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2 10:02 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: This is the matter of  
4 Equity H LLC, t/a as Bulldog, 713 H Street, NW,  
5 License No. ABRA-117308. This is a Retailer  
6 Class CN, New License Application.

7 Who's present on behalf of Bulldog?

8 MS. BALMELLE: Hi, Danielle Balmelle.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Balmelle, can you  
10 spell your name for the record.

11 MS. BALMELLE: Sure, Danielle, D-A-N-  
12 I-E-L-L-E, last name is Balmelle, B as in boy, A-  
13 L-M as in Mary, E-L-L-E

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And present  
15 on behalf of ANC 2C.

16 MR. SHANKLE: Good morning, it's  
17 Michael Shankle, Chair of ANC 2C. It's M-I-C-H-  
18 A-E-L, last name, S-H-A-N-K-L-E.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Shankle.  
20 ANC 2C does have standing as a protestant. We  
21 need to set a date for mediation, but before we  
22 do that, what's the status of the settlement  
23 agreement that the parties are working on?

24 MS. BALMELLE: Well, I don't know if  
25 there was an actual settlement agreement. We did

1 -- and I note, Mr. Shankle that represented in  
2 the meeting with you all, that he would amend the  
3 hours for the outdoor, for the sidewalk café.  
4 And we have done that, we have turned that in to  
5 ABRA and had that amended. So that would be, I  
6 guess, contingent or pending Board approval, but  
7 we have submitted that.

8 MS. FLETCHER: And so Mr. Shankle?

9 MR. SHANKLE: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Does that resolve the  
11 matter?

12 MR. SHANKLE: Yes, the outside hours,  
13 the amended outside hours would in fact resolve  
14 the matter. We were just waiting for confirmation  
15 from ABRA that the hours have been amended.

16 MS. FLETCHER: I'm pretty sure that if  
17 the parties agree on the amendment of those  
18 hours, that the ABC Board will approve them. And  
19 so I'm not going to set a date for mediation.

20 Have you received a date for a status  
21 hearing yet?

22 MR. SHANKLE: I actually thought today  
23 was supposed to be our status hearing.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Well, so, it's the roll  
25 call today. I actually don't know when the status

1 hearing is going to be at this point. But I'll  
2 let the Board know the status of this case. So  
3 they'll probably cancel the status hearing.  
4 Because Ms. Balmelle, I'm pretty sure that they  
5 received that document that you sent. I received  
6 a copy of it -- that's the one you sent me a copy  
7 of also?

8 MS. BALMELLE: Correct.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Then they have it. So  
10 I'm not going to set a mediation, and I'm going  
11 to check with Martha Jenkins and see if the Board  
12 is going to cancel the status hearing because of  
13 that.

14 MR. SHANKLE: Got it.

15 MS. BALMELLE: Okay.

16 MR. SHANKLE: And thank you. I just  
17 have not received confirmation that it has --

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MR. SHANKLE: Filed yet, so that's  
20 great.

21 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Good morning, guys.

22 MS. BALMELLE: Yeah, Mr. Shankle, if  
23 you would like a copy, I can ask Beau (phonetic)  
24 to get it over to you or someone from the agency.

25 MR. SHANKLE: That'd be great.

1 MS. BALMELLE: Just at our page to  
2 reflect closing 11:00 p.m. Sunday through  
3 Thursday and midnight on Fridays and Saturdays.

4 MR. SHANKLE: Yes.

5 (Simultaneous speaking.)

6 MR. SHANKLE: That's great, just for  
7 the outside area, that's correct.

8 MS. BALMELLE: Yes, correct.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, that's --

10 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Good morning.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning.

12 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Good morning, I'm  
13 sorry, I just --

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, that's okay. I'll  
16 be -- okay, hold on for one second.

17 MR. HABTEMICHAEL: Okay.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Balmelle and Mr.  
19 Shankle, thank you very much for participating  
20 today, and we'll be in touch.

21 MR. SHANKLE: Awesome.

22 MS. BALMELLE: Okay, thanks, LaVerne.  
23 Thanks, Michael.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
25 went off the record at 10:07 a.m.)

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