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2 10:06 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And now, we're ready to
4 get started. I'd like to start by thanking
5 everyone for participating in ABCA's public roll
6 call hearing via the WebEx platform.

7 My name is LaVerne Fletcher, I'll be
8 conducting the roll call hearings as the Board's
9 agent. Excuse me. There are two cases on the
10 calendar today. The first case is Pearl Dive
11 Oyster Palace/BlackJack, case number 26-PRO-
12 00020, Black's 14 Street, LLC, 1612 14 Street
13 Northwest, license number ABRA-085382. This is
14 a Retailer Class CR for a substantial change for
15 a license class from CR Restaurant to CT Tavern.

16 My name is LaVerne Fletcher, conducting
17 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Is
18 anyone present on behalf of Pearl Dive Oyster
19 Palace/BlackJack?

20 MR. MIXON: Good morning, Ms. Fletcher.
21 Cameron Mixon for the Applicant.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, Mr. Mixon.
23 Would you spell your name for the record,
24 please?

25 MR. MIXON: Cameron, C-A-M-E-R-O-N,

1 Mixon, -I-X-O-N.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Mixon, is anyone
3 else going to join you today?

4 MR. MIXON: Just me.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. We
6 also have a group of six, is the designated
7 representative for the group present today?

8 MR. MERRON: Good morning, LaVerne.
9 Yes, this is Eric Merron on behalf of
10 petitioners.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, good morning, Eric.
12 Would you spell your name for the record,
13 please?

14 MR. MERRON: Yes. First name Eric, E-
15 R-I-C, last name Merron, -E-R-R-O-N.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Are there any other
17 individuals from your group present today?

18 MR. MERRON: Yes, we have
19 representatives -- four others. So, I'll pass
20 it over to Nicholas Albanese next.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And, so, if they
22 would state their names and spell them for the
23 record, please.

24 MR. ALBANESE: Hi, LaVerne. Name is
25 Nicholas Albanese, -I-C-H-O-L-A-S A-L-B-A-N-E-S-

1 E.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

3 MR. ALBANESE: And, I'll pass off to
4 Mona.

5 MS. ATIA: Hey, good morning, LaVerne.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning.

7 MS. ATIA: My name is Mona Atia, it's
8 M-O-N-A, last name is A-T-I-A.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Then, next
10 person.

11 MS. ATIA: I'll pass it to Pradeep.

12 MR. VICTOR: Good morning, my name is
13 Pradeep Victor, P-R-A-D-E-E-P, last name V-I-C-
14 T-O-R.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
16 Anyone else?

17 MS. BERDIA: Yes. My name is Sonya, S-
18 O-N-Y-A, last name Berdia, B-E-R-D-I-A.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anybody
20 else?

21 (No audible response.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: You all signed the
23 protest letter?

24 MR. VICTOR: Yes.

25 (simultaneous speaking.)

1 MS. FLETCHER: You each signed the
2 protest letter? Thank you. There are five
3 members of your group present today, Mr. Merron,
4 and, so, your group is granted standing as a
5 protestant. The protest issues are adverse
6 impact on peace, order, and quiet.

7 We need to set a date for mediation, a
8 status hearing, and a protest hearing. I will
9 give you the dates for the status and protest
10 hearing first. The status hearing is scheduled
11 for April 1, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. That's April
12 1, at 10:30. The protest hearing is set for May
13 6, 2026, at 10:30 -- I mean, 1:30, I'm sorry.
14 May 6, at 1:30 p.m., for the protest hearing.

15 We need to set a date for mediation,
16 I'll give you the next available day. The next
17 available day for mediation is Tuesday, March
18 17, anytime between 10:30 and 1:30. That's
19 Tuesday, March 17, that's the next available
20 day.

21 MR. MERRON: Thanks, LaVerne. This is
22 Eric --

23 (simultaneous speaking.)

24 MS. FLETCHER: Is that good for you?

25 MR. MERRON: So, to confirm, will this

1 also be via WebEx?

2 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

3 MR. MERRON: And, because we now have
4 standing, we only need one person to attend, is
5 that correct?

6 MS. FLETCHER: You're the only person
7 that needs to attend.

8 MR. MERRON: Got it. Okay, so, you
9 said 10:30 --

10 MS. FLETCHER: And the same applies for
11 the -- I'm sorry, go ahead.

12 MR. MERRON: What was the time range,
13 again?

14 (No audible response.)

15 MR. MERRON: What was the time range on
16 the 17?

17 MS. FLETCHER: Anytime between 10:30 --
18 Eric, if you're speaking, I can't -- well, you
19 were on mute. So, is March 17, anytime between
20 10:30 and 1:30 okay for you?

21 (No audible response.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Mixon, what about
23 you?

24 MR. MIXON: No problems on our end, I'm
25 happy to do that time.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, I'll wait and
2 see if Mr. Merron reappears.

3 So, Mr. Mixon, anytime between 10:30
4 and 1:30 is okay for you?

5 MR. MIXON: Yes.

6 MS. FLETCHER: If Mr. Merron doesn't
7 appear shortly, I'm going -- and contact him by
8 email following the roll call and --

9 (Simultaneous speaking.)

10 MR. ALBANESE: I can confirm 10:30 on
11 behalf of Eric Merron.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Who's speaking -- I'm
13 sorry, who's speaking, please? For the court
14 reporter.

15 MR. ALBANESE: Nick Albanese.

16 MS. FLETCHER: So, what was that?

17 MR. ALBANESE: I can confirm on behalf
18 of Eric Merron that 10:30 works, on the 17.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. One second.
20 Mediation is set for March 17, at 10:30 a.m.,
21 and I will send a WebEx invitation to attend to
22 Mr. Merron, Eric Merron. Mr. Albanese, thank
23 you very much for that. Are there any
24 questions?

25 MR. MIXON: Just to confirm, the time

1 stated was at 10:00 a.m.?

2 MS. FLETCHER: 10:30.

3 MR. MIXON: 10:30, okay.

4 MS. FLETCHER: 3/17, at 10:30, for
5 mediation. Okay, well, thank you, everyone, for
6 coming. The matter of Pearl Dive Oyster
7 Palace/BlackJack is concluded.

8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
9 went off the record at 10:14 a.m.)

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