

ALSO PRESENT:

COUNTEE GILLIAM, ABRA Investigator

FERRY HUANG, Licensee

WEI ZHANG, Licensee

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

2 10:53 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. We are
4 back on the record. Our next case is Case No.
5 18-CMP-00223, Sushi Keiko, License No. 094610.

6 Will the parties, please, approach and
7 identify themselves for the record, please?
8 There is also -- after you identify yourself for
9 the record, there is a sign-in sheet, please,
10 sign your name in.

11 So can you, please, identify yourself
12 for the record, please?

13 MR. ZHANG: I my name is Wei Zhang,
14 but I sell the company to Mr. Huang.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on, hold
16 on, sir. Hold on, sir. What is your name, sir?

17 MR. ZHANG: Wei Zhang.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Wei what? Can
19 you spell that?

20 MR. ZHANG: Wei, W-E-I.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

22 MR. ZHANG: Last name Z-H-A-N-G.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: W what? What's
2 the last name?

3 MR. ZHANG: W-E-I.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

5 MR. ZHANG: The last name is Z-H-A-N-
6 G.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, Mr.
8 Zhang?

9 MR. ZHANG: Yeah.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can pronounce
11 that one. Okay. Your name, sir?

12 MR. HUANG: My name is Ferry Huang.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Huang. So
14 you are Mr. Zhang and you are Mr. Huang?

15 MR. HUANG: Huang. Huang.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Oh, K-W-A?

17 MR. HUANG: H-U-A-N-G.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: H-U-A. Mr.
19 Huang.

20 MR. HUANG: That's correct.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And who
22 are you, Mr. Huang?

1 MR. HUANG: So I am the new owner for
2 this restaurant.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. Zhang,
4 you are -- all right. Now --

5 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: And ABRA
6 Investigator Countee Gilliam, that's spelled C-O-
7 U-N-T-E-E, the last name is spelled G-I-L-L-I-A-
8 M, as in Mary.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
10 Gilliam. Can you let us -- can you -- I'm going
11 to have Mr. -- are you comfortable in English,
12 sir?

13 MR. ZHANG: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
15 going to have Mr. Gilliam explain why we are
16 here. And once Mr. Gilliam explains why you are
17 here, why we are here, then I need you then to
18 respond to what Mr. Gilliam has stated.

19 Okay. Go ahead, Mr. Gilliam.

20 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: All right. On
21 September the 9th, at approximately 6:50, I
22 conducted a regulatory inspection at Sushi Keiko.

1 When I entered the establishment, I was brought
2 to the attention of Mr. Huang and he identified
3 himself as the owner and ABC Manager of the
4 establishment.

5 During that conversation, he stated
6 that he had purchased the business prior. I
7 completed the regulatory inspection, came back to
8 the office and ran a records check in ABRA's
9 records system and determined that the current
10 listed owner was Mr. Wei Zhang.

11 I called Mr. Huang back and asked him
12 could he provided me any type of documentation
13 that showed that he purchased the business. He
14 did that on the 11th. He sent me an electronic
15 copy of the Stock Purchase Agreement for the
16 Washington DC Asian Food Corporation.

17 In that agreement it stated that Mr.
18 Huang purchased the corporation from Mr. Zhang
19 and Ms. Zhang.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: When? When?

21 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: The purchase
22 was on June 15, 2018. That's correct, on June

1 15, 2018.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

3 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: I explained --
4 I called, on the 23rd, Mr. Zhang and asked him did
5 he complete the Transfer Consent form of the
6 ownership application? He advised me that he
7 didn't. He thought that the new owner was going
8 to take care of that situation. Then I asked him
9 -- I gave Mr. Huang a call back and asked him did
10 he complete an ownership application and he
11 stated no, but he did also advise me that he felt
12 like both Mr. and Mrs. Zhang didn't know what
13 they were doing and they sold the business.

14 So I explained the procedure to him
15 that you can't sell a corporation and transfer an
16 alcohol license without the approval of the
17 Board. And I explained the situation of how they
18 can correct that matter.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And when was
20 this?

21 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: That was on
22 Monday, September the 24th.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: September 24.

2 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: And one more
3 thing I need to add, also I got in contact with
4 Mr. Dedrick from the Department of Consumer and
5 Regulatory Affairs just to find out who they had
6 listed as the incorporated business and, at that
7 time, he provided me with a document that stated
8 that Mr. Zhang was the incorporated business,
9 Washington DC Asian Food Corporation.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So that was Mr.
11 Zhang?

12 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Mr. Zhang, yes,
13 sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now, did you
15 have -- when did you have any specific
16 conversations with Mr. Zhang about what is it
17 that he needed to do?

18 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: That occurred
19 on September the 23rd.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: September of?

21 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Of 2018.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.

1 Zhang?

2 MR. ZHANG: Yeah.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You sold the
4 business to Mr. Huang in June. Is that correct?

5 MR. ZHANG: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And in
7 September, Mr. Gilliam stated that he told you
8 what you needed to do. Is that correct?

9 MR. ZHANG: I remember I think some
10 person called me by the phone.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

12 MR. ZHANG: Tell me say I really don't
13 know this person and he introduce himself.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

15 MR. ZHANG: But I really don't know
16 what to do, because of when I sold my -- sell my
17 company to this person, we have agreement to say
18 that for the alcohol license and he take care to
19 transfer to his name and I supported it. If he
20 needs any documents, I either give to him or give
21 to him and then I sign to it.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, what do

1 you mean by transfer it to his name? What do you
2 mean by that? Explain that to me.

3 MR. ZHANG: Just the alcohol license,
4 because I'm going -- I sold -- I sell the
5 license --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

7 MR. ZHANG: -- to -- that was sell the
8 business to him.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

10 MR. ZHANG: I know I have to transfer
11 the alcohol license to him.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

13 MR. ZHANG: And then the agreement we
14 have that say --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So how did you
16 transfer the license to him?

17 MR. ZHANG: Yeah, by the process of
18 the Government process.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What Government
20 process? What process?

21 MR. ZHANG: He say -- I think the DC
22 Affairs over the phone or --

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What -- I'm
2 trying to find out specifically what did you do
3 to transfer the document to him?

4 MR. ZHANG: I really don't know that.
5 That --

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Huh?

7 MR. ZHANG: -- at that time, we don't
8 know. I don't know that.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You don't know
10 what? You told me, that's why I'm asking you.

11 MR. ZHANG: Uh-huh.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You said that
13 you sold him the business.

14 MR. ZHANG: Um-hum.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And he was
16 supposed to have the alcohol license transferred
17 in his name and you would support it.

18 MR. ZHANG: Uh-huh.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what did
20 that -- how was he going to get the alcohol
21 license transferred in his name?

22 MR. ZHANG: I think that he should

1 have --

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He should have
3 what?

4 MR. ZHANG: -- get some information
5 from them like from the phone or come to the
6 Government and apply that transfer.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you just
8 sold him the business and then you just kept on
9 moving. You didn't turn it -- you didn't --
10 because you said you would have supported him.
11 You said that you -- so has he done any of that?

12 MR. ZHANG: Because you know, because
13 the first thing I will want to have the -- the
14 family emergency. I admitted to it after I sold
15 the business to him, after I sell like one week,
16 I admitted to go back to my country. And at that
17 time, I stay over there like more months, because
18 for the family issue.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. But
20 Mr. Gilliam said he spoke to you in September.

21 MR. ZHANG: Yes, yeah.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And he told you

1 what to do in September. So why did you not do
2 nothing with that? He told you that you can't
3 just sell the business to him. You have to come
4 to the ABC Board and fill in some paperwork to
5 start the process. So and he told you that in
6 September.

7 MR. ZHANG: Yes, he told me that and
8 I -- after he told --

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead.

10 MR. ZHANG: So let me explain. Okay.
11 After this gentleman called me and actually I
12 tell you the truth, I really don't know this
13 gentleman. Although he introduce himself, I
14 don't know, because of, what do I want to say,
15 someone called me --

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hold on. Let
17 him finish and then I'll --

18 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Okay. I just
19 want to clarify one thing that will maybe move it
20 along.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

22 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: I called him on

1 a Sunday and he is not used to the Government
2 official working on a Sunday. So I had explained
3 myself.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

5 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: I identified
6 myself, went through the whole process before he
7 felt comfortable talking to me, because he wasn't
8 used to nobody, a Government official working on
9 a Sunday.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

11 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: That's what his
12 issue was.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
14 Alberti.

15 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Zhang, I was --
16 I should have been paying closer attention. I'm
17 sorry. I think you said that when you checked
18 the District records, go over that again about
19 who is like registered as the owner or -- of this
20 business.

21 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Okay. So after
22 I completed the inspection on September 9th, I

1 came back and checked the ABRA records and we had
2 Mr. Wei Zhang and Ms. Min Zhang listed as the
3 owners of the alcohol license.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: Right.

5 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: That was the
6 current list.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. DCRA.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: What about the DCRA?

9 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: And the
10 information that I received from DCRA, that
11 listed Mr. Zhang as the incorporated business,
12 meaning the owner of the business.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Incorporated
14 business. All right.

15 INVESTIGATOR GILLIAM: Yes.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Just one moment.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
19 Huang -- I'm sorry, yes, Mr. Zhang?

20 MR. ZHANG: I'm sorry. Can I explain
21 a little bit more? After this gentleman call me,
22 I immediately call the Mr. Huang and I tell him

1 say some guy called me and say about this kind of
2 things and I say did you do that process and he
3 said he is doing that. And I said okay.
4 Anything you needed me to help you or need I
5 sign, I do it. And actually we did, I signed
6 some document that say for the notary and the
7 bank, I signed that.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What document
9 did you sign?

10 MR. ZHANG: It's --

11 MR. HUANG: May I?

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
13 Zhang. I'm sorry, Mr. Zhang, right?

14 MR. HUANG: Huang.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Huang. I
16 apologize. Now, you bought this business. So
17 can you tell us what, if anything, you have done
18 to transfer this business into your name. The
19 business, the alcohol license, you tell me, sir.

20 MR. HUANG: Okay. So first of all,
21 I'm not familiar with the alcohol license at all.
22 So once I purchased the company, I know that it's

1 no longer a restaurant, so somebody in the
2 restaurant is to have like ABC Manager's License.
3 That's the only thing I know.

4 So I proceed with applying that
5 application and I got through.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you applied
7 for someone to be an ABC Manager?

8 MR. HUANG: The ABC Manager. Me,
9 myself.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you are the
11 ABC Manager?

12 MR. HUANG: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when you
14 came here to apply to be an ABC Manager, what did
15 you tell them? What did you tell the Agency? So
16 you came down here and applied to be the ABC
17 Manager.

18 MR. HUANG: Right.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that
20 correct?

21 MR. HUANG: Yes, that's correct.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So what did you

1 tell them?

2 MR. HUANG: So I am applying for the
3 ABC Manager. I didn't know the whole process,
4 because I got the ABC Manager in June and then
5 Inspector Gilliam told me about the whole process
6 that you have to do the transfer process. And
7 after that, I immediately applied for the
8 transfer application.

9 Currently, right now, it is in the
10 process with Ms. Walker.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when did you
12 do that, sir? When?

13 MR. HUANG: The last time I spoke with
14 her is like a week ago. All applications
15 completed, whatever she required, I have
16 submitted already.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you have
18 submitted that information to this Agency a week
19 ago and they told you that all the information
20 was -- that they have all the information.

21 MR. HUANG: A week ago was finished.
22 I started like maybe a month ago or something.

1 MEMBER ALBERTI: Can I ask a real
2 quick question?

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Go ahead, Mr.
4 Alberti.

5 MEMBER ALBERTI: So, Mr. Huang, Mr.
6 Gilliam was telling us when he goes to DCRA, that
7 Mr. Zhang is listed as the owner of the business
8 and the corporation or whatever it is.

9 MR. HUANG: So yeah.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: Anyway, the business
11 entity. All right?

12 MR. HUANG: Yes.

13 MEMBER ALBERTI: So well, wait, wait,
14 wait. Have you gotten a business license for
15 this place?

16 MR. HUANG: So --

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: You have been
18 operating this place. You have owned it since
19 when?

20 MR. HUANG: -- so the corporation --

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: Well, wait, wait.
22 Let me ask you, you have owned it since when?

1 MR. HUANG: Owned it since June.

2 MEMBER ALBERTI: Since June?

3 MR. HUANG: Yes, June.

4 MEMBER ALBERTI: What's the status of
5 your basic business license for this operation?

6 MR. HUANG: It still valid, because
7 the corporation name doesn't change.

8 MEMBER ALBERTI: But the owner. You
9 haven't listed the owner is Mr. Zhang. How can
10 you get a basic business license in your name if
11 Mr. Zhang -- maybe I don't know the rules of
12 DCRA, but how can you get a basic business
13 license in your name if Mr. Zhang owns it,
14 according to the city's records?

15 MR. HUANG: The basic business license
16 is under corporation's name.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Ah.

18 MR. HUANG: Right?

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: But the city still
20 believes that Mr. Zhang owns it.

21 MR. HUANG: Right.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But did you

1 change the officers?

2 MR. HUANG: Yeah, that's one of the
3 things that I have to take care of, which is
4 change the ownership. So it's everything already
5 completed be all legal, but through DCRA it's not
6 completed yet.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So when is it
8 that you -- because when is it that you plan to
9 go to DCRA to change the officers of this
10 corporation?

11 MR. HUANG: I didn't hear about this.
12 Only today.

13 MR. ZHANG: Sorry, I remember this
14 conversation way -- normally, we should ask our
15 counsel.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, go
17 ahead, sir.

18 MR. ZHANG: The transfer the
19 ownership, because I sold the company to him.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right.

21 MR. ZHANG: So just change the company
22 ownership, just changing the name to some --

1 MR. HUANG: We don't change the name.

2 MR. ZHANG: No, I said the owner.

3 MR. HUANG: The owner purchase.

4 MR. ZHANG: The owner needs.

5 MR. HUANG: Yes, yeah.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. So he
7 has to file the -- because it's a -- is it a
8 corporation? So then he has to file the proper
9 documents with DCRA to change who the officers of
10 the corporation is.

11 MR. ZHANG: Well, because one time I
12 told the, what say, account, we have account and
13 we use the same account. I told her I come to
14 say maybe you can ask do this account. I don't
15 know he did it or not. I think --

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
17 Just we will -- we are going to recess. All
18 right. We are going to be in recess and just
19 don't move. Just wait there. Okay. We will be
20 in recess for a couple of minutes.

21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
22 went off the record at 11:10 a.m. and resumed at

1 11:19 a.m.)

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
3 We're back on the record. Mr. Zhang, you are
4 still on the hook because you are still the owner
5 of this establishment. So you need to make sure
6 that Mr. Huang do what he is supposed to do,
7 because in the interim, if there are any ABC
8 violations, you are the only person that we are
9 coming after.

10 MR. ZHANG: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So basically
12 what I am going to say it is Mr. Huang, it's up
13 to him to do it, but I'm letting you know --

14 MR. ZHANG: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- that if he
16 does not do it, so you might need to light some
17 fire to make sure that he does it, because as far
18 as the ABC Board is concerned, you are, until a
19 new license is issued, responsible for any
20 violation, any ABC alcohol violations that occurs
21 in that business.

22 MR. ZHANG: Okay. So for example, I

1 send the email to him. I say get your license,
2 change in your name. You cannot sell the
3 alcohol.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's between
5 you and him. Okay?

6 MR. ZHANG: Yeah, I understand.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's between
8 you and him. I'm just letting you know that as
9 far as until a new license is issued to him --

10 MR. ZHANG: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's still your
12 responsibility.

13 MR. ZHANG: Okay.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. This is
15 where we are. Mr. Huang, and I'm not giving you
16 legal advice, but in order to -- for this process
17 to be straightened, you need to go to DCRA, sir,
18 to change the officers of the corporation.

19 It's my understanding that you are
20 listed as the president and there is a Miss or
21 Ms. Huang who is listed as a vice president.

22 MR. HUANG: Um-hum.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. You
2 need to provide -- you need to go to DCRA. You
3 need to go to DCRA and have that done forthwith.

4 In order for this process, the
5 transfer to be completed, you need to provide us
6 with the settlement documents. You also need to
7 provide us with the ownership of the corporation,
8 meaning that you have to go to DCRA and change
9 the information over in your name and Ms. Huang's
10 name to say that you are the ownership or owner
11 of the corporation.

12 And I'm not sure if you have -- and
13 you need to provide us a basic business license
14 to have this done.

15 Now, if -- we are going to give you 10
16 business day to do that. I think that is more
17 than sufficient time. This has been going on
18 since June. All of this should have occurred
19 prior to -- this has been since June.

20 Mr. Gilliam has also informed you of
21 the changes that needed to be made in September.
22 We are now in December. So I believe that 10 --

1 yes, sir?

2 MR. HUANG: So what about the pending
3 application that you currently have right now?

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well --

5 MR. HUANG: I assume that you have.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- but in order
7 for it to be completed, there are certain things
8 that you have to give us.

9 MR. HUANG: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's what I'm
11 saying, so, yes, we have your application. And
12 the Agency will not issue a license to you until
13 these things are done. And if these are not
14 done, the Agency will issue a cease and desist
15 order to prevent you or Mr. -- and as I told Mr.
16 -- to prevent Mr. Zhang from operating.

17 MR. HUANG: Yeah, I just want to -- so
18 we have understanding that I am trying to do
19 something like I'm not doing anything, so I have
20 submitted the application for --

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you have
22 provided information to this Agency.

1 MR. HUANG: Right.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But as far as
3 this Agency is concerned, Mr. Zhang is --
4 although it's the same business name, when we
5 decide if we are going to issue a violation, it
6 is going to Mr. Zhang, because he is still the
7 owner of the corporation. There is nothing --
8 it's not apparent to me that ABRA doesn't know
9 and DCRA doesn't know who you are.

10 You provided the information to us to
11 say that this is still the same business. We are
12 not piercing -- we had not -- this Agency had not
13 pierced the corporate veil to see who were the
14 actual owners.

15 In your application to us, you said
16 that it was you and Ms. Huang were the owners of
17 this new corporation, but we had not asked -- but
18 we are asking you now that you need to provide
19 the corporate documents.

20 MR. HUANG: From DCRA?

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And DCRA will
22 issue the documents to say that you have changed

1 the ownership of the corporation.

2 MR. HUANG: Okay. I'm not sure how
3 long it takes, because it's new to me to have
4 DCRA provide the document to me, but I will --

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I think
6 if you had -- well, let me say this to you, sir.
7 If you want to continue operating this business,
8 you will go to DCRA and you will do that. It has
9 been going on since June.

10 MR. HUANG: Right, right.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Now --

12 MR. HUANG: I'm not saying I'm not
13 going.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- if it takes
15 20 days, at least you can go to DCRA and say here
16 is a copy. I don't think that the Agency is
17 going to say that if you go to DCRA and provide
18 us with proof that you started the process, that
19 is date stamped and if they tell you that it is
20 going to take 30 days to issue it, I don't
21 believe -- the Agency is not going to issue a
22 cease and desist because once we know that you

1 have done your process and you are waiting for
2 the Agency.

3 MR. HUANG: Okay.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What I'm -- we
5 are going to issue the cease and desist to make
6 sure that you do it and that's -- I'm telling Mr.
7 Zhang to let him know that if there are any
8 violations currently, he is responsible.

9 So you, sir, if you want to make sure
10 that you believe you sold this business in June
11 and you can go on another vacation, you can't,
12 you are still responsible.

13 MR. ZHANG: Yeah, I understand that
14 part, but at that time, you know, I saw the -- I
15 told accountant them can't do that.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But what I'm
17 saying, sir -

18 MR. ZHANG: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- you told
20 your accountant to do what he is supposed to do.
21 It wasn't done.

22 MR. ZHANG: Right, right, right.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So because it
2 wasn't done, you are still responsible.

3 MR. ZHANG: Okay. I understand.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so
5 therefore, because you are still responsible, you
6 are on your vacation and I don't own this
7 business, I don't know nothing about this
8 business, but what I'm telling you is that you
9 still own this business.

10 MR. ZHANG: Yeah, I understand.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So if you want
12 to make sure that there are no further
13 liabilities, you need to make sure that this
14 gentleman beside you that he does not drag his
15 feet, which clearly someone has been dragging
16 their feet since June to complete the process.

17 MR. ZHANG: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So therefore,
19 he has 10 business days, so you need to go to
20 DCRA. It's very simple to file the paperwork.
21 It's very simple to file the paperwork to change
22 the officers. It's a very simple process. There

1 are probably some fees. It's a matter of filling
2 out the application, pay whatever the fees are.
3 They will stamp it. You will have a copy. So
4 that's what you -- all right.

5 So that's basically where we are
6 today. I would also ask that you -- while you
7 are here, you can meet with Ms. Karen Jackson,
8 who is one of the -- she is here. And you can
9 meet with her and she can give you a little bit
10 more step-by-step what is it that you need to do
11 to make sure that it occurs.

12 But as I said before, the transfer
13 will be approved. However, these are the
14 documents that are still outstanding.

15 Yes, Mr. Zhang?

16 MR. ZHANG: Okay. Yes, I was going to
17 say where I saw that, because at that time he
18 call me, I extend a little bit, not believe --

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't care.
20 You are fine. You are fine, sir, because you --

21 MR. ZHANG: -- he told me --

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- sold --

1 MR. ZHANG: -- Sunday is --

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- but you sold
3 the business and you have moved on because I have
4 sold the business.

5 MR. ZHANG: Yeah. Well, after that I
6 immediately call him and we did this approach. I
7 signed the documents. The different band.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, there are
9 still some more paperwork that needs to be done.
10 So you need to let him know that you thought that
11 you were out of this business in June. You don't
12 want to be involved in this business any more.

13 MR. ZHANG: Right.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So it's not --
15 if he doesn't do what he is supposed to do and
16 then you need to make sure he does it, because if
17 not, you are ultimately responsible, sir.

18 MR. ZHANG: I understand.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. For
20 anything that -- any alcohol violation that
21 occurs in this establishment until everything is
22 in his name, you are responsible. Okay.

1 And it is some -- it's a simple
2 process that he needs to do to close it. It can
3 be done within the next 10 days. It's a matter
4 of just going to DCRA and filing the paperwork.

5 Okay? All right. So yes, but -- do
6 you have any questions? But I said you can --
7 well, you can meet -- Mr. Gordy is sitting at the
8 back. I said Ms. Jackson, but Mr. Gordy is
9 sitting in the back. You can go meet with them
10 now and he will give you some final things and
11 this is -- it's very simple if you do.

12 But I'll let you know that if it's not
13 done, we are prepared to issue a cease and desist
14 to prevent this business from selling alcohol
15 until they have complied with our order. Okay?
16 All right. Thank you.

17 MR. ZHANG: Okay. Thank you very
18 much.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

20 MR. HUANG: Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the Fact-Finding Hearing
22 was concluded at 11:29 a.m.)

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