

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Aslin DC Beer, LLC :
t/a Aslin Beer Company :
1740 14th Street NW : Roll Call
Retailer CT - ANC 2F : Hearing
License No. 118555 :
Case #23-PRO-00008 :
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(License Renewal) :
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Monday
January 30, 2023

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel
DAVID RUBENSTEIN, ANC 2F
ELWYN FERRIS, Shaw-Dupont Citizens Association
DAVID CONKLIN, Protestant
GEORGE SCHUBERT, Protestant
LORI FEATH, Protestant
SEYYED KASHEFIPOUR, Protestant
JOYCE COWAN, Protestant
RUSSELL PAGE, Protestant
MESKEREM BHRANE, Protestant
SOOCHON RABED, Protestant
SARAH EDWARDS, Protestant
ALLEN ROTZ, Protestant

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

2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is Aslin Beer Company. This is Case No.
5 23-PRO-00008, Aslin DC Beer, LLC, 1740 14th
6 Street NW, License No. ABRA 118555. This is a
7 Retailer Class CT license renewal.

8 My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting
9 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent.

10 Is anyone present on behalf of the
11 establishment? Is anyone present on behalf of
12 Aslin?

13 MS. YOHANNES: Yes. Good morning.
14 Sidon Yohannes here on behalf of Aslin. That's
15 S-I-D-O-N Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.
17 Yohannes. Is anyone else present?

18 MS. YOHANNES: No, I don't believe
19 there is.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
21 Is anyone present on behalf of the
22 SDCA, Shaw-Dupont Citizens Association?

23 MR. FERRIS: Yes. Good morning, Ms.
24 Fletcher. This is Elwyn Ferris representing
25 SDCA. That's E-L-W-Y-N F-E-R-R-I-S.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Ferris.
2 The SDCA does have standing as a protestant.

3 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC-1F?

4 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Yes, I am present.
5 It's David Rubenstein. David, D-A-V-I-D,
6 Rubenstein, R-U-B-E-N-S-T-E-I-N.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
8 Rubenstein. ANC-2F does have standing as a
9 protestant.

10 We have a group of five as well. Is
11 the designated representative present on behalf
12 of the group of five?

13 MR. CONKLIN: I'll go ahead. This is
14 David Conklin, D-A-V-I-D C-O-N-K-L-I-N. I've
15 also got multiple other members present.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. If each person
17 would state their name and spell it for the
18 record, please.

19 MS. COWAN: I'm another designated
20 rep. I'll start. It's Joyce, J-O-Y-C-E, Cowan,
21 C-O-W-A-N, at 1436 F Street.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Are you a designated
23 representative for the same group of five?

24 MS. COWAN: Correct.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

1 MS. COWAN: I also have -- you should
2 have the proxy email from Nicole Kristoff, my
3 neighbor, at 1451, N-I-C-O-L-E K-R-I-S-T-O-F-F.
4 I'm having a problem logging into the meeting so
5 I'm sorry I'm not on by video.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's okay. So
7 that person -- we do have a protest letter signed
8 by that person. Is that person present today?

9 MS. COWAN: No. She sent you an email
10 that she --

11 MS. FLETCHER: What I'm asking for
12 right now is only the names of people present
13 today.

14 MS. COWAN: Got it.

15 MS. FLETCHER: So is anyone else
16 present from your group today?

17 MS. COWAN: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: If you would just state
19 your name and spell it for the record, please.

20 MR. SCHUBERT: George Schubert, G-E-O-
21 R-G-E. Last name is Schubert, S-C-H-U-B-E-R-T.
22 I'm at 1404 F Street.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

24 MR. KASHEFIPOUR: Hi. This is Seyyed
25 Kashefipour, S-E-Y-Y-E-D. Last name Kashefipour,

1 K-A-S-H-E-F-I-P-O-U-R. I reside at 1436 F
2 Street. Thank you.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And you
4 actually -- I have your addresses already so you
5 can just spell your name. That will be fine.

6 Is anyone else present?

7 MS. FAETH: Yes, hi. Lori Faeth, L-O-
8 R-I. Last name is F- as in Frank, A-E-T-H.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Faeth.
10 Anyone else?

11 MR. PAGE: Russell Page, R-U-S-S-E-L-
12 L. Last name Page, P-A-G-E.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Anyone else?

14 MS. BRHANE: Mesky Brhane, M-E-S-K-Y,
15 the first name.

16 MS. FLETCHER: So you're breaking up
17 a little bit. Can you say that again?

18 MS. BRHANE: Mesky, M-E-S-K-Y. That's
19 the first name. The last name is B-R-H-A-N-E.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Did you just spell your
21 first name M-E-S-K-Y?

22 MS. BRHANE: Correct.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So you're
24 actually not breaking up. I just couldn't hear
25 you real well but I got it. Thank you.

1 MS. BRHANE: Do you need the address?

2 MS. FLETCHER: No, thank you. I've
3 got it already. You signed the protest letter,
4 right?

5 MS. BRHANE: Yes.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I have your
7 address. Thank you.

8 Anyone else?

9 MR. RADEE: Good morning. This is
10 Soochon Radee, S-O-O-C-H-O-N R-A-D-E-E.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Can you spell the first
12 name again?

13 MR. RADEE: S-O-O-C-H-O-N.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And what's the
15 last name?

16 MR. RADEE: Radee, R-A-D-E-E.

17 MS. FLETCHER: D like dog?

18 MR. RADEE: Yes, ma'am.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

20 Anybody else from the group?

21 MS. EDWARDS: Sarah Edwards, S-A-R-A-H
22 E-D-W-A-R-D-S.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Was that E-D like dog?

24 MS. EDWARDS: Correct.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

1 Anyone else?

2 MR. ROTZ: Allen Rotz. That's A-L-L-
3 E-N, last name Rotz, R-O-T-Z.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

5 Anyone else? Okay. So there are 10
6 people present from the group of five or more
7 which means that the group of five or more is
8 granted standing as protestants, which also means
9 at the upcoming status hearing, only a designated
10 representative needs to appear.

11 Only a designated representative needs
12 to appear for the mediation as well but if there
13 is anyone else that you would like to appear
14 other than the designated representative, you can
15 just let us know. When you receive your WebEx
16 invitation to appear for mediation, you would
17 forward the invitation to the other person or
18 persons that you would like to appear for
19 mediation.

20 I'm going to give you a date for a
21 status and protest hearing, and then we'll set a
22 date for the mediation. The status hearing is
23 scheduled for March 15 at 10:30 a.m. for the
24 status hearing. Excuse me one second, please.
25 March 15, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. for the status

1 hearing.

2 The protest hearing is set forth April
3 12, 2023 at 1:30 in the afternoon. I will give
4 you the next available day for mediation. The
5 next available day for mediation is Tuesday,
6 February the 21st anytime between 10:00 and 1:30.
7 Well, actually we could do it on Thursday,
8 February 16th as well, so that's Thursday,
9 February 16 anytime between 10:00 and 1:30, or
10 February 21 anytime between 10:00 and 1:30.

11 MS. YOHANNES: I also for the
12 Applicant am not available on the 16th. I am
13 available, I believe you said, until 1:30. I'm
14 available at 12:30 or after that.

15 MS. FLETCHER: What time, Ms.
16 Yohannes?

17 MS. YOHANNES: 12:30 on the 21st or I
18 guess until 1:30.

19 MS. FLETCHER: And the 16th is better
20 for you at this point?

21 MS. YOHANNES: No. I'm sorry, the
22 21st.

23 MS. FLETCHER: The 21st? Okay.

24 What about you, Mr. Ferris? 12:30 on
25 February 21 for the SDCA?

1 MR. FERRIS: Yes, Ms. Fletcher. That
2 is convenient. 12:30 on the 21st of February is
3 convenient.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

5 Mr. Rubenstein, what about ANC-2F?

6 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Well, if the -- if
7 people can't make the 16th, we'll have to find
8 another ANC-2F representative potentially.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Would you like to
10 select another day when you can come or --

11 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Well, the 16th works.

12 MR. FERRIS: Anything beyond the 21st
13 that would work?

14 MR. RUBENSTEIN: A week later, the
15 28th. Anything that week would work.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So let me start
17 with you, Ms. Yohannes. Would the 28th work at
18 12:30?

19 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, that would work.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Ferris, would the
21 28th work for you at 12:30?

22 MR. FERRIS: Could you tell me the day
23 of the week?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, it's a Tuesday.

25 MR. FERRIS: It's a Tuesday. Yes,

1 Tuesday, February 28th at 12:30. Yes, I can make
2 that.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

4 Mr. Rubenstein, that works for you as
5 well?

6 MR. RUBENSTEIN: Absolutely.

7 MS. FLETCHER: What about Ms. Cowan
8 from the group of five. Does that work?

9 MS. COWAN: Yes. I can make the 28th
10 work, and I believe my co-representative, David
11 Conklin, can also make the 28th work.

12 MS. FLETCHER: 12:30?

13 MS. COWAN: 12:30. David, jump in if
14 I got that wrong.

15 MR. CONKLIN: Perfect. Thank you.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. David Conklin is
17 also available. That's everyone. We have three
18 protestants; Dupont-Shaw Citizens Association,
19 ANC-2F, and a group of five or more. Okay.

20 MS. YOHANNES: Great.

21 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry. Did someone
22 say something?

23 MS. YOHANNES: Sorry. I just said
24 great.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Actually, it is great

1 that everybody can be available on one day.

2 Thank you very much.

3 Okay. I'll send you a WebEx
4 invitation to attend the mediation. If there are
5 no questions, the roll call hearing in this
6 matter is concluded and I will see you on
7 February 28th.

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
9 off the record at 10:18 a.m.)

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