

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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Kiss, LLC, :  
t/a Kiss Tavern :  
637 T Street NW : Show Cause  
Retailer CT - ANC 1B : Hearing  
License No. 104710 :  
Case #19-CC-00149 :  
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(Sale to Minor Violation :  
Failed to Take Steps :  
Necessary to Ascertain :  
Legal Drinking Age, No :  
ABC Manager on Duty) :

Wednesday  
March 3, 2021

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via Webex videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

**PRESENT:**

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member  
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member  
JENI HANSEN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member  
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff**

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

10:37 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 2-576 of the Open Meetings Act, I am welcoming you to the regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

This meeting is being conducted pursuant to guidance made available by the District of Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding electronic meetings held by public bodies during the public health emergency.

Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's Central Meeting Calendar. The notice included the time, date, agenda, and call-in or log-in information for public participation.

This electronic meeting is being hosted by a Webex account provided by the District of Columbia Government. Please address any questions or complaints to the OOG at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

1                   My name is Donovan Anderson and I'm  
2                   the Chairman of the Board. I would like to  
3                   introduce the other members of the ABC Board, who  
4                   are also participating electronically, pursuant  
5                   to Mayor's Order 2020-054.

6                   Please respond when I announce your  
7                   name. Mr. James Short.

8                   MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,  
9                   present.

10                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato?

11                  MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

12                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rema  
13                  Wahabzadah?

14                  MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,  
15                  present.

16                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi Aliya  
17                  Crockett?

18                  MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,  
19                  present.

20                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni  
21                  Hansen?

22                  MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

23                  CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward  
24                  Grandis?

25                  MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,

1 present.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
3 seven members in attendance for the conduct of  
4 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

5 Before we get underway with today's  
6 hearing calendar, I need to make a few  
7 instructions very clear, so that the conduct of  
8 these hearings is understood by everyone.

9 There are two cases scheduled, at  
10 least for this morning's calendar. Once your  
11 case is called, I will take a moment for IT  
12 specialists to elevate the rights for each party  
13 to enable their camera and microphone.

14 Then and only then will you have the  
15 ability to enable your equipment. If your case  
16 is not being heard, you will remain mute and your  
17 camera will be disabled.

18 At the conclusion of each case, the  
19 parties will have the option to leave. If a  
20 party chooses to stay, all cameras and  
21 microphones for the concluded case will be  
22 disabled.

23 Should you have any questions or  
24 require technical assistance during the hearing,  
25 please submit them using the question and answer

1 feature or email simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

2 Our first order of business today is  
3 Case Number 19-CC-00149, Kiss Tavern, License  
4 Number 104710.

5 This hearing is canceled. The parties  
6 have entered into an offer-in-compromise.

7 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
8 went off the record at 10:40 a.m.)  
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