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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :

Pub Crawl :

Applicant: Eugene Craig III :

Date of Event: Dec. 26, 2015 : Fact Finding

Event: Eugene Craig Crawl :

Neighborhood: Multiple :

Licensed Premises :

Size of Event: 2,000-3,500 :

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Wednesday, December 9,
2015

Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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CHAIRPERSON:

DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

BOARD MEMBERS:

NICK ALBERTI

JAMES SHORT

RUTHANNE MILLER

MIKE SILVERSTEIN

ALSO PRESENT:

SUPERVISORY CRAIG STUART,

On behalf of ABRA

INVESTIGATOR KEVIN PUENTE,

On behalf of ABRA

EUGENE CRAIG III,

On behalf of Pub Crawl

1 [1:03 p.m.]

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

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: The next case is pub
4 crawl, Eugene Craig III, for December 26, 2015.
5 Can you identify yourself for the record, please.

6 MR. CRAIG: Hello, Mr. Chairman and
7 fellow Board Members. My name's Eugene Craig
8 III. I have an --

9 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And also spell your
10 name.

11 MR. CRAIG: Eugene, E-u-g-e-n-e. Craig,
12 C-r-a-i-g III, I guess I-I-I.

13 INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Investigator Kevin
14 Puente.

15 SUPERVISORY INVESTIGATOR STUART:
16 Supervisory Investigator Craig Stuart.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Go ahead.

18 MR. PUENTE: All right. This is an
19 application for a December 26 pub crawl. They
20 anticipate 7,000 anticipated with a 3,500
21 maximum. The hours of the event are 12:30 to
22 8:30. They plan to hire a special police officer

1 to be the point person with security. They will
2 also provide each establishment with a 500
3 subsidy to help cover the costs of staffing and
4 security for the event. They also plan to have 1
5 or 2 extra security people at each establishment
6 along with a special Police Officer Rovin [ph].
7 The registration point will be Sign of the Whale
8 and Buffalo Billiards.

9 MR. CRAIG: May I? Is it possible I can
10 amend my application?

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Well, we're going to
12 have --

13 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

14 [Laughter.]

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I think you have been
16 here --

17 MR. CRAIG: This my first event.

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I think you have been
19 here most of the morning.

20 MR. CRAIG: Oh, yes.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: It's clear to you
22 that even before we even consider anything that

1 there are a couple of establishments that we have
2 to take out to even get to the starting block.

3 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. So, in
5 your presentation when you're -- after you've
6 done in your presentation, then you can let me
7 know what are the changes you want to make to
8 your application prior to your presentation.

9 MR. CRAIG: I do that now?

10 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Are you done?

11 INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: Yeah, I'm done.

12 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes. Go ahead, sir.

13 MR. CRAIG: All right. So a couple
14 changes.

15 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry. And one
16 of the things I would like you to do -- I'm also
17 new here -- so I need you to provide some
18 background information. Where have you been?
19 What have you done before? And why is it that
20 you believe that you're capable of doing this
21 event and why we should even consider approving
22 you for this event?

1 MR. CRAIG: Okay. I would like to make a
2 couple -- well, I guess amend my application.
3 First, I would like to lower our number from
4 7,000 to 2,000 with a hard cap of 2,500. Also, I
5 would like to strike Buffalo Billiards as one of
6 our bars. So anticipated 2,000. Max 2,500.

7 I guess just a little background on me:
8 Most of my experience has been in political
9 events, conferences, conventions. I have
10 attended a couple bar crawls here in the city. I
11 have seen some successful bar crawls here in
12 Baltimore and also Philadelphia. I have seen
13 some of the issues. I have, you know, but I've
14 also seen a lot of it be a success. And I think
15 it's something that can be a great economic
16 driver with the neighborhoods if done properly
17 and done correctly. And I'd like to take part in
18 that.

19 You know, I do understand that safety and
20 security is a major concern. When I met with a
21 lot of the bars, I know two things that they
22 mentioned to me. One, is that a lot of the

1 promoters typically charge them to participate
2 within the event and secondly, that they have to
3 burden the extra costs of bringing in extra
4 staff.

5 So one thing -- well, kind of two-part
6 thing that I did on my end was, okay, well, we're
7 not going to charge you, and secondly, I'll front
8 the costs of bringing in extra security, extra
9 staff. I do know that, you know, when I spoke to
10 Investigator Puente and also Mr. Hager, I do know
11 that security is a major concern. I have been in
12 contact with Lieutenant Merrill, Jerome Merrill
13 of MPD in the Second District. But also, I do
14 have a sitting bid from Blue Line Security in the
15 event that the Board would like an outside
16 security firm to come in and help with this event
17 for that day.

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. So have
19 you ever done a bar crawl before?

20 MR. CRAIG: This would be my first bar
21 crawl.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And have you planned

1 events similar to this before?

2 MR. CRAIG: I have planned large-scale
3 events, particularly conventions. In my day, I'm
4 the vice chair of the Republican Party. So I
5 have quite a big can [ph] at a lot of our major
6 events and whatnot. But this would be my first
7 bar crawl event.

8 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Give me a little bit.
9 Give me some more information on your -- what
10 specific qualifications. And I'm asking this
11 question because I'm also new. And you have been
12 -- I'm not sure if you were here for the fact
13 finding --

14 MR. CRAIG: No. I came in on the tail
15 end of it.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: But, part of the
17 problem is that we had a horrible event during
18 Halloween. So this Board is very concerned of
19 even approving any bar crawls.

20 MR. CRAIG: I understand.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And so, if you're
22 coming in and to say this is my first one and I

1 want to do it and they're my ideas, what is it
2 can you bring to us to say that those are the
3 actors that we approved earlier, were bad actors
4 and I'm the good guy because I can do better?

5 MR. CRAIG: Well, I appreciate that
6 question, Mr. Chairman. The very first thing
7 that we're doing differently, I have not seen at
8 other bar crawls, is that we're going to -- let
9 me give you my application -- we're going to be
10 using a badge similar to like a conference ID.
11 We've brought in a hard badge printer. We're
12 going to be using a badge on the front and have
13 the person's name on the back and have their
14 birthdate. So, you know, it's not just, you
15 know, okay, I have a wristband. You know, that
16 was one of the things that we're doing -- one of
17 the major things we're doing differently.

18 You know, I do think a centralized
19 registration point, you know, helps lessen down
20 the confusion. If you're just coming to one
21 place to register instead of, you know, you're
22 going here or, you know, you're going there, you

1 know, we're checking IDs. And also, you know,
2 one thing that I, you know, that we're
3 instituting is any fake IDs that we're coming
4 across, we're handing them directly over to MPD.
5 You know, I don't believe alcohol -- I'm sorry.
6 I don't believe minors should be in possession of
7 alcohol. We're going to work very hard to make
8 sure that we're, you know, not violating any
9 laws.

10 We are using electronic registration.
11 One of the things that I don't anticipate at all
12 going over our allotted amount. You know, up to
13 right now, to answer -- I know Mr. Short asked
14 earlier and I have to selling tickets. We've
15 capped at a 150 tickets, so we're well within the
16 current law. But, you know, if you need a bar
17 crawl license, if you don't, but we do have a
18 wait list. But I do not under any circumstances
19 see us going whatever the Board, you know, the
20 2,000, 2,500 that we're requesting.

21 I mean, it's really I just if I could
22 speak quite frankly. I don't understand how if

1 you're using electronic and then you go in
2 knowing what you're electronic registration is
3 and you know what your cap is the day of. I know
4 I've done, you know, I've worked. I've done
5 conventions. I've done conferences. I mean,
6 it's -- I don't see it as a major difference
7 outside of that. When it comes to the
8 registration, implementation. I do know that
9 it's a high security risk. And I'm willing to
10 work with the Board hand-to-hand and also work
11 with MPD to make sure that, you know, we have,
12 you know, the best security as possible for this
13 event.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any members have any
15 questions?

16 MR. SHORT: I do have one.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Short.

18 MR. SHORT: You have an application in
19 front of you?

20 MR. CRAIG: I do not have it in front of
21 me. Is that it? Yes.

22 MR. SHORT: If you look at the very first

1 line where you're required to put in information,
2 it says today's date. And then across from it,
3 it says, "Form must be submitted at least 6 weeks
4 prior to the event."

5 MR. CRAIG: Yes. So to speak to that, I
6 appreciate your question, Mr. Short. So I've
7 attended quite a few bar crawls. And, you know,
8 when we did the research on it, I did not
9 actually know that there was a bar crawl
10 application. So we initially had an event, I
11 believe, back in November. And Mr. Puente --

12 MR. SHORT: What kind of event?

13 MR. CRAIG: It was a pub crawl. We
14 organized it. We ended up cancelling it. You
15 know, did not go forward with it. Mr. Puente
16 reached out to me. I immediately got an
17 application in right then and there. I've been
18 working with Mr. Hager since then with this
19 particular pub crawl.

20 MR. SHORT: Are you from this area --
21 this metropolitan area?

22 MR. CRAIG: I am. Well, I live in

1 Baltimore, but I spend quite a few bit of time
2 down here.

3 MR. SHORT: Do they have pub crawls in
4 Maryland?

5 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

6 MR. SHORT: Have to have an application
7 there?

8 MR. CRAIG: I don't believe so. I don't
9 believe so. I don't believe so. I'm not --
10 actually, let me rephrase. I'm not sure. I
11 don't want to speak, you know.

12 MR. SHORT: So when you did your business
13 model, because this is a business for you, right?

14 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

15 MR. SHORT: When you did your business
16 model, you didn't think to ask what the rules and
17 regulations were.

18 [Simultaneous speaking.]

19 MR. SHORT: Whole book and see what you
20 could or could not do?

21 MR. CRAIG: Well, when we met with, you
22 know, the bars -- I can say this. I did check

1 under the special events, because when we looked
2 through other events within the city of D.C., I
3 didn't see anything listed there, so I assumed
4 that there wasn't any, you know, any particular
5 licensing involved with it.

6 MR. SHORT: Bad assumption.

7 MR. CRAIG: That is a bad assumption on
8 my part. And that was a bad assumption on my
9 part.

10 MR. SHORT: And this is bad timing.

11 MR. CRAIG: It's very bad timing.

12 MR. SHORT: After what just occurred on
13 Halloween. And I've been in the city almost 70
14 years and been in public safety for 33 years.
15 I've never seen anything like it. The city's
16 taken a serious economic boom, but it doesn't
17 mean we should trash it.

18 MR. CRAIG: I agree. I am, you know,
19 personally, philosophically, I am all for
20 economic growth, economic development. But it
21 has to be done the right way. It has to be done
22 smartly. It has to be done safely.

1 MR. SHORT: And by the rules.

2 MR. CRAIG: And by the rules.

3 MR. SHORT: That way, if you were
4 permitted to do this, who would pick up your
5 trash?

6 MR. CRAIG: Well, I have no problem
7 bringing in, you know, DPW. You know, they are
8 off that day. I have no problem with day after
9 Christmas. I have no problem with hiring an
10 outside firm to come to clean up --

11 MR. SHORT: You know what would have
12 been great? If you had thought about that before
13 you came before this Board. At least that's my
14 opinion.

15 MR. CRAIG: I understand.

16 MR. SHORT: If you'd done all your
17 homework, if you had just dotted all your i's and
18 crossed all your t's, then we wouldn't have this
19 conversation. And probably, if they had not that
20 trouble event that happened on Halloween, this is
21 just very bad timing. If you've been here for a
22 while, you've heard the questions I've been

1 asking.

2 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

3 MR. SHORT: And I'm just simply saying to
4 you this is not the Washington D.C. that I know.
5 Connecticut Avenue is one of our premier streets.

6 MR. CRAIG: Oh, absolutely.

7 MR. SHORT: We have residents down there.
8 We have businesses down there. Things have
9 gotten a little out of kilter, and I think it
10 takes regulatory bodies like this one and the
11 rest of the city all working together. So we
12 bring things back into focus where you don't have
13 streets blocked off.

14 MR. CRAIG: Oh, I absolutely agree with
15 you.

16 MR. SHORT: We don't have trash. Did you
17 see the pictures?

18 MR. CRAIG: Oh, yeah. Oh, yes, I saw
19 them. Yeah. I absolutely agree with you. And,
20 you know, I would --

21 MR. SHORT: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Alberti.

1 MR. ALBERTI: Mr. Craig, I'm just sort of
2 digress from your application and ask you a
3 question because you're here. You say that you
4 had started to organize an event -- I'm not going
5 -- it's not your question -- you had started to
6 organize an event in November. Had you talked to
7 establishments?

8 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

9 MR. ALBERTI: And some of them were on
10 board?

11 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

12 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So --

13 MR. CRAIG: Go ahead.

14 MR. ALBERTI: Right? I'll let you speak.
15 Answer my questions. So I need to know this.
16 So, when you talked to these establishments, did
17 any of them tell you that you needed a pub crawl
18 license?

19 MR. CRAIG: No. Not one.

20 MR. ALBERTI: That's important for me to
21 know --

22 MR. CRAIG: No. I can say not one.

1 MR. ALBERTI: -- what the establishments
2 are doing --

3 MR. CRAIG: Not one. The first -- and
4 but, like I say, when we went back to re -- when
5 we cancelled the first event and came back for
6 this one, I can say I have been working with
7 Kelly of Sign of the Whale hand-in-hand with
8 this. And I mentioned that the pub crawl license
9 to her. You know, she said, "Okay. Let me
10 know." And she -- any help that I need. That's
11 going to be our main registration bar.

12 So I can say, you know, the other -- with
13 our previous -- you know, when we -- Buffalo
14 Billiards? No. Sessions? No. But when I --
15 when we decided with Sign of the Whale -- Kelly
16 at Sign of whale has been working hand-to-hand
17 and, you know, she did talk to us about it and
18 all that good stuff. But it was after -- kind of
19 after the fact.

20 MR. ALBERTI: That was just information I
21 need. To my fellow Board Members: We need to do
22 a better job with how we -- responsibility that

1 we require of our licensees with respect to pub
2 crawls.

3 MR. SHORT: I agree.

4 MR. ALBERTI: Let me get back your
5 application. What's the cost of participating?

6 MR. CRAIG: We're doing a \$15 early bird,
7 \$20 regular.

8 MR. ALBERTI: And what do you get for
9 \$15?

10 MR. CRAIG: Access. Simply just access
11 to the pub crawl.

12 MR. ALBERTI: Access to the pub crawl.

13 MR. CRAIG: Access to the pub crawl, and
14 also we're giving a gift bag of sorts with
15 different sponsors that we are going to be
16 working with -- you know, fitness --

17 MR. ALBERTI: So, I'm in a pub crawl and
18 I go to the Sign of the Whale. What do I get? I
19 get nothing?

20 MR. CRAIG: Well, you get access to the
21 drink specials.

22 MR. ALBERTI: I get a nice beating. I

1 mean --

2 MR. CRAIG: Well, you get access to the
3 drink specials.

4 MR. ALBERTI: So you get drink specials.

5 MR. CRAIG: Yes. We have drink specials.
6 Yes.

7 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So that's what you
8 get --

9 MR. CRAIG: That's a value. I'm sorry.

10 MR. ALBERTI: So you're going to cap this
11 at 2,000?

12 MR. CRAIG: Yes. You know, we cap it at
13 2,000.

14 MR. ALBERTI: All right. And you're
15 going to spend \$5,000 on security?

16 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

17 MR. ALBERTI: Right off the top?

18 MR. CRAIG: Right off the top. It
19 started as a competitive edge. I know that bar
20 crawls are pretty common. You know, I want to
21 earn their business. And, as a good faith
22 measure, you know, I'm willing to brunt that cost

1 of security --

2 [Simultaneous speaking.]

3 MR. CRAIG: Okay. I was going to say it
4 also helps protect me at the same time.

5 MR. ALBERTI: I got all that. I want to
6 get to the facts. Do you just give them \$500?
7 How do you know how they're spending their \$500?

8 MR. CRAIG: Well, the other event we were
9 going to give, you know, give them their checks,
10 you know --

11 MR. ALBERTI: For \$500 and what do they
12 do with it --?

13 MR. CRAIG: Well, it is --

14 MR. ALBERTI: -- what do they guarantee
15 you for \$500?

16 MR. CRAIG: -- well, their guarantee is
17 that they're supposed to beef up their security.
18 But, you know, as, you know, tending today I'm
19 pretty sure that's not, you know, enough. So I
20 do have, you know -- I mentioned earlier -- I do
21 have -- I, I --

22 MR. ALBERTI: It's on you. That's on

1 you.

2 MR. CRAIG: Yeah. I know. It's on me.
3 But also I did, you know, send my application. I
4 do have a bid on hand. The actual bid isn't
5 there. But I do --

6 MR. ALBERTI: A bid?

7 MR. CRAIG: Yeah.

8 MR. ALBERTI: Bid for what?

9 MR. CRAIG: With a security firm in the
10 event that the Board, you know, would like to
11 require that I have outside security.

12 MR. ALBERTI: So how were the people who
13 are participating in pub crawl identified?

14 MR. CRAIG: As, you know, at check in, we
15 were going to do a hard check of IDs, you know, a
16 hard check of IDs and they'll be giving a
17 wristband and a badge -- a badge with a linear
18 [ph]. So, you know, it's easy, identifiable that
19 they're part of our pub crawl. On the front, I
20 have their name. On the back, they have their
21 date of birth.

22 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. Do the bars have a

1 number they call if they have a problem?

2 MR. CRAIG: Everyone has my contact
3 information. They have our security individual
4 contact information. But we can establish a
5 hotline if --

6 MR. ALBERTI: Who's your security
7 individual?

8 MR. CRAIG: Kyle Fletcher. He's SBO.

9 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So you spoke --

10 MR. CRAIG: He's our point person.

11 MR. ALBERTI: -- and it's Mr. Fletcher?

12 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

13 MR. ALBERTI: And those are the two?

14 MR. CRAIG: Well, we're the two primary.

15 MR. ALBERTI: Who else do they contact if
16 they have a problem?

17 MR. CRAIG: They can talk, you know --
18 sorry, but I got tongue-tied. There is two other
19 individuals; my events manager and our director
20 of events.

21 MR. ALBERTI: So they have all those
22 phone numbers?

1 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

2 [Background conversation.]

3 MR. ALBERTI: How many people will you
4 have sort of monitoring the establishments? I
5 think somebody else -- you heard the --

6 MR. CRAIG: Yeah, we --

7 MR. ALBERTI: -- before you -- in other
8 words, how many people will you have out there
9 monitoring this whole event?

10 MR. CRAIG: I don't know. I can't
11 provide you a number. You know, I don't have a
12 hard number.

13 MR. ALBERTI: You're planning this.

14 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

15 MR. ALBERTI: I need to know what your
16 plans are. So far, I've got 4 people. I don't
17 know what their functions are. How many other
18 people are involved --?

19 MR. CRAIG: Well, I can take --

20 MR. ALBERTI: -- how do I know that
21 you're going to be walking around making sure
22 that these bars have security and nothing's going

1 wrong, have somebody to go over to the public bar
2 if they call and say, "Hey, I got a drunk. You
3 need to come by," and you know, maybe go over and
4 see who that guy is so he doesn't go to another
5 bar? How many people you got doing this?

6 MR. CRAIG: You know, that would be a
7 situation in which I would like to bring in an
8 outside security firm. You know, my
9 understanding with the establishments that we're
10 partner --

11 MR. ALBERTI: You have to tell us. I
12 mean, if you want this application approved, you
13 have to tell us. I'm sorry to be --

14 MR. CRAIG: I understand the situation
15 you guys are in.

16 MR. ALBERTI: -- I'm sorry to put you on
17 the spot here. But you're planning this. And
18 you got to tell us what your plans are. Because
19 I need to know that you've got this under
20 control. So you need to tell me.

21 MR. CRAIG: I have 20 individuals -- 20
22 individuals roaming.

1 MR. ALBERTI: Twenty individuals roaming.

2 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

3 MR. ALBERTI: All right.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: One thing I'll say
5 just to keep the record clear: Only one person.
6 We can't have two people talking at the same
7 time, because I'm not sure how he's doing a great
8 job. So someone has to back down, okay?

9 MR. CRAIG: Oh, I understand.

10 MR. ALBERTI: Let me finish my questions
11 before you answer, all right? Do you advertise
12 any numbers for the drunks on your pub crawl to
13 get home safely, like taxi cab numbers, Uber
14 numbers, Safe Drive numbers, Sober Ride numbers,
15 any of that kind of stuff? Is that being
16 advertised --?

17 MR. CRAIG: Yes. We're partnering with
18 Lyft. And we'll be releasing our Lyft code
19 within the next week or so. We're going to e-
20 mail out to all of our participants.

21 MR. ALBERTI: You'll e-mail out to them
22 what?

1 MR. CRAIG: You know, the phone number
2 and the code that they can use, yes.

3 MR. ALBERTI: So they have to have Lyft
4 or they have to --?

5 MR. CRAIG: Well, we're partnering with
6 Lyft. You know, that's our recommendation. But,
7 you know, yes, Lyft. They would have to have
8 Lyft. But that's also something that, you know,
9 if we have a person that's, you know, heavily
10 inebriated, you know, it's something our staff
11 could deal with as well.

12 MR. ALBERTI: So this is all going to be
13 sent to people on e-mail?

14 MR. CRAIG: Yes. And I could, you know,
15 include Investigator Puente and all of our
16 communications to our participants.

17 MR. ALBERTI: So is it sent to them at
18 the time that you send them whatever registration
19 material they need?

20 MR. CRAIG: Yes. Well, not the Lyft
21 information, because that's being finalized
22 within the next two days -- the actual code and

1 phone number -- but it will be sent out before
2 the event.

3 MR. ALBERTI: Is there a number
4 participants can call if they have any concerns
5 day of, during the event?

6 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

7 MR. ALBERTI: And who is that?

8 MR. CRAIG: Actually, my cell phone
9 number.

10 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. You're the only
11 point of contact?

12 MR. CRAIG: Well, I'm the primary point
13 of contact.

14 MR. ALBERTI: What numbers are you giving
15 to your participants to call if they have
16 problems?

17 MR. CRAIG: Well, they have -- it's my
18 personal cell phone number.

19 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. They have just --
20 that's the only number they --

21 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

22 MR. ALBERTI: And where will that be

1 given to them?

2 MR. ALBERTI: It's via e-mail, also,
3 within our registration; comments, questions,
4 concerns.

5 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. So none of this
6 information will be given to them when they show
7 up at registration.

8 MR. CRAIG: It can be provided then. But
9 it's being provided, you know --

10 MR. ALBERTI: No. I'm asking what your
11 plans are.

12 MR. CRAIG: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I
13 interpreted your question as if it was being
14 given at the time of registration.

15 MR. ALBERTI: Registration.

16 MR. CRAIG: Yes. It's being given at the
17 time of the registration --

18 MR. ALBERTI: So they'll have a flyer or
19 something?

20 MR. CRAIG: They'll a flyer. You know,
21 they have our registration-confirmed e-mail. At
22 the very last line of that e-mail is questions,

1 comments, concern, e-mails. You know, we have
2 two e-mails there and my phone number.

3 MR. ALBERTI: In their e-mail?

4 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

5 MR. ALBERTI: At registration, they'll
6 have a flyer to remind them of all this --

7 MR. CRAIG: We will have a flyer.

8 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. Great. I know this
9 is your first.

10 MR. CRAIG: Yeah. A little nervous. I'm
11 usually only like the side of hearings. [Laughs.]

12 MR. ALBERTI: These questions are
13 reminders to you of things you should be doing.

14 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

15 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. 2,000 people is what
16 you said?

17 MR. CRAIG: Yes.

18 MR. ALBERTI: Okay. And all your
19 advertisement says, "Pub crawl ends at 8:30
20 p.m."?

21 MR. CRAIG: Yes. 8:30 p.m. is the exact
22 hard cutoff. You know, one thing that I -- one

1 of the things that we talked with the
2 establishments -- I don't want to, you know, get
3 into their nighttime routines, so I cutoff hard
4 8:30.

5 MR. ALBERTI: Mr. Craig, I will tell you
6 that, personally, I'm not -- I haven't made my
7 decision yet, all right? But, regardless of what
8 I decide, you get one pass on not having this
9 application in on time, all right?

10 MR. CRAIG: I appreciate it.

11 MR. ALBERTI: Next time, for me, it's --

12 MR. CRAIG: No, I understand.

13 MR. ALBERTI: It's 6 weeks or I don't
14 even want to --

15 MR. CRAIG: See you. Understand.
16 Appreciate it. Thank you.

17 MR. ALBERTI: Thank you.

18 MS. MILLER: Can I follow up on that? I
19 guess, since the Chair's back there, I guess I
20 can.

21 [Laughter.]

22 MS. MILLER: I just -- I don't know if I

1 missed your answer, but I wanted to ask you what
2 -- if so, what was your answer as to why you were
3 over 2-and-a-half weeks late or so?

4 MR. CRAIG: We were initially planning
5 another event. I didn't come across information
6 about needing a license. We initially did our
7 canvas of the potential establishments. Nobody
8 mentioned the license.

9 And so, when I heard from Mr. Puente, you
10 know, he said, "Hey. You need an application and
11 license. Send me a copy of the law." I, you
12 know, been with him 24 hours, 40 hours. I got an
13 application right in. I've been working with Mr.
14 Hager since then on the application. And so we
15 ended up actually cancelling the event for the
16 day after Black Friday title home for
17 Thanksgiving bar crawl -- we actually ended up
18 cancelling it and resubmitting why resubmitting
19 and submitting an application for 26th of
20 December.

21 MS. MILLER: Okay. So, if the Board were
22 to find this untimely, would you be submitting

1 another application for a later date?

2 MR. CRAIG: Yes, maybe. I mean, it
3 wouldn't. I would like to move forward with this
4 event. You know, I'd like to work with the
5 Board. This is my first event. I would like to
6 work with the Board hand-in-hand on this. I know
7 pub crawls, bar crawls are getting somewhat a bad
8 rep. But I do think, you know, if done
9 structurally, if done properly, if done, you
10 know, in tandem with the Board, I do think they
11 could be great economic drivers for the
12 neighborhoods and the communities.

13 I mean, this is, you know, the day after,
14 you know, Christmas. You know, Christmas is on a
15 Friday. So a lot of the establishments are going
16 to be closed. And I'm probably going to assume
17 they're closing early on Christmas Eve as well.
18 So this is going to be -- it could be a great
19 economic driver for this particular weekend.

20 MS. MILLER: Okay. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Any other questions?
22 Do you have anything, any closing thought?

1 MR. CRAIG: Yes. Yeah. This is my -- I
2 do hope the Board approves this. I look forward
3 to working with the Board. In the future, I am a
4 believer of great economic opportunity. And I do
5 think this could be a win-win for us all.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Puente.

7 MS. MILLER: Thank you.

8 INVESTIGATOR PUENTE: I just realized --
9 Ms. Jenkins can correct me if I'm wrong -- but
10 Sign of the Whale is one of the participants that
11 you didn't allow for the pub crawl next week
12 because they participated with the unauthorized
13 pub crawl on Halloween.

14 MR. ALBERTI: I think you're probably
15 right. I'll double check. Look in my notes real
16 quick. You got them all checked. Yep. Sign of
17 the Whale. Was there another one? I think that
18 was it, right?

19 MS. MILLER: Buffalo Billiards.

20 MR. ALBERTI: Sign of the Whale and
21 Buffalo Billiards are the two on Mr. Craig's list
22 that we asked the other pub crawl applicants to

1 eliminate from their list. Are you willing to do
2 that, Mr. Craig?

3 MR. CRAIG: Yes. And I will have to
4 change my registration point. I think you guys
5 going to recess for a couple weeks after today.
6 But would it be possible if I could change my --
7 Sign of the Whale is our primary registration --

8 MR. ALBERTI: That's fine. You could--

9 MR. CRAIG: Because I really --

10 MR. ALBERTI: -- my opinion -- I don't
11 know if it was -- is that you'd be able to change
12 it.

13 MR. CRAIG: Okay.

14 MR. ALBERTI: As long as you did it
15 quickly.

16 MR. CRAIG: Yeah.

17 MR. ALBERTI: Well, I guess we'll have to
18 recess and discuss this.

19 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: We'll issue decisions
20 today. It's good to make a decision once it's
21 fresh in our minds. And this is our last. So
22 thank you for the presentation.

1 MR. CRAIG: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: With this, as
3 Chairperson of the Alcohol Beverage Control Board
4 for the District of Columbia, in accordance with
5 Section 405 of the Open Meetings Amendment Act of
6 2010, I move that ABC Board will have a closed
7 meeting on December 9th, 2015, for the purpose of
8 seeking legal advice from our counsel on the
9 matters identified on the Board agenda for
10 December 9, 2015, as published in the D.C.
11 Register on December 4th, 2015. Is there a
12 second?

13 MR. SHORT: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
15 seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call
16 vote on the motion before us now that has --

17 [Speaking off mic.]

18 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: -- I will now take a
19 roll call motion before us that has been
20 seconded. Ms. Miller?

21 MS. MILLER: Approve.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Alberti?

1 MR. ALBERTI: I approve.

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Short.

3 MR. SHORT: I agree.

4 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Silverstein?

5 MR. SILVERSTEIN: I agree.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson? I
7 agree.

8 As it appears that the motion has passed,
9 I hereby give notice that the ABC Board will hold
10 this aforementioned closed meeting pursuant to
11 the Open Meetings Amendment Act of 2010. Notice
12 will also be posted on the ABC Board hearing room
13 bulletin board, placed on electronic calendar on
14 ABRA's website, and published in the D.C.
15 Register in a timely manner as practical. We are
16 now in recess. Thank you.

17 [Whereupon, at 1:36 p.m., the above-
18 entitled matter was concluded.]