

IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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B & S Enterprises, Inc. :  
t/a Randall Grocery :  
2924 Minnesota Ave SE : Roll Call  
License #ABRA-019046 : Hearing  
Retailer B - ANC 7B :  
Case #20-PRO-00057 :  
 :  
(License Renewal) :

Monday  
January 25, 2021

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

**PRESENT :**

**LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent**

**ALSO PRESENT:**

TIFFANY BROWN, ANC 7B  
STEPHANIE GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON, Protestant  
PATRICIA HOWARD-CHITTAMS, Protestant  
JAMES SHIN, Applicant  
CRYSTAL SIN, Interpreter

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

2 10:08 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: I'm calling the matter  
4 of Randall Grocery. This is Case Number 20-PRO-  
5 00057, B&S Enterprises, Inc., 2924 Minnesota  
6 Avenue, Southeast, License Number ABRA 019046.  
7 This is a Retailer Class B License Renewal. The  
8 protest issues are adverse impact on peace,  
9 order, and quiet.

10 May I have introductions beginning  
11 with the Applicant, please? Mr. Shin, if you  
12 would state your name, and spell it for the  
13 record.

14 MR. SHIN: Yes, my name is James Shin,  
15 J-A-M-E-S. Last name is Sine.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, and how do  
17 you spell the last name, Mr. Shin?

18 MR. SHIN: Shin, S-H-I-N.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.  
20 Crystal Sin, you are going to be interpreting for  
21 your dad today?

22 MS. SIN: Yes, that is correct.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell your  
24 name for the record, please?

25 MS. SIN: Crystal, C-R-Y-S-T-A-L, S-I-

1 N, Sin.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Present on  
3 behalf on ANC 7B.

4 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: This is  
5 Stephanie Griffith-Richardson.

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MS. BROWN: Wait, wait, that is  
8 Tiffany.

9 MS. FLETCHER: ANC 7B.

10 MS. BROWN: I need to unmute to talk.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MS. BROWN: You think I would get  
13 this. I do this all day long.

14 MS. FLETCHER: I know.

15 MS. BROWN: Okay. All right, Tiffany  
16 L. Brown, T-I-F-F-A-N-Y, middle initial L, last  
17 name Brown, B-R-O-W-N, Chair of ANC 7B.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Brown.  
19 Present on behalf of the Group of eleven.

20 (Simultaneous speaking.)

21 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Howard-Chittams,  
22 you are the designated representative.

23 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Yes, Patricia  
24 Howard-Chittams, P-A-T-R-I-C-I-A, Howard, H-O-W-  
25 A-R-D, hyphen, Chittams, C-H-I-T-T-A-M-S.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone else  
2 present with the Group of eleven?

3 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Yes,  
4 Stephanie Griffith-Richardson. Traditional  
5 spelling of Stephanie, Griffith, G-R-I-F-F-I-T-H,  
6 hyphen, Richardson, R-I-C-H-A-R-D-S-O-N.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Well, Ms. Griffin,  
8 hyphen --

9 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: It's  
10 Griffith, I-T-H.

11 MS. FLETCHER: It's Griffith.

12 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Yes, ma'am.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Did you say -- and did  
14 you say hyphen?

15 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Yes, I --  
16 yes, ma'am, it's hyphen, hyphenated. Hyphen  
17 Richardson, so you have captured both parts of  
18 the name.

19 (Laughter.)

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very  
21 much.

22 (Pause.)

23 MS. FLETCHER: ANC 7B has standing as  
24 a protestant. There is a group of eleven that is  
25 being granted standing as a protestant. Ms.

1 Howard-Chittams, I am aware that there was a  
2 larger group, but we granted standing to the 11  
3 who provided us with their mailing address, and  
4 so --

5 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Correct, I  
6 understand.

7 MS. FLETCHER: So conditional standing  
8 is being granted to the Group of eleven. Ms.  
9 Griffith-Richardson, did you sign the protest  
10 letter?

11 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Yes, I did,  
12 ma'am.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. That  
14 means that two are present today from the Group  
15 of eleven. The Board needs to see at least five  
16 individuals, which means that three more people  
17 from the Group of eleven will need to be present  
18 at the upcoming status hearing.

19 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: No problem.

20 MS. FLETCHER: At that point the Board  
21 will grant full standing to the Group of eleven.  
22 Today the group is granted conditional standing.

23 Ms. Howard-Chittams, do we already  
24 have email addresses for the additional three  
25 people that you want to appear for the status

1 hearing? If not, just send them to me.

2 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Yes, ma'am, they  
3 should be on the form that was sent to you with  
4 the letter, but I can --

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

6 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: -- resend them  
7 all again.

8 MS. FLETCHER: I will take a look at  
9 it. If I need it I will email you after the roll  
10 call hearing.

11 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Yes, ma'am.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Is there any particular  
13 three that you want to attend? We only need  
14 three more.

15 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: I would say the  
16 more the merrier.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Well, we do not need  
18 but three. So what is going to happen is this,  
19 if nine more people appear it does not change  
20 anything on this end.

21 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Correct.

22 MS. FLETCHER: We only need to see  
23 five, so with five --

24 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: -- people we will grant

1 full standing to the entire Group of eleven. So  
2 for us it doesn't matter if you have -- we do not  
3 need -- we just need to see five people. We  
4 still grant standing to the Group of eleven, but  
5 we only need to see five people, but if you want  
6 all nine people to come I will invite all nine  
7 people, it's no problem. If that is your  
8 preference.

9 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Okay. Just  
10 Luwam (phonetic) and Emma -- I would suggest --  
11 (Simultaneous speaking.)

12 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: I would suggest  
13 -- my two suggestions -- and Luwam.

14 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Yes, and  
15 Luwam. Emma, Luwam --

16 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Your husband?

17 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, you can --

19 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: I will email you  
20 the names and the email addresses to you.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Whatever you  
22 decide.

23 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Okay.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Three, nine --

25 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Right.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. The Group of  
2 eleven is granted conditional standing until the  
3 additional -- at least three additional people  
4 appear for the status hearing. We need to set a  
5 date for a mediation and a status hearing. I am  
6 going to give you the date for the status hearing  
7 first, and you are going to receive a WebEx  
8 invitation to attend the status hearing as well.  
9 The status hearing is set for February the 11th.  
10 February the 11th at 10:00 a.m. Ms. Chittams,  
11 Howard-Chittams you are the only designated  
12 representative for the group. Are you the only  
13 designated representative?

14 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Myself and  
15 Stephanie Griffith-Richardson.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, I will add Ms.  
17 Griffith-Richardson as a designated  
18 representative as well.

19 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Thank you.

20 MS. FLETCHER: We now need to set a  
21 date for a mediation. Ms. Sin, did you need to  
22 translate? I'm talking, not giving you an  
23 opportunity to translate. Do you need to  
24 translate at this point?

25 MS. SIN: Yes, I think we are okay for



1 now. --

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

3 MS. SIN: And then -- thank you so  
4 much.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you're welcome.  
6 I'll give you the next available day for  
7 mediation. We try to make it before the status  
8 hearing, if possible, if not, you would attend  
9 the status hearing and let the Board know that  
10 the mediation is upcoming, but I'll give you the  
11 next dates available prior to the status hearing.  
12 The next available date for mediation is Monday,  
13 February 8th at 11:30, or 1:00 p.m. That is  
14 Monday. If you need something earlier we can do  
15 it another day. That would be 11:30 or 1:00 p.m.  
16 on Monday, February 8th.

17 MS. BROWN: That date is good for the  
18 ANC.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

20 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: It's good  
21 for me.

22 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: As of now that  
23 is -- it's good for Stephanie? What time?

24 (Pause.)

25 MS. FLETCHER: So it can be -- is that

1 good for you, Mr. Shin?

2 (Pause.)

3 MS. SIN: It's fine for the Monday.  
4 We would prefer if we could do the earliest spot,  
5 the 11:30.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Does that work  
7 for the ANC and the Group of eleven, 11:30?

8 MS. BROWN: 11:30 can work, yes.

9 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: 11:30 can  
10 work.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

12 (Pause.)

13 MS. FLETCHER: Mediation is set for  
14 Monday, February 8th at 11:30. Does anyone have  
15 any questions about mediation?

16 MS. SIN: Since this is our first time  
17 going through the process I just want to make  
18 sure that we are clear, if there is anything that  
19 we need to prepare and/or just to understand the  
20 process in terms of coming through next.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Understanding the  
22 process, Ms. Sin, is pretty much all you would  
23 need to know at this point, and the purpose of  
24 the mediation is to give the parties an  
25 opportunity to come together to try and resolve

1 this matter. Basically, that is what happens,  
2 and Mr. Shin has an opportunity to hear from the  
3 protestants about their concerns, and to respond  
4 to them. If there is a way to resolve them then  
5 we do that in writing by way of a settlement  
6 agreement. If we get to that point and you  
7 submit the settlement agreement to resolve the  
8 concerns of the community. If the Board approves  
9 the settlement agreement, then the license -- the  
10 renewal license -- the renewed license is issued.

11 MS. SIN: Okay, great. Thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: If the -- and so, Ms.  
13 Sin, just so that you know, if the matter is not  
14 resolved -- it is not mandatory that the matter  
15 is resolved, it is just mandatory that everyone  
16 participate.

17 MS. SIN: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: If the matter cannot be  
19 resolved we move forward to the protest hearing--

20 MS. SIN: Okay.

21 MS. FLETCHER: -- where the Board will  
22 hear testimony from both sides, and then the  
23 Board will decide whether or not to impose any  
24 conditions on the license, or whether or not the  
25 license should be renewed.

1 MS. SIN: Okay.

2 MS. FLETCHER: The mediation is just  
3 an opportunity to resolve this matter as an  
4 alternative to the protest hearing.

5 You are going to receive a WebEx  
6 invitation from me to attend the mediation same  
7 as you received to attend the roll call today.  
8 Mr. Shin, I will request a Korean language  
9 interpreter that will be invited to the mediation  
10 and will be present for the mediation.

11 (Pause.)

12 MS. SIN: All right. Thank you so  
13 much.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Once I get the name of  
15 the person I will email Mr. Shin the name of the  
16 interpreter.

17 MR. SHIN: Okay.

18 MS. SIN: If you could cc me on the  
19 response. I just want to make sure that I follow  
20 up.

21 MS. FLETCHER: I will. I will copy  
22 you on everything.

23 MS. SIN: Okay. Appreciate it. That  
24 you so much, Ms. Fletcher.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you are very

1 welcome. Okay, any other questions?

2 MS. BROWN: Yes, is it possible to get  
3 -- the ANC would like to probably -- we would  
4 like to enter into a settlement agreement given  
5 the history of this business, probably a more  
6 strict one to make sure things are done and  
7 enforced? So is it possible to get Mr. Shin's  
8 email address and his daughter's email address  
9 also?

10 MS. SIN: Yes, I can respond in the  
11 chat with my email address. What would be also  
12 helpful from my perspective -- from an email  
13 communication my father is not tech savvy, so I  
14 will bring in further communication. I think it  
15 would be -- I think there is a miscommunication  
16 and understanding of the actual protest, so that  
17 can help mediate just more of the business  
18 matter. That would just be helpful just for the  
19 context and history, if there is any, just so  
20 that I can help resolve any settlement concerns  
21 there are and so we can cut through resolving  
22 that matter simply in the next two weeks.

23 MS. FLETCHER: So for that, if you  
24 would put your information in the chat and I will  
25 --

1 MS. SIN: Correct, I did that.

2 MS. FLETCHER: I would ask Ms. Howard-  
3 Chittams, as being the former ANC of that area  
4 and a close neighbor by, her and Ms. Griffith  
5 could probably give you better understanding of  
6 what the issues are with the --

7 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: We can.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, with the --

9 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: Actually, I kind  
10 of think that the statement that Ms. Fletcher  
11 mentioned initially regarding the peace and  
12 safety of the community is sufficient at this  
13 juncture.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, so let me say  
15 this, Ms. Griffith-Richardson, during the  
16 negotiation process you will need to inform Mr.  
17 Shin specifically what you mean when you say he  
18 is having an adverse impact on peace, order and  
19 quiet in the neighborhood. He will need to know  
20 what it is that he is doing to adversely affect  
21 the neighborhood, so that he would be in a  
22 position to respond. So it was okay to file your  
23 protest based on peace, order and quiet, but  
24 right now we do not know what that means. So you  
25 do not need to discuss it today, --

1 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: Understood,  
2 but I have looked at videos, and --

3 MS. FLETCHER: -- but at the point --

4 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: -- yes. Oh,  
5 yes, we understand that when we sit down at the  
6 mediation that it is -- you cannot negotiate what  
7 you do not know, so we do understand that that  
8 would be part of the negotiation to inform in  
9 detail, or as much detail as we are willing to  
10 provide at that juncture. Trust me, we have  
11 decades of detail of --

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

13 MS. GRIFFITH-RICHARDSON: -- what this  
14 business has done in terms of its deleterious  
15 impact on the community itself.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Brown, do you know  
17 if there is an existing settlement agreement with  
18 Randolph Groceries?

19 MS. MS. BROWN: No.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I have not checked that  
21 yet.

22 MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: No, it is not.

23 MS. BROWN: No, it is not.

24 Unfortunately, there was an intent to do that  
25 before, but unfortunately the prior ANC did not

1       notify the community.

2               MS. FLETCHER: Well, if you are able  
3       to resolve this matter without mediation you can  
4       let me know, and I would cancel the mediation on  
5       February 8th, but I will leave it on the calendar  
6       just in case we are going to come together.  
7       Anything else? Mr. Shin, any questions? Ms.  
8       Sin?

9               MS. SIN: No, I don't think so. I  
10       guess I will look out from an email from Patricia  
11       Howard, is that correct, from you directly?

12              MS. HOWARD-CHITTAMS: An email? I  
13       don't understand. We're meeting on --

14              MS. SIN: Or is that Tiffany --  
15       (Simultaneous speaking.)

16              MS. BROWN: So Ms. Howard Chittams is  
17       the former ANC Commissioner for that area. I'm  
18       the ANC Chair of ANC 7B. The current ANC is  
19       Chioma Iwuoha.

20              MS. SIN: Okay.

21       (Simultaneous speaking.)

22              MS. SIN: I think I actually sent it  
23       to the host reply back to you directly. You have  
24       -- you do have my email?

25              MS. BROWN: It is csin, S-I-N.



1 MS. SIN: Yes.

2 MS. BROWN: Yes.

3 MS. SIN: Perfect. Yes, that is  
4 correct, yes.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, if there is  
6 nothing more, I'm going to call the next case.  
7 You're free to leave, or you can stay on the line  
8 if you like.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
10 went off the record at 10:25 a.m.)  
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