

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Consortium for :
Sustainable Workforces, :
Inc. :
t/a The Consortium :
201 Massachusetts :
Avenue NE, Unit #1 :
Retailer CT - ANC 6C :
License No. 130329 :
Case #25-PRO-00004 :
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(New Application) :
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Tuesday
February 18, 2025

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:

EVANGELINE WILLIAMS, Applicant Counsel
KAREN WIRT, ANC 6C
MICHAEL UPRIGHT, ANC 6C

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

2 10:10 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next hearing on the
4 calendar is The Consortium. This is Case No. 25-
5 PRO-00004, Consortium for Sustainable Workforces,
6 Inc., 201 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Unit 1.
7 License No. ABRA 130329. This is a Retailer
8 Class CT tavern for a new application. The
9 protest issues are adverse impact on peace,
10 order, and quiet; real property values;
11 residential parking; and vehicular and pedestrian
12 safety.

13 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
14 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's
15 agent. Is anyone present on behalf of the
16 applicant?

17 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, Your Honor. My
18 name is Evangeline Williams on behalf of the
19 applicant Consortium for Sustainable Workforce.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Williams, could you
21 spell your name for the record, please?

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Absolutely. It is E-V-
23 A-N-G-E-L-I-N-E.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Williams, is the
25 applicant present today, as well?

1 MS. WILLIAMS: I do not see them.

2 MS. FLETCHER: If not, it's fine. If
3 he or she were present, I was just going to ask
4 them to state their name and spell it for the
5 record. Ms. Williams, have you entered your
6 appearance yet?

7 MS. WILLIAMS: I have not. I am
8 standing in for Attorney Johnson today.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, okay. So maybe
10 someone already has, so I just haven't seen it.
11 It doesn't matter. I was just checking because,
12 if you hadn't, I was going to just ask you to do
13 it. But he can do it. Did you say Johnson?

14 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes. Attorney Johnson.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Let me see.

16 MS. WILLIAMS: Lucrecia Johnson.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, okay. Yes, yes,
18 okay. Thank you. And so beyond today, she'll be
19 attending, as far as you know?

20 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So I already
22 have her contact information. Okay. Well, thank
23 you very much. Is anyone present on behalf of
24 ANC 6C?

25 MR. UPRIGHT: Yes, ma'am. I am.

1 Michael Upright.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, Mr.
3 Upright.

4 MR. UPRIGHT: Good morning.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Could you spell your
6 name for the record, please?

7 MR. UPRIGHT: Sure. It's M-I-C-H-A-E-
8 L, Michael. And Upright, U-P-R-I-G-H-T.

9 MS. FLETCHER: And I see that
10 Commissioner Wirt is present, as well.

11 MR. UPRIGHT: That is correct.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Commissioner Wirt,
13 would you state your full name and spell it for
14 the record, please?

15 MS. WIRT: Sure. It's Karen Wirt.
16 Karen is K-A-R-E-N, and Wirt, W-I-R-T.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
18 ANC 6C has standing as a protestant. We need to
19 set a date for mediation, a status hearing, and a
20 protest hearing. I'll give you the dates of the
21 status and protest hearing first. The status
22 hearing is scheduled for March 12th, 2025 at
23 10:30. The protest hearing is set for April 2nd,
24 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

25 And I will give you the next available

1 day for mediation. The next available day for
2 mediation is Thursday, February 27, any time
3 between 10:30 and 1:30. That's Thursday,
4 February 27.

5 MS. WIRT: Is that a seven or a two?

6 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, seven.

7 MS. WIRT: Twenty-seven.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, February 27, any
9 time between 10:30 and 1:30.

10 MR. UPRIGHT: We are still working on
11 the settlement agreement. Is there any
12 possibility we could push that date back a little
13 bit so that we have time to finish that
14 settlement agreement? Then we won't have to do
15 that at all.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. In that case,
17 let's see. Status hearing is on March the 12th,
18 so how about Thursday, March 6th?

19 MR. UPRIGHT: I think that would be
20 sufficient. Ms. Williams, do you have any idea
21 if that would work?

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Looking at her calendar
23 --

24 MS. FLETCHER: You know what? Before
25 you answer that, Ms. Williams, let me say

1 something. Let's see. One second here. Rather
2 than Thursday, March 6th, let me propose Tuesday,
3 March 4, any time between 10:30 or 1:30.

4 MS. WILLIAMS: The 4th is wide open
5 for us. Apologies. I literally just walked in
6 to this yesterday. Are we pretty close to the --

7 MS. FLETCHER: No problem.

8 MR. UPRIGHT: I believe, if Lucrecia,
9 you know, if we can get together, I know she's
10 been in court pretty much since we spoke. If
11 she's available sometime before that, I think we
12 can get this hammered out fairly easily and
13 quickly.

14 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. I don't want to
15 put her on the calendar for March 4th and then,
16 you know, because that's a week away about, give
17 a take, a week and a half. Let me look what next
18 week holds for her.

19 MR. UPRIGHT: Yes. I do know she's
20 been tied up in court and has not been able to,
21 you've not been able to talk much.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: She's got a deposition
23 and then a trial on Wednesday of next week.

24 MS. FLETCHER: So if it would be
25 helpful, we could also do March 3rd at 11:30 or

1 1:30. That's Monday.

2 MS. WILLIAMS: The 4th is wide open
3 for her.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. All right.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: So I'd rather just do
6 the 4th for mediation just because it's wide
7 open.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Well, any time
9 between 10:30 and 1:30 is good.

10 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. Whatever works
11 best for you all.

12 MR. UPRIGHT: We can do 10:30, if
13 needed, if we get to that point.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Right.

15 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Then what I will do,
17 I'll set mediation for March 4 at 10:30, send out
18 the WebEx invites. I've already made a note that
19 it may not be necessary; and, if not, I'll just
20 cancel it.

21 MR. UPRIGHT: Right.

22 MS. WILLIAMS: Excellent.

23 MR. UPRIGHT: That would be fantastic.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, nice to
25 see everybody this morning. We're done.

1 MS. WILLIAMS: Have a good one.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Enjoy the rest
3 of your day. Bye-bye.

4 MR. UPRIGHT: Bye-bye.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

6 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

7 The roll call hearing in the matter of The
8 Consortium is concluded.

9 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
10 went off the record at 10:19 a.m.)

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