to do that. I can't rely on 11 lawyers and accounting firms, you know, for the--12 for anything ABC, ABRA related. Obviously, I 13 will have to come myself. 14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 15 Now, also if we approve the transfer, what role, 16 if any, will Mr. Amirshahi have moving forward in 17 this business? 18 MR. KARAGOUNIS: Okay. Mr. Amirshahi hasn't had a role in the past couple of months 19 20 actually. 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, he hasn't 22 had any in the past couple of months, but what role, if any, will he have --23 24 MR. KARAGOUNIS: No. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- in the

future?

MR. KARAGOUNIS: He will not. He will not have any role in the business any more.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So will he come and volunteer? Will he -- will we see his name on the social media? I mean will --

MR. KARAGOUNIS: No.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- so you are saying that he will have no presence, visible or invisible, in Rewind?

MR. KARAGOUNIS: That is correct.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And I see that there is going to be payments over 39, I guess, quarters for payments, so I mean is the money coming from -- is the money coming from the profits generated by the business or is this money coming from a separate entity? I mean, how -- I guess I'm just trying to find out whether or not -- will he be sharing in the profits, future profits of the company?

MR. PAEZ: Well, I'm paying out of my pocket the down-payment obviously. And I'm planning to pay him hopefully from the distributions and hopefully I make more than distributions than I have to pay him, that's why

1	I bought the business.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: State your name
3	again for the record, sir.
4	MR. PAEZ: Ramiro Paez.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are you
6	again?
7	MR. PAEZ: I am the gentleman who is
8	buying Mr. Amirshahi's interest in the business.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
10	Thank you. Any questions by any Board Members?
11	MEMBER SHORT: I just
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short?
13	MEMBER SHORT: was very curious.
14	So now the new entities will be totally
15	responsible for all the taxes going forward,
16	correct? After this if this is approved? Is
17	that correct?
18	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Yes, yes, right.
19	MEMBER SHORT: So in other words,
20	there will be three different owners now, right?
21	Three different owners?
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Four.
23	MEMBER SHORT: Four owners?
24	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Four entities.
25	MEMBER SHORT: Four entities. Who

1	will be responsible for paying the taxes?
2	MR. KARAGOUNIS: The business.
3	MEMBER SHORT: Okay. You have four
4	owners.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I think
6	what he had testified was that Mr. Amirshahi was
7	the one who did the back-end, so he needs to go
8	hire someone to replace Mr. Amirshahi. I think
9	that was what
10	MR. METZ: So you are asking who will
11	take care of
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.
13	MR. METZ: physically actually
14	paying the taxes?
15	MEMBER SHORT: That's correct.
16	MR. METZ: And processing it.
17	MEMBER SHORT: That's the question.
18	That's the question I was asking.
19	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Accounting.
20	MEMBER SHORT: You will be totally
21	responsible?
22	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Yes. Yes, sir.
23	MEMBER SHORT: And your name again for
24	the record?
25	MR. KARAGOUNIS: Antonios Karagounis.

MEMBER SHORT: All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Anything else
anyone, that you need to provide to the Board?

Any other clarification?

MR. KLINE: No, not a clarification.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Kline?

MR. KLINE: I just want to say I know that Mr. Amirshahi has been known to you over the years and he expressed to me and asked me to express to you how embarrassed he is in this situation. He will, obviously, have to deal with these issues in a different forum. And he has been before you many times and he feels extremely embarrassed that he has let you down and let the District of Columbia down in this fashion.

That doesn't make it any better, but he did want me to express that to you and I wanted to do that.

On his behalf I will say that he will not have any further involvement in this business or the other two that you are going to talk about unless and until there would come a time where he would be in a position to do that, which we suspect would be many years from now, if at all.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for

that representation, Mr. Kline. 1 2 Any other comments from any other 3 parties? 4 MR. METZ: No. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. As 6 far as Rewind is concerned then, I'll make a 7 motion to the Board that we vote to allow the process to move through licensing and for them to 8 9 gather whatever necessary documents that are needed to see whether or not the entities that 10 11 are now identified for the record as the owner of 12 the establishment to see whether or not they 13 qualify for ownership. Is there a second? 14 MEMBER SHORT: Second. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has seconded the motion. 16 17 All those in favor say aye. 18 ALL: Aye. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed? The matter passes 5-0-0. 20 21 Thank you for that. 22 (Whereupon, the Fact-Finding Hearing 23 was concluded at 2:13 p.m.) 24 25

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