

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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Elharia, Inc.                         :  
t/a Nam's Market                    :  
1324 W St SE                        :  
Retailer B - ANC 8A                 :  
License No. 111233                 :  
Case #24-PRO-00018                 :  
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(License Renewal)                   :  
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Monday  
April 15, 2024

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:

HENOK GAREDEW, Licensee

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

2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.  
4 Thank you for participating in ABCA's public roll  
5 call hearings via the WebEx platform.

6 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,  
7 conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's  
8 agent.

9 There are two cases on the calendar  
10 today. The first case on the calendar is Nam's  
11 Market, case number 24-PRO-00018, Elharia, Inc.,  
12 1324 W Street, SE, license number ABRA-111233.

13 This is a retailer Class B license  
14 renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact  
15 on peace, order, and quiet.

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

21 Mr. Garedeu, if I'm pronouncing your  
22 name correctly, are you unmuted now? Yes?

23 MR. GAREDEW: Yes.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, just a moment,  
25 please. Would you please state your name and

1 spell it for the record?

2 MR. GAREDEW: Sure. Henok Garedew,  
3 H-E-N-O-K G-A-R-E-D-E-W.

4 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

5 Is anyone present on behalf of a Group of Five?

6 Is anyone present on behalf of a Group of Five?

7 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC-8A?

8 Ms. Lewis -- let's see, is Jamila  
9 White here? Or Robin McKinney?

10 The time is approximately 10:05. We  
11 allow at least ten minutes for parties to appear.  
12 I'm going to recall this case in --

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
14 went off the record at 10:06 a.m. and  
15 resumed at 10:08 a.m.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: I'm recalling the case  
17 of Nam's Market. Is anyone present on behalf of  
18 the Group of Five or More?

19 The Five or More is actually not  
20 required to appear today. I called someone from  
21 the group just in case they're present.

22 This group was actually grandfathered  
23 in by the ABC Board because they were previously  
24 granted standing during a roll call hearing on  
25 December 18, 2023, and the Board grandfathered

1 them in for this hearing. They were  
2 grandfathered in by Board Order dated  
3 February 14, 2024, Board Order number 2024-074.  
4 So, the Group of Five is granted standing as a  
5 protestant. Is anyone present on behalf of  
6 ANC-8A?

7 ANC-8A is dismissed because no one is  
8 present from the ANC. Mr. Garedeu, are you still  
9 there?

10 MR. GAREDEW: Yes, Mr. Fletcher. I'm  
11 here.

12 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry?

13 MR. GAREDEW: Yes, I'm still here.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

15 ANC-8A is dismissed because they're not here  
16 today. A Board Order will be issued to dismiss  
17 ANC-8A. You will receive a copy of the Board  
18 Order. If the ANC seeks reinstatement of its  
19 protest, you will have an opportunity to respond  
20 to their request to be reinstated. You have any  
21 question about that?

22 MR. GAREDEW: No. Will the email will  
23 be sent?

24 It will be a Board Order. It will be sent by  
25 email.

1 MR. GAREDEW: Thank you.

2 MS. FLETCHER: But we do have one  
3 group granted standing in this matter. That is  
4 a Group of Five or More. And you heard me  
5 explain that they're not here, but they've  
6 already been grandfathered in.

7 MR. GAREDEW: Yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Because they were  
9 grandfathered in during the roll call hearing on  
10 December 18, 2023.

11 MR. GAREDEW: Yes, ma'am. I heard  
12 that.

13 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to give you  
14 a couple of date, Mr. Garedew, for upcoming  
15 proceedings. And I'll provide those dates to  
16 the designated representative of a Group of  
17 Five, is Patrick O'Keefe. His name is spelled  
18 P-A-T-R-I-C-K, last name O'Keefe, spelled  
19 O-'-K-E-E-F-E.

20 The dates for a couple of upcoming  
21 proceedings are a status hearing on May 8, 2024,  
22 at 10:30 a.m.

23 MR. GAREDEW: May 8th. Okay.

24 MS. FLETCHER: The protest hearing  
25 is scheduled for June 8 --

1 MR. GAREDEW: June 8th.

2 MS. FLETCHER: -- 2024, at 1:30 p.m.

3 We need to set a date for mediation also. But  
4 I'm going to send you and Mr. O'Keefe the dates  
5 for Mediation in an email. I'm going to provide  
6 you with several dates from which you can  
7 choose; the one that's most convenient for you  
8 both.

9 MR. GAREDEW: Thank you.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.  
11 Do you have any questions at all?

12 MR. GAREDEW: No, ma'am. Thank you  
13 very much.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, you're very  
15 welcome. Thank you for coming. The roll call  
16 hearing in the matter of Nam's Market is  
17 concluded.

18 (Whereupon, the above-entitled  
19 matter went off the record at  
20 10:12 a.m.)

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