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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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Chopsmith, LLC, :  
t/a Chopsmith :  
300 M Street NE : Roll Call  
Retailer CT - ANC 6C : Hearing  
License #ABRA-126412 :  
Case #24-PRO-00001 :  
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(New License Application):

Monday  
January 22, 2024

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:

BLAIR LALOR, Applicant's Counsel

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

2 10:16 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is Chopsmith. This is Case Number 24-  
5 PRO-00001, Chopsmith, LLC, 300 M Street,  
6 Northeast, License Number ABRA-126412.

7 This is a Retailer Class CT new  
8 application. The protest issues in this case are  
9 adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet and  
10 residential parking and vehicular and pedestrian  
11 safety.

12 Is anyone present on behalf of the  
13 Applicant?

14 MS. LALOR: Yes. I'm here on behalf  
15 of the Applicant.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If you could  
17 state your name and spell it for the record,  
18 please?

19 MS. LALOR: Yes, gladly. Blair Lalor,  
20 B-L-A-I-R, last name L-A-L-O-R.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Ms. Lalor. Is  
22 anyone present on behalf of ANC 6C?

23 (No response.)

24 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on  
25 behalf of ANC 6C?

1 (No response.)

2 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Lalor, have you had  
3 any communication with ANC 6C?

4 MS. LALOR: I was under the assumption  
5 that we had actually already reached a settlement  
6 agreement, as I sat down with Michael Upright  
7 there.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Um-hum.

9 MS. LALOR: And, we did go through a  
10 full settlement agreement. And, they said they  
11 would be, the ANC would be submitting it to ABRA.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you  
13 for that. I'll make a note of that. For the  
14 purpose of the roll call hearing, the application  
15 is dismissed, because the Applicant is not  
16 present today.

17 What that means, Ms. Lalor, is that a  
18 Board Order is issued dismissing the application.  
19 And, you'll receive a copy of that.

20 If the Applicant seeks reinstatement,  
21 you'll receive a copy of that and have an  
22 opportunity to respond to that as well. And, the  
23 Board would decide whether or not to reinstate  
24 the application.

25 That's the process for dismissal of

1 the application. But, based on what you're  
2 saying, the parties expect to submit a settlement  
3 agreement?

4 MS. LALOR: That is correct. We did  
5 go through and write one out and both signed off  
6 on it.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

8 MS. LALOR: I do also have a copy of  
9 it. So, I can also submit it to ABRA if  
10 necessary.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Upon receipt of that,  
12 the Board will review it. If the Board approves  
13 the settlement agreement, there will not be a  
14 dismissal process.

15 MS. LALOR: Understood.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, Ms. Lalor  
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18 MS. LALOR: Should I send this too?

19 MS. FLETCHER: You should send it to  
20 our general counsel. Her name is Martha Jenkins.  
21 That's spelled M-A-R-T-H-A.Jenkins, spelled J-E-  
22 N-K-I-N-S, Martha.Jenkins@dc.gov.

23 And, I've made a note that it's  
24 coming. And, I'll let Ms. Jenkins know.

25 MS. LALOR: Thank you so much. I'll

1 get that over to her today.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you  
3 very much for coming.

4 MS. LALOR: No problem.

5 MS. FLETCHER: The roll call hearing  
6 in this matter is concluded. Thank you.

7 MS. LALOR: Have a great rest of your  
8 day.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Yep. We're done.  
10 There are no more cases on the calendar today.  
11 Roll call hearings for today are concluded.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
13 went off the record at 10:20 a.m.)  
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