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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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KYW, Inc.

t/a Wah Sing Restaurant : Show Cause

2521 Pennsylvania Ave., SE : Hearing

Retailer CR - ANC-7B : License No. 514 : Case #12-AUD-00067 :

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(Failed to Maintain Books :

September 18, 2013

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 Ruthanne Miller,

presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member

DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
ALSO PRESENT:
CHRISSY GEPHARDT, ESQ, OAG

ADENIYI ADEJUNMOBI, ABRA Analyst

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(10:39 a.m.)

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is a Show Cause Hearing. It is Case No. 12-AUD-00067, Wah Sing Restaurant located at 2521
Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., License No. 514, in

When you are ready, if you could introduce yourselves for the record?

INTERPRETER CHEN: My name is Gary

Chen. I'm the Interpreter for Mr. Wong.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You are what?

13 INTERPRETER CHEN: Interpreter.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're an

interpreter. Okay. Korean? Okay. I'm going

to swear you in as an Interpreter right now.

I have to swear you in as an Interpreter.

Would you raise your right hand?

Do you solemnly affirm that you will faithfully and accurately interpret the proceedings in this matter from Korean into English and from English into Korean to the

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All

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conduct an audit of their books and records for the year 2011.

Mr. Adejunmobi will testify that the establishment does not keep guest checks or receipts on-site and no records were provided for the years 2010 and 2011.

At the end, the Government will ask that based upon the evidence, the Board will find that this licensee failed to keep and maintain upon the premises for a period of three years records, which include invoices and delivery slips, which adequately and fully reflect all purchases, sales and deliveries of all alcoholic beverages. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Oh, okay, Mr. Chen, do you have any opening statement at this time? You can make one now or when you present your case.

INTERPRETER CHEN: He maintain that he keep all the records with him, but I guess the detail will be saved for the later session.

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.	
2	INTERPRETER CHEN: But that is his	
3	remark, he maintain. He maintained those	
4	records.	
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.	
6	We got it. All right. Ms. Gephardt, do you	
7	have a witness?	
8	MS. GEPHARDT: I do. I would like	
9	to call Mr. Adejunmobi to the stand.	
10	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Good morning.	
11	Would you raise your right hand and I'll swear	
12	you in.	
13	Whereupon,	
14	ADENIYI ADEJUNMOBI	
15	was called as a witness by Counsel for the	
16	Government, and having been first duly sworn,	
17	assumed the witness stand and was examined and	
18	testified as follows:	
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.	
20	Have a seat.	
21	DIRECT EXAMINATION	
22	MS. GEPHARDT: Good morning.	

that the licenses are in compliance with their

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1 MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. And what 2 were you there to audit? 3 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: I was ordered to 4 audit the quarterly statements that were 5 submitted to ABRA. 6 MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. Only the 7 quarterly statements? 8 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Well, the 9 quarterly statement is what we go out to 10 verify, to make sure that the figures were 11 reported therein, that they should have 12 supporting documentation, such as the guest 13 checks that were issued to the patrons, that 14 is the business to determine that the figures 15 that they reported on the quarterly statements 16 were valid. 17 MS. GEPHARDT: I see. When you 18 came -- when you went to visit there on 19 October the 25th, who did you speak to? 20 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: It was a 21 different gentleman, not him. The gentleman 22 that was there told me that his brother is not

available and then he told us too, because it was an ABRA Audit Team that was out there, that the bookkeeper is coming. I waited for about two hours, nobody showed up.

And we asked and requested for the books and records. He said he doesn't have anything and I inquired from the gentleman, I said what about if somebody walk into your restaurant to order food or drink? He said well, he just serve them the drink. He doesn't keep the records.

MS. GEPHARDT: When you went to do this audit, was the owner given formal notice that you would be arriving?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes. We give them -- we always give them 30 day notice.

Actually, it can take longer than 30 days before we go there.

MS. GEPHARDT: Right.

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: But we do give them that, because we have several of these audits scheduled. So we issue them 30 days

1 notice by law.

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MS. GEPHARDT: And what was the time period that you were auditing? What was the the time frame?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: The year? The year that we were auditing was 2011 quarterly statement.

MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. And you mentioned that you waited for two hours for the bookkeeper to show up. What did the owner say with respect to the books and records that you requested and them not being there?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: He say he doesn't have it. He does not have it. And he said this in front of the Audit Team.

MS. GEPHARDT: Did --

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Ms. Clark and Mr.

18 Malloy.

MS. GEPHARDT: -- you ask him why

20 he doesn't have it?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: He say he doesn't

22 keep it.

MS. GEPHARDT: What about with respect to guest checks and receipts? What does he say about his ability or his system or process for keeping those?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: It was -- what he told me is that when people come in, he just serves them the food. He doesn't keep track of it.

MS. GEPHARDT: All right. Did he say whether he wrote it down or kept it on a piece of paper anywhere or anything like that?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Well, what he actually said was that he was going to have his bookkeeper and we waited and waited and we never saw the bookkeeper. He was going to have the bookkeeper and there was no follow-up up to the time that we prepared the audit report.

MS. GEPHARDT: Did he ask you to come back at any time to show you his records, to give him an opportunity to show you his records?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Actually at the time we made the conclusion, there was a second visit. The first visit, he wasn't there. And they weren't open. The place was locked.

MS. GEPHARDT: And how soon prior to your visit in October did you go there and it was locked and he wasn't there?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: That was like a month before and he -- when we finally -- it took us a little while to get in contact with him to have a contact number. The ones we have on file, we called the number. Nobody was responding. Finally, we spoke to the Chief of Investigation, Johnny Jackson, and he had an Investigator go over there. I don't know when, maybe during the open time at night, and they finally got in contact with them and they provided me with the telephone number to call them.

MS. GEPHARDT: When you first -- when you went to that first visit, you said a

1 month prior?

2 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes.

MS. GEPHARDT: Did you give him

4 | notice of that visit?

5 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: What notice?

6 MS. GEPHARDT: You said you went

7 over there. You mentioned that you went over

8 there, approximately, a month prior to your

9 October 25th visit.

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes, that was the

11 first visit.

MS. GEPHARDT: But did you give

him notice you were going to be showing up?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Oh, yes. We

15 always write them an engagement letter to tell

16 them that we are coming to set up the

appointment, to determine the appointment date

and part of the agreement that I will state if

19 you can't make the appointment, give me a call

20 and we can reschedule. And part of the stuff

21 that we put in the letter is the requirements

22 of books and records and anything that is

going to help us to validate the data that were being reported on the quarterly statement furnished to ABRA.

MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. And did he say why he didn't keep guest checks and receipts?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: He just told me he is not aware he has to keep them. Yes, lack of awareness of the regs, of the regulations.

MS. GEPHARDT: And what did you -did you ask him for books and records? Not
just for 2011, but did you ask him for books
and records going back three years?

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Well, we did ask him, but the way the Audit Team works is they was to get -- to accomplice me on that audit. They are normally asked and they did. Mr. Malloy did because I have to make sure -- I mean, I did make sure that Mr. Malloy did. He asked him and I asked Mr. Malloy, you know, what's the conclusion. They couldn't provide

- 1 it to him.
- MS. GEPHARDT: You said who
- 3 | couldn't provide it to him?
- 4 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: The licensee.
- 5 MS. GEPHARDT: Couldn't provide it
- 6 to Mr. Malloy?
- 7 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes.
- 8 MS. GEPHARDT: And he is an ABRA
- 9 Investigator, you say?
- MR. ADEJUNMOBI: He used to be.
- MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. Did you ask
- 12 him any other questions related to his -- the
- 13 maintenance of his books and records --
- MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes.
- MS. GEPHARDT: -- and guest
- 16 receipts?
- MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes. We asked
- 18 him to provide us with the books and records.
- 19 And finally he just told us that his
- 20 bookkeeper is going to come and talk to us and
- 21 we never had anything from him. We waited two
- 22 hours.

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1	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay.	
2	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: And in the	
3	process of waiting, I was communicating with	
4	the Chief in the office.	
5	MS. GEPHARDT: Yes.	
6	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Maybe I should	
7	then when we came back, we never had backup,	
8	nothing. No communication whatsoever.	
9	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. All right.	
10	Thank you. That's all I have for this	
11	witness.	
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you have	
13	any cross-examination questions of this	
14	witness?	
15	INTERPRETER CHEN: Mr. Wong said	
16	they do keep the receipts	
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. Wait.	
18	It's not a time for him to testify. Does he	
19	have any questions for this witness?	
20	INTERPRETER CHEN: Oh, okay.	

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He will have

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2 INTERPRETER CHEN: Yes.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

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5 INTERPRETER CHEN: His question is

gentleman had to wait for the bookkeeper,

6 when -- about what time that the -- this

8 because he said that the bookkeeper is not

9 aware called him and there was no reply from

10 him. He said the bookkeeper came, arrived

11 | within 30 minutes.

12 MEMBER ALBERTI: A question?

MS. GEPHARDT: In the form of a

14 question.

15 INTERPRETER CHEN: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. He

17 | will get to testify later. Is there a

18 | question for this witness?

19 INTERPRETER CHEN: Well, his

20 question is when he has to wait for this two

21 hours? Because he doesn't aware of this two

22 hours waiting period.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You mean what 1 2 time was the two hours? 3 INTERPRETER CHEN: 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you 5 understand the question? 6 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Well --7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What I 8 understand the question to be is you testified 9 that you had to wait two hours. 10 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes. 11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And so he 12 wants to know well, what time was that? From when to when? 13 14 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: We arrived at the 15 place at 10:00. Here they opened the door 16 until 10:20, approximately, 10:20. We didn't 17 leave there until 12:00. And we kept waiting 18 and we kept calling. He kept calling the 19 bookkeeper and the bookkeeper kept saying I'll 20 be there. I'll be there. I'll be there. 21 we never saw. It was a lady that was on the 22 phone.

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: A lady	
2	called?	
3	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes.	
4	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.	
5	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Because I spoke	
6	to the bookkeeper, too, on the phone, and he	
7	kept saying she coming, she coming, but she	
8	never came.	
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Any	
10	other questions?	
11	INTERPRETER CHEN: That's not a	
12	question, so I'm not going to	
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Do	
14	Board Members have questions?	
15	MEMBER ALBERTI: I do.	
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.	
17	Alberti?	
18	MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Adejunmobi,	
19	you said you spoke with the bookkeeper?	
20	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes.	
21	MEMBER ALBERTI: Once, more than	
22	once?	

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1	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: did at 10:20.	
2	MEMBER ALBERTI: Did you provide	
3	Mr. Sing or the bookkeeper with your contact	
4	information?	
5	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: They have my	
6	contact information.	
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: From where?	
8	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes, we left I	
9	left a business card and again from the letter	
10	that I sent out, the engagement letter	
11	announcing the audit, notifying them of the	
12	audit.	
13	MEMBER ALBERTI: So you provided	
14	at during your visit, you provided Mr. Sing	
15	with your business card?	
16	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes.	
17	MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you. I	
18	have no further questions.	
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Others? Mr.	
20	Brooks?	
21	MEMBER BROOKS: Yes. Were you	
22	alone when you came to visit him or did you	

- 1 have someone with you?
- 2 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: No, sir. It was
- 3 an ABRA Audit Team. And the Audit Team
- 4 consisted of three individuals: Investigator
- 5 | Malloy, Compliance Analyst Monica Clark and
- 6 myself.
- 7 MEMBER BROOKS: Okay. Thank you,
- 8 | Madam Chair.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Others? I
- 10 just have a few questions. The individual you
- 11 spoke with at the establishment, did you say
- 12 that was Mr. Sing's brother or who?
- 13 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: I believe. It
- 14 wasn't him though. It was somebody else that
- 15 was there.
- 16 | CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You believe--
- MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Probably his
- 18 brother.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Probably.
- 20 Okay.
- MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Maybe. I mean,
- 22 it's just a speculation on my part, but he was

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1	more representing. He was the one that opened
2	the door for us.
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And he
4	said, is it your testimony that he said, he
5	didn't keep records?
6	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Yes, ma'am.
7	Well, he said that he did keep the records,
8	but records were not available for us to see,
9	but that we can talk to his bookkeeper.
10	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.
11	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: And that was the
12	bookkeeper that I communicated to twice in his
13	presence, because he told me and she said she
14	will come in, she will come in, she will come
15	in.
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So you never
17	met with the bookkeeper?
18	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: No.
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And did you
20	ask the bookkeeper questions?
21	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: No.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No. So did

you ask Mr. Sing how he filed quarterly
statements without keeping records?

3 MR. ADEJUNMOBI: That was what led 4 to the bookkeeper.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That was for 6 his bookkeeper?

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MR. ADEJUNMOBI: That the bookkeeper compares the quarterly statements.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER:

Okay.

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: But then the other person that I asking, because this is something that I do when I go out on the audit, I put a scenario, so whenever somebody walking in here or walk in, I want to order food, he said he just sells the food. He doesn't keep the record. He has a couple of antiquated cash register sitting out there. But I don't know if he wasn't using that. He said he just ring things up and put it in the cash register.

But the hard copy evidence was not produced.

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No records		
2	were produced?		
3	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: No documented		
4	no written documented evidence.		
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Was		
6	this a first audit? I mean, this was your		
7	second visit, but was this the first audit		
8	that has been done of this establishment that		
9	you know of?		
10	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Within the time I		
11	been working to ABRA, ma'am, yes.		
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And how long		
13	has that been?		
14	MR. ADEJUNMOBI: Approximately,		
15	four years.		
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.		
17	Thank you. Any questions on Board questions?		
18	MS. GEPHARDT: No.		
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Did		
20	you have any questions based on the Board		
21	questions?		
22	INTERPRETER CHEN: He doesn't have		

1 a question.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

3 INTERPRETER CHEN: Not right now.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right.

5 Then you can be excused. Thank you very much.

MR. ADEJUNMOBI: You're welcome.

(Whereupon, witness was excused.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Do you have

any other witnesses?

MS. GEPHARDT: No, I don't have

11 any other witnesses.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And,

13 Mr. Chen, then is your witness Mr. Sing? I

mean, is Mr. Sing the witness for your case?

15 I haven't -- I don't think I have sworn him in

16 yet.

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17 INTERPRETER CHEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I have sworn

19 you in, but if you are going into some kind of

20 testimony, I might as well swear you in now.

21 INTERPRETER CHEN: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So, Mr. Sing,

- 1 | will you raise your right hand?
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was called as a witness by Counsel for the
Licensee, and having been first duly sworn,
assumed the witness stand and was examined and
testified as follows:

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And I would just say if other Board Members don't mind or if Ms. Gephardt you don't mind, I don't have a problem with them -- him testifying from here, since the two of them can sit there together. Okay. All right. Go ahead.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

INTERPRETER CHEN: Okay. He said the two hours waiting time is impossible, because the establishment opened at 11:00, so someone arrived at the -- at 10:20 and talked to this gentleman.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MR. WONG: And the bookkeeper

arrived before 11:00, at the time business is open.

INTERPRETER CHEN: Mr. Wong said they kept all the transaction records and that he presented those records to the gentleman and gentleman said this is not the -- did not meet the requirements of the receipt -- of the record as a receipt.

He said that they wanted two receipts and they only present one receipt.

And that the other receipts, it sounds like to me, is like individual itemized receipt, which they don't have.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MR. WONG: They have the record for the cash registry -- register, but they don't issue hand-written receipt to the customer. But the other record is stored in the cash register.

 $\label{eq:interpreter} \mbox{INTERPRETER CHEN: That's all he}$ has to say.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Thank

you. Ms. Gephardt, do you have crossexamination?

MS. GEPHARDT: Yes.

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MS. GEPHARDT: You mentioned that you don't write out the receipts, an itemized receipt for each guest. But it is within the register. Can you print out a copy from the register of all the transactions you had that day?

MR. WONG: Yes. We kept all the cashiers receipt.

MS. GEPHARDT: So when

Investigators or the Compliance Analyst were there that day, how come you didn't show them those printed out?

INTERPRETER CHEN: He said that he did present those to the Investigator, but they said this is not up to the requirement.

They want a written receipt to be issued to the -- each customer and that they need to keep that piece of receipt.

MS. GEPHARDT: So when customers 1 2 come to your establishment and they order 3 food, do they -- or alcohol, do they get any 4 kind of a receipt? 5 INTERPRETER CHEN: His answer is 6 no, to the -- for carryout, yes. For people 7 coming to order wine or food, yes. For 8 carryout food, yes. For the beer and the 9 wine, no. He said that the order for the 10 11 liquor is available on a daily basis. 12 MS. GEPHARDT: So you said that 13 people who come in and order liquor, they 14 don't get a receipt. But do you have a 15 receipt of the sales of liquor that you sold? 16 MR. WONG: Yes. I get a receipt for sale. 17 18 MS. GEPHARDT: And how come you 19 didn't show those to the Investigators when 20 they came? 21 INTERPRETER CHEN: He said that he 22 did present those receipt to the Investigator

1 when they were there.

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2 MS. GEPHARDT: And you did that

3 for the whole year of 2011?

MR. WONG: Yeah.

MS. GEPHARDT: What did he say?

MR. WONG: More than 2011. How

many years? Four or five years?

8 INTERPRETER CHEN: He present four

9 or five years of records.

MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. The book -
the records keeper who was previously

mentioned, a female, first of all, do you have

a record keeper?

INTERPRETER CHEN: He said yes,

there is a lady take care of the tax and some

other bookkeeping business.

MS. GEPHARDT: And what is your recollection of that day when the Investigators were on the phone with your accountant or your tax person, as you were just mentioning? What was your recollection

of how that scenario played out?

INTERPRETER CHEN: He doesn't 1

2 have.

3 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Say again

4 please.

5 INTERPRETER CHEN: He --

6 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: We need to

7 hear these.

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8 INTERPRETER CHEN: He doesn't remember the talk between the bookkeeper and

the Investigator at the time. All he said is 10

11 that the top duration is arrive shortly. It's

12 only 15 minutes. The bookkeeper has an

13 estimated time. He doesn't have recollection

14 on that conversation.

All he remember is that the 15

16 bookkeeper came into the store within 30

minutes of time frame. 17

18 MS. GEPHARDT: So do you maintain

19 that the Investigators, the Analysts met with

20 your bookkeeper?

21 MR. WONG: They don't talk to in-

22 person, but they talk over the phone.

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1	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay.		
2	MR. WONG: Because when the		
3	bookkeeper came and Investigator had left.		
4	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay.		
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: I'm sorry,		
6	could you clarify that again?		
7	MR. WONG: When the bookkeeper		
8	arrived, the Investigator had left		
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.		
10	MR. WONG: the establishment.		
11	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.		
12	MS. GEPHARDT: You mentioned that		
13	you provided the Investigators with four to		
14	five years of receipts and tax and things like		
15	that. Is that correct?		
16	MR. WONG: The Investigator		
17	required for one month of records and he		
18	presented an entire year of records.		
19	MS. GEPHARDT: The Investigators		
20	only requested one month and he provided the		
21	entire year?		
22	MR. WONG: Yes. Yes, the entire		

1 year.

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MS. GEPHARDT: What was the whole

3 reference to four to five years then?

4 MR. WONG: You keep the written.

5 INTERPRETER CHEN: He said that he

keep -- he has kept four or five years record,

7 but only showed one year of record.

8 MS. GEPHARDT: I see. And where

9 in your establishment do you keep your

10 records?

MR. WONG: In the store.

MS. GEPHARDT: In the back or --

MR. WONG: In the back area of the

14 store.

MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. That's all I

16 have.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Board

18 | questions? Yes, Mr. Alberti?

19 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Sing, the day

20 that the Investigators visited your store,

21 | were you there?

MR. WONG: Yeah, I was there, yes.

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1	MEMBER ALBERTI: Were there any		
2	other employees there?		
3	MR. WONG: No.		
4	MEMBER ALBERTI: Just you?		
5	INTERPRETER CHEN: Only him.		
6	MEMBER ALBERTI: Did you bring		
7	do you have an example here with you today of		
8	what you showed the Investigator?		
9	INTERPRETER CHEN: He doesn't have		
10	it with him, no.		
11	MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you. No		
12	further questions.		
13	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Others? All		
14	right. I just have a couple. So, Mr. Sing,		
15	your records are not kept with the bookkeeper,		
16	they are kept at the establishment?		
17	INTERPRETER CHEN: He give those		
18	records to the bookkeeper, but he she		
19	returned those back to him on monthly basis.		
20	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So		
21	when the Investigators came to your		
22	establishment, your records were at the		

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1	establishment?	
2	MR. WONG: Yes.	
3	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And you gave	
4	them a month's worth of records?	
5	MR. WONG: The Investigator	
6	requested one months of records, but he, Mr.	
7	Sing, presented the entire year of record to	
8	the Investigator.	
9	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did he turn	
10	over any records to the Investigator?	
11	MR. WONG: No.	
12	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: When the	
13	Investigator left, did you think that you had	
14	complied with his request?	
15	INTERPRETER CHEN: He asked his	
16	bookkeeper to contact the Investigator.	
17	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He asked his	
18	bookkeeper to contact the Investigator. And	
19	does he know whether she did?	
20	INTERPRETER CHEN: He doesn't know	
21	whether or not his bookkeeper contact the	

Investigator. He doesn't know.

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And
2	his testimony contradicts the Investigator's
3	in at least one way in which he says he was at
4	the store when the at the establishment
5	when the Investigator came and the
6	Investigator said he spoke with someone else.
7	Why should we believe Mr. Sing?
8	INTERPRETER CHEN: He said when
9	the bookkeeper came, the Investigator left, so
10	he asked the bookkeeper to contact the
11	Investigator. The bookkeeper promise to do
12	so, but whether or not she did that, Mr. Sing
13	has no knowledge of that.
14	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Just
15	my question was though that he, Mr. Sing, says
16	he was there that day and the Investigator
17	says someone else was there that day.
18	MR. WONG: Well, so was I.
19	INTERPRETER CHEN: He insist that
20	the individual the Investigator talked to is
21	him.
22	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.

All right. Any other questions? Any 1 2 questions on Board questions? 3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Well, yeah. 4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Oh, you have 5 another question, Mr. Alberti? 6 MEMBER ALBERTI: Yes. 7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. 8 MEMBER ALBERTI: Mr. Sing, there 9 were three people there. Do you remember what 10 the other -- you saw the Investigator. If you 11 were there, do you --12 MR. WONG: One lady. 13 MEMBER ALBERTI: Right, wait, no. 14 I'm speaking. Can you tell me what the other 15 two people looked like? MR. WONG: Two gentlemen, one 16 17 lady, female officer. 18 MEMBER ALBERTI: Okay. Were they 19 white? Were they black? African-American? 20 MR. WONG: The female officer is 21 the African-American and he forget the third

one, the second male officer he doesn't

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1	MR. WONG: the witness		
2	MEMBER ALBERTI: Was he young?		
3	Was he an older man? Was he a young man?		
4	MR. WONG: Younger. He looks		
5	younger to him.		
6	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.		
7	MEMBER ALBERTI: Thank you.		
8	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Any		
9	other questions? All right. Are there any		
10	questions on Board questions?		
11	MS. GEPHARDT: My question would		
12	be you mentioned that you were able to provide		
13	a whole year's worth of records to the		
14	Investigators when they showed up that day?		
15	MR. WONG: Um-hum.		
16	MS. GEPHARDT: And why did you		
17	why was the bookkeeper important? Why did you		
18	need to contact them?		
19	MR. WONG: I contact bookkeeper?		
20	MS. GEPHARDT: Why did you need to		
21	contact the bookkeeper if the records were on-		
22	site?		

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1	MR. WONG: The Investigator insist
2	that they need to present the written receipt
3	rather than the receipt from the cash
4	register. So I he believed that yes,
5	check the receipt and they wanted check
6	receipt, which he doesn't have. So he wanted
7	help from his bookkeeper.
8	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. I'm just
9	confused as to what receipts he keeps in his
10	shop.
11	MR. WONG: Cashier receipts.
12	MS. GEPHARDT: Well, the guest
13	check receipts go to the bookkeeper?
14	MR. WONG: They don't have the
15	other one. They only have the cash register
16	receipt.
17	MS. GEPHARDT: Okay. Thank you.
18	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So I
19	think that completes the questioning of this
20	witness. And I think if there are no other
21	witnesses, we are at closing arguments, I
22	believe.

1 MS. GEPHARDT: All right.

of 2011.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Gephardt?

MS. GEPHARDT: Thank you. Board

Members, you have heard here today through the testimony of Mr. Adejunmobi that on October 25, 2012, he and a team of two other people went to Wah Sing Restaurant to conduct an audit of their books and records for the year

Mr. Adejunmobi testified that the establishment was not able to produce any records, any guest checks or any receipts onsite or anything for 2011.

Furthermore, Mr. Adejunmobi

testified that they waited for the bookkeeper

for, approximately, two hours and that person

never showed up. He left his card and said if

the person does show up or if you could,

please, give that individual my contact

information, I can be reached, so that I can

be given the necessary records.

However, as you heard, that person

never contacted him. And since then, he has had no other communication from Wah Sing with the production of their books and records for 2011. And for that matter, any kind of records indicating that this licensee has kept and maintained upon the premises for a period of three years any records that include invoices, delivery slips which would adequately and fully reflect all purchases, sales and deliveries of all alcoholic beverages.

This is simply a case of he said/
she said. However, in this case, Mr.

Adejunmobi and the Investigative Team, I

believe, have no reason to make up a story as

to what they observed that day. They go out

on audits all the time. This is what they do.

And if they are presented with the proper

documentation and proper paperwork, then they

take the information back and check it off

their list.

In this case, there is no reason

to believe that Mr. Adejunmobi or the other members of the team would have anything against the restaurant to lead them to fabricate a story as to what happened that day.

And, therefore, the Government would ask that you find that this licensee has violated the statute and that a -- that which would include Charge 1 which would be failing to maintain and keep upon the premises for a period of three years, records, which include invoices and delivery slips, which adequately reflect all purchases, sales and deliveries and, therefore, the Government would argue that you fine the licensee a total of \$3,000. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay.

Ms. Gephardt, the last thing you said was that you are asking the Board to find that the licensee violated Charge 1 and should be fined a penalty of \$3,000?

MS. GEPHARDT: That's correct.

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1	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All	
2	right. Do you have a closing argument?	
3	INTERPRETER CHEN: He doesn't have	
4	anything to say.	
5	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All	
6	right. The evidence is in the record, so	
7	that's not required. All right. Thank you.	
8	Okay. So I am now going to close the record,	
9	that all the testimony and evidence has been	
10	put in.	
11	Do the parties wish to file	
12	proposed findings of fact and conclusions of	
13	law or waive their right to do so?	
14	MS. GEPHARDT: No, thank you. I	
15	waive our right to do so.	
16	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And do you	
17	understand the question?	
18	MR. WONG: No.	
19	CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.	
20	Parties have the right to file a written	
21	brief, based on the evidence that has been	
22	presented in the record, which would suggest	

to the Board how we should find the facts in the case and how we should draw conclusions of law.

It's like a legal brief. It is a right you have. Very few parties do that at these kind of cases. It is just like an argument again, based on the evidence.

Otherwise, the Board has the evidence and will make those findings itself without any suggestions from the parties.

And the Government has decided not to do that.

INTERPRETER CHEN: He said he is going to waive that right. But the only question he has is is it possible to lower that amount?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Lower the amount? He would ask that we have a lower fine?

MR. WONG: Yeah.

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Correct? Ms.

Gephardt has made a suggestion to the Board.

1 It is not necessarily what the Board will do.

It's her suggestion of \$3,000 and we

3 understand your suggestion is if a penalty is

4 assessed against you, that it be lower. Is

5 that right?

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MR. WONG: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MR. WONG: Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So

10 that completes this case. And I'm just going

11 to have the Board vote on our considering the

12 case in closed session.

Under the Open Meetings Act, the

14 | Board is allowed to deliberate on

15 adjudications in closed session, but we just

16 need to take a vote on that.

17 As Chairperson of the Alcoholic

18 Beverage Control Board for the District of

19 Columbia and in accordance with Section 405 of

20 the Open Meetings Amendment Act of 2010, I

21 move that the ABC Board hold a closed meeting

22 for the purpose of seeking legal advice from

our counsel on Case No. 12-AUD-00067, Wah Sing 1 2 Restaurant, per Section 405(b)(4) of the Open 3 Meetings Amendment Act of 2010, and deliberating upon this case for the reasons 4 5 cited in Section 405(b)(13) of the Open 6 Meetings Amendment Act of 2010. 7 Is there a second? 8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Second. 9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Silverstein has seconded the motion. I'll now 10 take a roll call vote on the motion. 11 12 Mr. Brooks? 13 MEMBER BROOKS: I agree. CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Mr. Alberti? 14 MEMBER ALBERTI: 15 I agree.

give notice that the ABC Board will hold a

Mr. Silverstein?

MEMBER SILVERSTEIN:

CHAIRPERSON MILLER:

appears that the motion has passed. I hereby

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agrees.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Miller

I agree.

Okay.

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