

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 ROLL CALL HEARING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 2400 Minnesota Ave SE, LLC:
 t/a Martha's Market :
 2400 Minnesota Avenue, SE : Roll Call
 Retailer Class B - ANC 7B : Hearing
 License #ABRA-105036 :
 Case #21-PRO-00012 :
 :
 (License Renewal) :

Monday
 April 5, 2021

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

TIFFANY BROWN, ANC 7B
 BRIAN THOMPSON, ANC 8A

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

2 10:18 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning. I would
4 first like to thank you for participating in
5 ABRA's roll call hearing via the WebEx online
6 system. It appears that we are having a little
7 technical difficulty this morning. Let me first
8 call the case and then I'll make another couple
9 of notes for the record.

10 But I hear some background. I sort of
11 hear myself talking in an echo. Is that what you
12 hear on your end? Ms. Brown?

13 MS. BROWN: I just muted myself, so it
14 could have been feedback from me.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

16 MR. THOMPSON: Yeah, you're sounding
17 fine to me.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. This is
19 Case No. 21-PRO-00012, 2400 Minnesota Ave., SE,
20 LLC, trading as Martha's Market. 2400 Minnesota
21 Ave, SE, license no. ABRA-105036. This is a
22 Retailer Class B license renewal.

23 I see that the owner is not present.
24 Have either one of you been in communication with
25 the owner, Ms. Esthete?

1 MS. BROWN: I have not.

2 MR. THOMPSON: No, ma'am.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. I did, because you
4 were having some difficulty getting through this
5 morning, I sent her another invitation as well.
6 She has not gotten back to me.

7 The time is about 10:20, and I have
8 not received any communication from the owner
9 informing me that she was having any difficulty
10 getting into the hearing this morning.

11 I'm going to state her name for the
12 record. Her name is Rabel Eshete. I'm going to
13 spell that for the record as well. R-A-B-E-L, the
14 last name is spelled E-S-H-E-T-E. She's on record
15 as the owner of Martha's Market. Ms. Brown, would
16 you spell your name for the record, please?

17 MS. BROWN: Sure. Tiffany L. Brown, T-
18 I-F-F-A-N-Y, middle initial L, Brown, B-R-O-W-N.
19 ANC Commissioner for 7B02, the chair of ANC 7B.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Brown.
21 Mr. Thompson, would you do the same?

22 MR. THOMPSON: Brian Thompson, ANC
23 Commissioner for 8A03, and ANC Commission 8A. And
24 you said spell my name?

25 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

1 MR. THOMPSON: B-R-I-A-N
2 T-H-O-M-P-S-O-N,

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you very
4 much. ANC 7B has standing as a Protestant, and
5 ANC 8A has standing as an affected ANC because
6 your boundaries, the boundaries between ANC 7B
7 and 8A adjoin.

8 The owner is not present for the roll
9 call hearing today, and so the application is
10 dismissed.

11 There will be a Board order issued to
12 dismiss the application, because the owner was
13 not present today.

14 Upon receipt of the Board order, the
15 Applicant will have an opportunity to explain to
16 the ABC Board why she was not present today, and
17 the Board will decide whether or not to reinstate
18 the application. You will both receive a copy of
19 the order and will be kept informed of what
20 happens next.

21 If the Applicant seeks reinstatement,
22 you'll have an opportunity to respond to that
23 request. Any questions about that?

24 MS. BROWN: No questions.

25 MR. THOMPSON: No, ma'am. Thank you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you for
2 coming today. I'm glad we worked it out. I had
3 technical issues getting in also this morning, so
4 maybe there's something wrong with the system.

5 Okay. Well, again, thank you for
6 coming. We'll be in touch. If you have any
7 questions, send me an email or give me a call.

8 MR. THOMPSON: Just curious, what is
9 the timeline for that Board appeal if the owner
10 does want to appeal, and does the license go
11 dormant between now and any potential rehearing?

12 MS. FLETCHER: No, the licensee
13 continues to operate until the Board makes a
14 decision, a final decision on what has transpired
15 today, so the license continues to be active.

16 In terms of the time frame, the Board
17 would normally issue an order this coming
18 Wednesday. They normally would issue orders on
19 Wednesday from hearings held on Monday. That's
20 under normal circumstances.

21 Upon issuance of the order, the
22 applicant has ten days from receipt of the order
23 to request reinstatement of the application.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: So she has ten days to

1 do that, and you'll be kept informed along the
2 way.

3 When you become aware of the
4 Applicant's request for reinstatement, you also
5 have an opportunity to respond to the request for
6 reinstatement.

7 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Excellent.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, if that's it, Mr.
9 Thompson?

10 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, if I could deviate
11 a bit, I have not been able to find or use the
12 phone number I thought I had for Ms. Brown. Is
13 that something that we could have her restate?

14 MS. FLETCHER: For Ms. Brown?

15 MS. BROWN: Sure, You ready?

16 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, ma'am.

17 MS. BROWN: It is 202-359-4088.

18 MR. THOMPSON: 4-0

19 MS. BROWN: 8-8. You can call me or
20 text me.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, thanks
22 again. We will be in touch.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher

24 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, all right. Take

1 care.

2 MR. THOMPSON: Bye, bye.

3 MS. BROWN: Bye, bye.

4 (Whereupon the above-entitled matter
5 went off the record at 10:26 a.m.)

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