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10:32 a.m.

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3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
4 everyone. I would like to welcome you to the  
5 regular scheduled meeting of the District of  
6 Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Today  
7 is Wednesday, July 15, 2020. This meeting is  
8 being conducted pursuant to guidance made  
9 available by the District of Columbia Office of  
10 Open Government regarding electronic meetings  
11 held by public bodies during the public health  
12 emergency.

13 Pursuant to this guidance, notice of  
14 today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance  
15 of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the  
16 District's central meeting calendar. The notice  
17 included the time, date, agenda and call-in or  
18 log-in information for public participation.  
19 This electronic meeting is being hosted by a  
20 WebEx account provided by the District of  
21 Columbia government. Please address any  
22 questions or complaints to the OOG at  
23 [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

24 My name is Donovan Anderson and I'm  
25 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce

1 other members of the ABC Board who are also  
2 participating electronically pursuant to Mayor's  
3 Order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce  
4 your name. Mr. James Short. I did not hear you,  
5 Mr. Short.

6 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,  
7 present.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.  
9 Short. Mr. Bobby Cato.

10 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rema  
12 Wahabzadah.

13 MEMBER WAHABZADAH: Rema Wahabzadah,  
14 present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi  
16 Crockett.

17 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,  
18 present.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen.

20 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis.

22 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, present.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
24 seven members in attendance for the -- all Board  
25 members need to put their microphones on mute

1 until they need to speak. Thank you. Our first  
2 order of business today is our calendar, and the  
3 first matter on our calendar is Case No. 19-AUD-  
4 00122, Quara Ethiopian Fusion Restaurant, License  
5 No. 105042.

6 Pursuant to the Mayor's Order 2020-  
7 075, Phase Two of Washington, DC Reopening, this  
8 hearing has been continued to a date to be  
9 determined.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
11 went off the record at 10:35 a.m.)  
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