

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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Sonesta DC Hotel LLC :
t/a The Royal Sonesta :
Capitol Hill :
20 Massachusetts Ave NW : Roll Call
Retailer CH - ANC 6C : Hearing
License No. 123801 :
Case #23-PRO-00030 :
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(New Application) :
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Monday
April 10, 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:

MATTHEW MINORA, Applicant Counsel
DREW COURTNEY, ANC 6C

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

2 10:02 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Goo morning, everyone.

4 Thank you for participating in ABRA's roll call
5 hearings via the Webex platform. My name is
6 Laverne Fletcher, conducting the roll call
7 hearing as the Board's agent.

8 There are two cases on the calendar
9 today. The first case is the Royal Sonesta
10 Capitol Hill, Case Number 23-PRO-00030, Sonesta
11 DC Hotel, LLC, 20 Massachusetts Avenue NW,
12 License Number ABRA 123801.

13 This is a Retailer Class CH, new
14 application. The protest issues are adverse
15 impact on peace, order, and quiet, real property
16 values, and residential parking and vehicular and
17 pedestrian safety.

18 My name is Laverne Fletcher,
19 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's
20 agent. Is anyone present on behalf of the hotel?

21 MR. MINORA: Yes, good morning, Ms.
22 Fletcher. My name is Matthew Minora, from the
23 law firm of Mallios, O'Brien, and Sandground, and
24 we were ABC Licence counselors for the Applicant.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Minora.

1 Would you spell your name for the record, please?

2 MR. MINORA: Sure. Matthew, M-A-T-T-
3 H-E-W, Minora, M-I-N-O-R-A.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone
5 present on behalf of ANC 6C? Is anyone present
6 on behalf of ANC 6C?

7 Mr. Minora, we wait ten minutes to
8 allow everyone to show up. So I'm going to call
9 the next case, and I'll come back to this one in
10 a few minutes.

11 MR. MINORA: Sounds good, thank you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
14 went off the record at 10:04 a.m. and resumed at
15 10:12 a.m.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: I am recalling the
17 Royal Sonesta Capitol Hill. Is anyone present on
18 behalf of ANC 6C?

19 MR. COURTNEY: Yes, I am.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, who's present?

21 MR. COURTNEY: Sorry, this is Drew
22 Courtney, and I apologize for calling in a little
23 late.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, no problem, Mr.
25 Courtney. We allow extra time. We know things

1 happen. If you would spell your name for the
2 record, please?

3 MR. COURTNEY: My name is Drew
4 Courtney, D-R-E-W, last name Courtney, C-O-U-R-T-
5 N-E-Y. I'm the designated representative for ANC
6 6C.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
8 Courtney. ANC does have standing as a
9 protestant.

10 We need to set a date for a mediation
11 status hearing and a protest hearing. I'll give
12 you the dates for the status and protest hearings
13 first. The status hearing is set for May 3rd,
14 2023, at 10:30. The protest hearing is set for
15 June 7th, 2023, at 1:30.

16 I will give you the next available day
17 for mediation. The next available day is on
18 Wednesday, April 19. Do either of you, by any
19 chance, have any hearings before the Board on the
20 19th? That's a Board day.

21 MR. MINORA: I don't believe so, no.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Then if that's okay for
23 you, then we can do Wednesday, April 19th.

24 MR. COURTNEY: That's fine, and I
25 apologize. Matt, I owe you a draft. We will

1 resolve it before then.

2 MR. MINORA: Sure. And can we push it
3 to the following week?

4 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, what about the
5 following week, Thursday, April 27th?

6 MR. MINORA: That should work.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Do you have any time
8 between 10:00 and 1:30?

9 MR. MINORA: One o'clock, does that
10 work?

11 MS. FLETCHER: One o'clock is good.

12 MR. COURTNEY: Great.

13 MS. FLETCHER: So I have mediation
14 scheduled for Thursday, April 27th, at 1 o'clock.
15 I'll send out the invite. I've made a note that
16 the matter may be resolved before then. I'll
17 send it to you just in case.

18 MR. COURTNEY: Great, thank you so
19 much.

20 MR. MINORA: Thank you, appreciate it.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
22 much for coming. The rool call hearing in this
23 matter is concluded. Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 10:15 a.m.)

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