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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

## ALSO PRESENT:

JUSTIN ALLEN, Applicant
EVERAL CAMPBELL, Applicant JACKSON CARNES, Protestant PAULA EDWARDS, Protestant NAIMA JEFFERSON, Protestant MARK PATTISON, Protestant DON SQUIRES, Protestant
JUDY SQUIRES, Protestant STEPHEN WHATLEY, Protestant
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10:04 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the calendar is Premier Lounge. This is Case Number 22-PRO-00022. The New 7307, 7307 Georgia Avenue, Northwest, License Number ABRA-120372.

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

My name is LaVerne Fletcher, conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Is the Applicant present?

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, present. This is Everal Campbell. And Justin Allen.

MR. ALLEN: Yes, present.
MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
Campbell. Did someone else say present as well? Or just you, Mr. Campbell?

MR. ALLEN: Justin Allen, said present.

MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Mr. Allen, okay. You're -- you're the Applicant as well.

MR. ALLEN: Yes.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Campbell, can you spell your name for the record, please? MR. CAMPBELL: E-V-E-R-A-L, and last name Campbell, C-A-M-P-B-E-L-L. Just like the soup.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Thank you very much. Mr. Allen, will you do the same?

MR. ALLEN: Justin Allen, J-U-S-T-I-N, last name Allen, A-L-L-E-N.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And we have a group of seven. Will the individual or individuals present on behalf of the group of seven, please state their names for the record?

And I'll just begin with Ms. Jefferson, because $I$ know -- because I know you're here.

MS. JEFFERSON: Hi Ms. Fletcher. Naima Jefferson, N-A-I-M-A, and the last name is Jefferson, J-E-F-F-E-R-S-O-N.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Jefferson. Is anyone else present from the group?

MR. WHATLEY: Yes. Steve Whatley.
MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Whatley, thank you. Would you spell your name for the record, please?

MR. WHATLEY: Yes. S-T-E-P-H-E-N, middle initial A-, last name W-H-A-T-L-E-Y.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone else?

MR. CARNES: Yes, Jackson Carnes. And that's J-A-C-K-S-O-N, Carnes, C-A-R-N-E-S.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Carnes. Mr. Squires, I see you there.

MR. SQUIRES: Yes, Don Squires. D-O-N S-Q-U-I-R-E-S.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Judy Squires?

MS. SQUIRES: Judy Squires, J-U-D-Y, Squires is S-Q-U-I-R-E-S.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
MR. PATTISON: I am Mark Pattison, M-A-R-K P-A-T-T-I-S-O-N.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Pattison. Is anyone else present from the group? MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards, P-A-U-L-A E-D-W-A-R-D-S.

MS. FLETCHER: According to my record, that's all the protestants. A group of seven.

MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Fletcher, I think we've had some other people join. Can they
announce themselves?
MS. FLETCHER: Did they sign the protest letter, Ms. Jefferson?

MS. JEFFERSON: No. But, I see an additional party. I don't know if they're here for Union or for ourselves.

MS. FLETCHER: Well, if they didn't sign the protest letter, they won't be a part of the protest group.

But, if that person is present, you can go ahead and state your name.

MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, no. I was just saying, it seems like there's been some other parties that have joined the call since you announced the case.

MS. FLETCHER: Oh, yeah. There are, exactly. Yeah, other people have joined the call.

Ms. Jefferson, for this case, all of the individuals that signed the protest letter are present. Which means that the protest group is granted full standing, because at least five individuals are present.

And also, for the record, I'll just note that each protestant is designated as a
representative for the group.
So, the group of seven is granted standing. And we need to set some dates for a mediation, a status hearing, and a protest hearing.

And I'll give you the dates for the status and protest hearing first. The status hearing is set for May 18. May 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for the status hearing.

The protest hearing --
MR. WHATLEY: Excuse me, what was that time again, please? For the status hearing? May 18 at - -

MS. FLETCHER: Okay, who's speaking?
MR. WHATLEY: This is Steve Whatley.
MS. FLETCHER: And what was the question, Mr. Whatley?

MR. WHATLEY: What is the time for the status hearing on May 18 again?

MS. FLETCHER: It's 10:30 a.m.
MR. WHATLEY: Thank you.
MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. The protest hearing is scheduled for June 29 at 4:30 p.m. That's for the protest hearing, June 29 at 4:30.

We need to set a date for mediation, and I'll give you the next date available.

MS. JEFFERSON: Excuse me, Ms. Fletcher. Are both those dates, are those virtual or in person?

Can you just clarify?
MS. FLETCHER: Oh yeah. Thanks, Ms. Jefferson. Both of those dates are virtual.

MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you.
MS. FLETCHER: So, for the time being, all of the hearings are virtual until further notice. And you'll receive WebEx invitations to appear for the status and protest hearings.

Those invites won't come from me. But, they'll come from someone else on the staff. The invitation to appear for mediation will come from me though.

MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Fletcher, I do have a question. Our protest letter outlines some questions about qualification, because only one Applicant filled out the necessary information on the application.

And so, we would like to request that there be a qualification hearing for the other Applicant, as well as the landlord did not sign
the attestation. The actual business owner did. MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Jefferson. For the qualifications issue, that is a separate matter for the Board to address.

What I will do is, inform our General Counsel that you are requesting a hearing for that. That will be a separate hearing that the Board holds.

It's not resolved during the roll call process.

MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
MS. FLETCHER: And Ms. Jenkins, J-E-N-K-I-N-S, Martha, M-A-R-T-H-A, she'll get back to you regarding the qualifications issue.

MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. It was outlined in the protest letter.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes, it was.
MR. CARNES: Also, Ms. Fletcher, I'll point out that the placard did not mention --

MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Carnes, I'm just saying, the Court Reporter needs to know who's speaking.

MR. CARNES: I'm sorry.
MS. FLETCHER: So, Mr. Carnes, what did you say again?

MR. CARNES: Yes, Ms. Fletcher, my name is Jackson Carnes. And I also wanted to point out that the placard did not mention the brew hub, or the brew pub.

MS. FLETCHER: The placard did not mention the brew pub?

MR. CARNES: That's correct.
MS. FLETCHER: And so, what's your point in mentioning that?

MR. CARNES: That it wasn't listed on the placard.

MS. FLETCHER: But -- but, it's being applied for?

MR. CARNES: Yes. So the public was not given notice that a brew pub was part of the application.

MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, -- so what you're saying, Mr. Carnes, is that the application says one thing, and the placard notice says something different?

MR. CARNES: That is correct.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And so is that included in the protest letter as well?

MR. CARNES: Yes.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, what's being
applied for is what's on the placard notice. That's the only application we're considering, is what's on the placard notice.

Mr. -- just give me one second, please. Mr. Campbell, --

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, ma'am?
MS. FLETCHER: Was your intention to have the --

MR. CAMPBELL: Brew pub?
MS. FLETCHER: Brew pub permit placarded?

MR. CAMPBELL: No. No, that's been settled with ABRA. That was an error on their part.

But, that is not part.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And so we only look at it what? We're only looking at?

MR. CAMPBELL: What's on the placard. That's it.

MS. FLETCHER: What's on the placard, yes.

MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, correct.
MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Anything else, Mr. Carnes?

MR. CARNES: No. That's everything.

MS. FLETCHER: The next available date for mediation is Monday, May 2, at 11:30. If that's too soon, we can move further along in the calendar.

But, that's Monday, May 2 at 11:30 a.m.

MR. CAMPBELL: That works for me. 11:30 a.m.?

MS. FLETCHER: Yes.
MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.
MS. FLETCHER: Does that work for you, Mr. Allen? And will you be attending as well?

MR. ALLEN: Yes. That works for me as well.

MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Jefferson, does that work for you? I guess, does it work for all the protestants?

Because everyone is a designated representative. Does that work for everyone in the group of seven?

Or everyone doesn't have to be present for the mediation, from the group. It can be any one person

So, it doesn't have to be all.
MS. JEFFERSON: I'm available on the

2nd.
MS. FLETCHER: What did you say, Ms. Jefferson?

MS. JEFFERSON: I said I'm available On --

MS. FLETCHER: You're available?
MS. JEFFERSON: On the 2nd at 11:30, yes.

MS. FLETCHER: So, only one designated Representative needs to be present. But, if there are others present, then I'll send invitations to those as well.
(Simultaneous speaking)
MS. JEFFERSON: I was just going to say, I would like for my fellow protestants, if they are available, to participate.

I don't want to preclude them.
MS. FLETCHER: So, you can tell me now.

MR. WHATLEY: This is Steve Whatley. Yes, I will be participating. I can come.

MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Whatley is coming. Ms. Jefferson --

MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards is coming.
MR. CARNES: Jackson Carnes is coming.

MR. SQUIRES: Don Squires, I'll be attending.

MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Squires, you'll be attending?

MR. SQUIRES: Yes.
MR. PATTISON: Mark Pattison, I will be attending.

MS. FLETCHER: That leaves Judy Squires. Ms. Squires, are you coming?
(No response)
MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Squires, you're muted.

MS. SQUIRES: Sorry. Is it possible to put me down as a possible?

MS. FLETCHER: I'll just send an invitation to everybody.

MS. SQUIRES: Okay.
MS. FLETCHER: If you can come, I will see you there.

MS. SQUIRES: Thank you so much.
MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome. So, mediation is scheduled for Monday, May 2, at 11:30.

Any questions from anyone?
(No response)

MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you for coming. I will conclude the roll call hearing in the matter of Premier Lounge.

And I will see everybody on May 2, at 11:30. Thank you.

MR. CAMPBELL: Appreciate that.
MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.
MR. ALLEN: See you soon.
MS. FLETCHER: All right everybody. From Premier Lounge, not everybody. (Laughter)
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 10:16 a.m.)

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