

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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 Union Hospitality Group, :
 LLC, t/a Union Oyster :
 Bar & Lounge :
 501 Morse Street, NE :
 License #110747 : Roll Call
 Retailer CR - ANC 5D : Hearing
 Case #22-PRO-00021 :
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 (Substantial Change - :
 sports wagering :
 endorsement to add three :
 betting terminals) :
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Monday
 April 18, 2022

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

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

10:25 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: I'll start by saying that today is Monday, April 18, 2022. My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm creating this record as the Board's agent because there was a roll call hearing scheduled for this morning at 10:00 a.m. for which Neal Gross did not receive a copy of the Webex invitation to attend.

I went ahead and conducted the roll call hearing because all the parties were present. As an alternative to having all the parties to reappear, I went ahead and conducted the hearing. And I'm going to provide Neal Gross with the information that they would normally be provided if they were present in person.

That information will be the applicants that were present, the protestants that were present, the protest issues, and the dates and times of the scheduled hearing. That is the information that the court reporter would normally gather in a transcript.

The applicants that were present are Shyam Rao -- and I'll spell his name. It's Mr. Shyam Rao. His name is spelled S as in Sam, H-Y-

1 A-M. His last name is spelled R-A-O. A second
2 owner was also present by the name of Russell
3 Webster. His name is spelled R-U-S-S-E-L-L, W-E-
4 B-S-T-E-R.

5 There was one protest group in this
6 case, and that was a group of six represented by
7 Jessica Mejia. Jessica Mejia was present for the
8 hearing. I will spell her name for the record.
9 Her name is spelled J-E-S-S-I-C-A. Her last name
10 is spelled M-E-J-I-A.

11 The group of six was granted
12 conditional standing today because only Ms. Mejia
13 was present today. She is the designated
14 representative for the group. Because Ms. Mejia
15 was the only person present today, she was
16 informed as required that at least four more
17 individuals appear for the status hearing in
18 order to be granted full standing by the Board.

19 The protest issues in this case are
20 adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet. The
21 following dates were scheduled. Mediation was
22 scheduled for Tuesday, May 3rd, at 9:00 a.m.
23 That was for mediation, Tuesday, May 3rd, at 9:00
24 a.m. A status hearing was scheduled for May 18,
25 2022, at 10:30 a.m. A protest hearing was

1 scheduled for 6/15/22, 1:30 p.m.

2 And just for the record, I did explain
3 to the parties that the Neal Gross company is
4 always present, just so that you know that, and
5 that this was something that never happens, and
6 so they knew that the hearing was not being
7 recorded.

8 But I will also let them know that I
9 came back in, and thank you, Mr. McMullen, for
10 appearing after the fact. But I'll let them know
11 that you showed up right after they left because
12 I just sent you the invitation this morning, but
13 that you appeared right after they left and that
14 I created a record to reflect the fact that they
15 were all present and the hearing dates that had
16 been scheduled.

17 And this description of what happened
18 this morning pretty much characterizes everything
19 that happened this morning. This was a very
20 short hearing, and there was only one case. And
21 basically, what I've stated is everything that
22 occurred this morning.

23 Mr. McMullen, can you think of
24 anything else that I would need to add to the
25 record for your benefit?

1 THE COURT REPORTER: Not that I'm
2 aware of right now. Thank you.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you very
4 much. I'm going to conclude this proceeding, Mr.
5 McMullen. And thank you very, very, very, very
6 much for showing up when you received the
7 invitation. It makes a big difference. Thank
8 you. And if we need anything else, I'll let you
9 know.

10 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11 went off the record at 10:30 a.m.)
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Date: 04-18-22

Place: teleconference

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