

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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6 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
7 Adams Restaurant Group, Inc. :  
8 t/a Claudia's Steakhouse : Case #15-CMP-  
9 00913 and Case #15-  
10 CMP-00914

11 1501 K Street NW :  
12 License #95922 :  
13 Retailer Class CR  
14 ANC 2B :  
15 No manager on duty :

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17 Wednesday, May 25, 2016

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

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4 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

5 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

6 RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

7 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

8 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 ZACHARY SHAPIRO

12 EDIN BROWN-GAINES

13 CLAUDIA RIVAS

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

2 SHOW CAUSE HEARING STATUS

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on  
4 our -- there are two cases I'm going to call them  
5 together. Case #15-CMP-00913 and Case #15-CMP-  
6 00914, Claudia's Steakhouse, license #95922.  
7 Will the parties please approach.

8 MR. SHAPIRO: Thank you, good morning,  
9 Zachary Shapiro on behalf of the District of  
10 Columbia.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr.  
12 Shapiro.

13 MR. SHAPIRO: Good morning.

14 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Good morning, Edin  
15 Brown-Gaines on behalf of --

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, Miss, I  
17 didn't hear your last name.

18 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Brown-Gaines.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Brown-Gaines.  
20 Good morning, Ms. Brown-Gaines. Thank you.

21 MS. RIVAS: Claudia Rivas.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Ms.

1 Rivas. I'll ask if I can't hear or if folks are  
2 not speaking loud enough.

3 MS. BROWN-GAINES: I'm talking into the  
4 microphone, so --

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Well,  
6 the microphone is for him. So, there's a piece  
7 of paper. Please sign your name on that sheet,  
8 please. Are there any preliminary matters in  
9 this case? Do you want to do them separately or?  
10 Let me start this again. For the first case,  
11 #15-CMP-00913, are there any preliminary matters  
12 in this case?

13 MR. SHAPIRO: Yes, there is an offer in  
14 compromise in the amount of a fine payable of  
15 \$300 in 30 days or the license will be suspended.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Ms.  
17 Brown --

18 MS. BROWN-GAINES: It's Brown-Gaines, but  
19 Gaines is fine.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm trying to make  
21 sure that I remember. I knew it was hyphenated.  
22 Good morning, Ms. Brown-Gaines, again. It's my

1 understanding that in the first case there is an  
2 offer in compromise of \$300 -- that a fine of  
3 \$300 and that if the fine is not payable within  
4 30 days the licensee will be -- the license will  
5 be suspended. Is this your understanding of the  
6 offer in compromise on behalf of your client?

7 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Yes, sir.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And have you  
9 explained to your client that by accepting an  
10 offer in compromise that she is giving up her  
11 right to a hearing?

12 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Yes, sir.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And does your  
14 client also -- keenly aware that she is also  
15 giving up her right to appeal this matter by  
16 accepting that offer in compromise?

17 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank  
19 you. I then make a motion that this offer in  
20 compromise of \$300 fine payable in 30 days be  
21 accepted; and if it's not payable in 30 days the  
22 license will be suspended until they are in

1 compliance? Is there a second?

2 MR. SHORT: Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
4 seconded the motion. Any discussion? Hearing  
5 none, all those in favor say aye.

6 [Chorus of ayes]

7 All those opposed?

8 [No audible response.]

9 The matter passed 5-zero-zero. Thank  
10 you.

11 The second case is now for Case #15-CMP-  
12 00914. And are there any preliminary matters in  
13 this case?

14 MR. SHAPIRO: Yes, there is. There is an  
15 offer in compromise -- this might sound similar -  
16 - of \$300 payable in 30 days or the license will  
17 be suspended.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thank  
19 you. Ms. Brown-Gaines, again it's my  
20 understanding that there's an offer in compromise  
21 of \$300 payable in 30 days and if it's not  
22 payable in 30 days the license will be suspended

1 until the licensee is in compliance. Is this  
2 your understanding of the offer in compromise on  
3 behalf of your client?

4 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Yes, sir.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, again, does  
6 your client understand by accepting an offer in  
7 compromise she is giving up her right to a  
8 hearing?

9 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Yes, sir.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And does your  
11 client also clearly understand that she's also  
12 giving up her right to appeal this matter?

13 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Yes, sir.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I then  
15 make a motion that this offer in compromise of  
16 \$300 be accepted; Is there a second?

17 MS. MILLER: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Miller has  
19 seconded the motion. Any discussion? Hearing  
20 none, all those in favor say aye.

21 [Chorus of ayes]

22 Those opposed?

1 [No audible response.]

2 The matter passed 5-zero-zero. Thank you  
3 very much. Ms. Randall will have you sign. Ms.  
4 Walker will have you sign some papers. You can  
5 step down. Thank you very much.

6 MS. BROWN-GAINES: For housekeeping will  
7 the Board require my notice of appearance?

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry.

9 MS. BROWN-GAINES: For housekeeping will  
10 the Board require my notice of appearance on  
11 behalf of the restaurant?

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You can talk to --  
13 our lawyers will tell you what you need to do. I  
14 try not to be involved in the minutia -- in those  
15 types of minutia matters.

16 MS. BROWN-GAINES: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But thank you.

18 MR. SHAPIRO: Thank you.

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20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was  
21 concluded.)

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