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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF:	
Shaod's Water Lounge, LLC t/a Shaod's Water Lounge	
1492 4th Street SE	Roll Call
Retailer Class "CX"	Hearing
Marine Vessel - ANC 6/8	
License No. ABRA-136964	
Case #26-PRO-00063	
(*No ABC Manager on Duty)	

Monday
October 19, 2026

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher, Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABC Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

Rashaod Crosson, Applicant

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

10:03 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: And we're ready to get started. I'd first like to thank everyone for participating in ABCA's public Roll Call hearing via the WebEx platform. My name is Laverne Fletcher. I'll be conducting the Roll Call hearing as the Board's agent.

There is only one case on the calendar today. This is the matter of Shaod's Water Lounge, Case No. 26-PRO-00063. Shaod's Water Lounge, LLC, 1492 4th Street SE, License No. ABRA-136694. This is a Retailer's Class CX Marine Vessel, new application. The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet.

My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting the Roll Call hearing as the Board's agent. Is anyone present on behalf of Shaod's Water Lounge?

MR. CROSSON: Good morning, Ms. Fletcher. My name is Rashaod Fletcher on behalf of Shaod's Water Lounge.

MS. FLETCHER: Good morning. Mr. Crosson, would you spell your name for court reporter, please?

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am. Rashaod, R as

in Romeo, A as in Alpha, S as in Sam, H as in Hotel, A as in Alpha, O as in Ostrich, D as a Delta. Last name Crosson. C-R-O-S-S as in Sam, O-N as in November.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much and behalf of ANC 6/8, is anyone present on behalf of ANC 6/8?

Mr. Crosson, we allow everyone ten minutes to appear in case they're having any technical problems and so if you don't mind, we'll wait an additional five minutes unless you have any information related to why the ANC may not be present?

MR. CROSSON: I don't have any further information. However, per my email, I've been trying to get in contact with them for about a month now with no responses from anyone.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. So we've got about four more minutes left.

(Pause.)

Mr. Crosson, what's the correct pronunciation of the lounge?

MR. CROSSON: What was your question, Ms. Fletcher?

MS. FLETCHER: What's the correct

pronunciation of the lounge?

MR. CROSSON: Shaod's Water Lounge.

MS. FLETCHER: I was trying to make sure I pronounced it correctly. Did I? I think I said Shaod's. Is that right?

MR. CROSSON: I don't recall, but it's okay.

MS. FLETCHER: Because I saw it and I wasn't sure. But okay, I just wanted to check just for my own information. Thank you.

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am. I appreciate that.

(Pause.)

MS. FLETCHER: It is now 10:10. ANC 6/8 is not present.

Mr. Crosson, what that means is that the protest against the -- your application is dismissed because the ANC is not present. The Board issues an order dismissing the protest because they're not present and when they do, you'll receive a copy of the Board order dismissing the protest.

The ANC will have ten days to seek reinstatement of the protest and if they file a request to reinstate the protest, you will receive a copy of that and you'll have an opportunity to

respond to that. For the purpose of the Roll Call hearing today, the application is dismissed.

I should tell you also, if ANC seeks reinstatement and the Board reinstates the protest, you'll hear back from me giving you a date for a mediation, a status hearing, and a protest hearing. But for today, there's nothing else we need to do.

MR. CROSSON: Okay. Ms. Fletcher, I'm not certain if this is for you, but I've spoken with now three individuals to include the Assistant General. If you recall our email, I actually had to bring it you all's attention in regards to even the roll call. I understand there's a process and there's no deviating from it.

With that being said, do you all have any other forms of communication for ANC because my license and my business has been held up simply because they want to I guess have some sort of agreement in place before approving, according to the email that I received from Brian. But you know, my business is kind of on standstill and I'm not able to move forward until we are fully compliant and we're talking now two months and now having to wait another two weeks and if they want to oppose it again, now it's just dragging.

So I need someone that can assist with either an actual contact with the ANC where we can get whatever meeting it is that they want to get over with. If not, someone at the ABC Board stepping up and letting it be known that this guy's application has been dragged. I have less than maybe 30 days to even operate my boat. I missed the entire summer season. And finally getting my approval through the Coast Guard and so forth. Now this is holding me up. I don't think that's fair to me to have to lay there in wait due to their negligence of, you know, showing up. They're filing a protest and don't even show up.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes. So in terms of how this ABCA process is moving along. We're still on schedule for everything on this end so far. So there has not been any delay on our end so far. So what's going to happen for us is what I just explained, but that most likely will not change any dates for us.

For example, right now, your protest hearing in this matter is set for December 2nd at 1:30 p.m. which you saw on your placard notice. So that's the date for the protest hearing. So that date is set. So I'm saying for us the dates are

going to be what they are.

What would have been different today if the ANC had shown up is that we would have set a date for a mediation. We would have set a date for a status hearing with the ABC Board in case the matter was not settled in mediation. So that can still happen within the same time frame. We just need for the matter to be settled before the protest hearing, if possible.

And so for us, everything is on track.

All the time you spent before now was also part of the process. I know it takes a while, but you had to post your placard notice for 45 days and you had to go through some time on the front end. My only point, Mr. Crosson, is that at this point we're still on track.

MR. CROSSON: Maybe I just was confused on the process and I was told if no one protests, then whatever our last date was it would have moved to the Board that week, et cetera, et cetera. And if someone did, we'll come to the table and come to whatever agreement and then continue to move forward. But what you're saying is these dates were already in place regardless.

So let's say in ten days they don't

respond, which they probably will because I believe they have a meeting I'm going to try to catch them in a couple of days at their meeting. I don't know if they'll recess or what. So once we -- once they respond, is it the Board that says okay, they responded. They want to reenact it or whatever. Is it the Board that says yes, we will or do they have the option to say no?

MS. FLETCHER: The Board has the option to say no. So first of all, if they don't see reinstatement, then you just proceed through the licensing process because they didn't seek reinstatement. And you're right, if there had not been a protest filed, we wouldn't be here today. And you recall, when you initially contacted me I wasn't aware that there had been a protest filed.

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: And then I became aware that a protest had been filed, but had there not been one filed, you would have just proceeded through the licensing process. So if the ANC contacts us and seeks reinstatement of the protest, and the Board says yes, that's going to happen within like the next -- depends on when they ask for reinstatement. They have ten days. The Board

meets on Wednesdays. So on whatever day they request reinstatement, the Board will see it the following Wednesday. But regardless of that time frame, Mr. Crosson, we're still going to be on track with what we have to do on this end. That protest date is still out there and the objective is to try and resolve this matter prior to the protest hearing so that there does not have to be a protest hearing. So we can still do all that on this end. And so I just want you to know that in terms of how your application is being processed, it is not any delay in terms of dates, although I understand why it feels like delays because they're not here and a couple additional things need to happen on this end, but the case is still on track in terms of dates and the matter can still be resolved before the protest hearing if the parties are interested in resolving this matter by way of a settlement agreement. And if not, then there would be the protest hearing held on December 2nd which would add some additional time because there would have to be a hearing. Then the Board would have to write a decision within 90 days or 60 days. And so that would add some time to the process. But none of that may happen.

MR. CROSSON: Okay. So I'm clear, Ms. Fletcher, you're saying if they don't oppose it -- I mean if they don't ask for reinstatement, we just continue on which means we should then be moving to the Board to make a decision.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. CROSSON: But if they do oppose -- I mean if they do ask for reinstatement, the Board -- basically that order won't come down for another two weeks.

MS. FLETCHER: No, the order comes down this week. So the Board meets every Wednesday. And so whatever decision is made today goes before the Board this Wednesday.

MR. CROSSON: But you said they won't receive it until a week later, so that's two weeks.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes, so the Board order, the way it would work, the Board order would go out this Wednesday and from this Wednesday, they would have ten days to ask for reinstatement.

MR. CROSSON: Okay.

MS. FLETCHER: And so on this end, administratively we keep moving along. They may ask for reinstatement. You don't have to be in agreement with it. You can say you're opposed to

it for whatever reason you're opposed to it and the Board may say no. The Board just has to make the decision about what happens next. But in terms of proceeding, for us, there's no delay for you in terms of the dates that we've already established.

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am. I understand now.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. CROSSON: No one ever explained it to me like this. So I'm glad I was able to speak with you, but yes, ma'am. I understand now. So it's just a waiting game. Again, I'm going to try my best -- I mean is this the normal behavior from them, do you know?

MS. FLETCHER: Well, in most cases, parties appear for Roll Call hearings. Sometimes, people don't for different reasons. For example, right this minute, I don't know if they received the WebEx invitation to appear. I mean you received it. We sent it to the address that they provided us. That's the contact information that we use that they provide to us. So we send it to them. I don't know if they received it. As you know, those invitations, I think you got it on a Friday.

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: So I don't know if they've checked their emails. I mean that was one day from today, I mean in terms of business days. So we don't know right now, but we'll find out soon, I'm sure.

MR. CROSSON: Well, I'm going to say this and I'm going to let you go. They knew that they protested and they knew from my placard when the roll call day was and they are professionals who do plenty of these type of meetings.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

MR. CROSSON: They can try to reinstate it and those are going to be my arguments. This is not a new thing for them.

You enjoy your day. I've got to get out of here to the chiropractor. I appreciate all the information. You have a blessed one.

MS. FLETCHER: Well, you're welcome. We'll keep you posted. Thanks for coming.

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am. Bye-bye.

MS. FLETCHER: Enjoy the rest of your day.

MR. CROSSON: Yes, ma'am.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Bye-bye. The Roll Call Hearing in this matter is concluded.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:22 a.m.)

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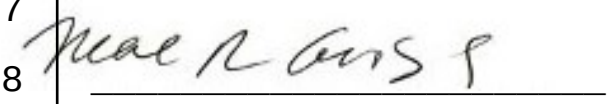

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