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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The New 7307, Inc. : t/a Premier Lounge :

7307 Georgia Ave NW : Roll Call License #120372 : Hearing Retailer CT - ANC 4B :

Retailer CT - ANC 4B Case #22-PRO-00022

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(New Application) :

Monday
April 25, 2022

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

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:04 a.m.
3	MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4	calendar is Premier Lounge. This is Case Number
5	22-PRO-00022. The New 7307, 7307 Georgia Avenue,
6	Northwest, License Number ABRA-120372.
7	This is a Retailer Class CT new
8	application. The protest issues are adverse
9	impact on peace, order, and quiet, residential
10	parking, and vehicular and pedestrian safety, and
11	real property values.
12	My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
13	conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's
14	agent. Is the Applicant present?
15	MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, present. This is
16	Everal Campbell. And Justin Allen.
17	MR. ALLEN: Yes, present.
18	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
19	Campbell. Did someone else say present as well?
20	Or just you, Mr. Campbell?
21	MR. ALLEN: Justin Allen, said
22	present.
23	MS. FLETCHER: Oh, Mr. Allen, okay.
24	You're you're the Applicant as well.
25	MR. ALLEN: Yes.

1	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Mr. Campbell,
2	can you spell your name for the record, please?
3	MR. CAMPBELL: E-V-E-R-A-L, and last
4	name Campbell, C-A-M-P-B-E-L-L. Just like the
5	soup.
6	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Thank you
7	very much. Mr. Allen, will you do the same?
8	MR. ALLEN: Justin Allen, J-U-S-T-I-N,
9	last name Allen, A-L-L-E-N.
10	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And we have
11	a group of seven. Will the individual or
12	individuals present on behalf of the group of
13	seven, please state their names for the record?
14	And I'll just begin with Ms.
15	Jefferson, because I know because I know
16	you're here.
17	MS. JEFFERSON: Hi Ms. Fletcher.
18	Naima Jefferson, N-A-I-M-A, and the last name is
19	Jefferson, J-E-F-F-E-R-S-O-N.
20	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.
21	Jefferson. Is anyone else present from the
22	group?
23	MR. WHATLEY: Yes. Steve Whatley.
24	MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Whatley, thank you.
25	Would you spell your name for the record, please?

1	MR. WHATLEY: Yes. S-T-E-P-H-E-N,
2	middle initial A-, last name W-H-A-T-L-E-Y.
3	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Anyone
4	else?
5	MR. CARNES: Yes, Jackson Carnes. And
6	that's J-A-C-K-S-O-N, Carnes, C-A-R-N-E-S.
7	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Carnes.
8	Mr. Squires, I see you there.
9	MR. SQUIRES: Yes, Don Squires. D-O-N
10	S-Q-U-I-R-E-S.
11	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Judy
12	Squires?
13	MS. SQUIRES: Judy Squires, J-U-D-Y,
14	Squires is S-Q-U-I-R-E-S.
15	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.
16	MR. PATTISON: I am Mark Pattison, M-
17	A-R-K P-A-T-I-S-O-N.
18	MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
19	Pattison. Is anyone else present from the group?
20	MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards, P-A-U-L-A
21	E-D-W-A-R-D-S.
22	MS. FLETCHER: According to my record,
23	that's all the protestants. A group of seven.
24	MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Fletcher, I think
25	we've had some other people join. Can they

	announce themselves?				
2	MS. FLETCHER: Did they sign the				
3	protest letter, Ms. Jefferson?				
4	MS. JEFFERSON: No. But, I see an				
5	additional party. I don't know if they're here				
6	for Union or for ourselves.				
7	MS. FLETCHER: Well, if they didn't				
8	sign the protest letter, they won't be a part of				
9	the protest group.				
10	But, if that person is present, you				
11	can go ahead and state your name.				
12	MS. JEFFERSON: Oh, no. I was just				
13	saying, it seems like there's been some other				
14	parties that have joined the call since you				
15	announced the case.				
16	MS. FLETCHER: Oh, yeah. There are,				
17	exactly. Yeah, other people have joined the				
18	call.				
19	Ms. Jefferson, for this case, all of				
20	the individuals that signed the protest letter				
21	are present. Which means that the protest group				
22	is granted full standing, because at least five				
23	individuals are present.				
24	And also, for the record, I'll just				
25	note that each protestant is designated as a				

1 representative for the group. 2 So, the group of seven is granted 3 standing. And we need to set some dates for a 4 mediation, a status hearing, and a protest 5 hearing. And I'll give you the dates for the 6 7 status and protest hearing first. The status 8 hearing is set for May 18. May 18, 2022 at 10:30 9 a.m. for the status hearing. 10 The protest hearing --11 MR. WHATLEY: Excuse me, what was that 12 time again, please? For the status hearing? 13 18 at --14 Okay, who's speaking? MS. FLETCHER: 15 MR. WHATLEY: This is Steve Whatley. 16 MS. FLETCHER: And what was the question, Mr. Whatley? 17 MR. WHATLEY: What is the time for the 18 19 status hearing on May 18 again? 20 MS. FLETCHER: It's 10:30 a.m. 21 MR. WHATLEY: Thank you. 22 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome. The 23 protest hearing is scheduled for June 29 at 4:30 24 That's for the protest hearing, June 29 at p.m. 25 4:30.

We need to set a date for mediation, 1 2 and I'll give you the next date available. 3 MS. JEFFERSON: Excuse me, Ms. Fletcher. Are both those dates, are those 4 virtual or in person? 5 Can you just clarify? 6 7 MS. FLETCHER: Oh yeah. Thanks, Ms. 8 Jefferson. Both of those dates are virtual. 9 MS. JEFFERSON: Thank you. 10 MS. FLETCHER: So, for the time being, 11 all of the hearings are virtual until further 12 notice. And you'll receive WebEx invitations to 13 appear for the status and protest hearings. 14 Those invites won't come from me. 15 But, they'll come from someone else on the staff. 16 The invitation to appear for mediation will come 17 from me though. 18 MS. JEFFERSON: Ms. Fletcher, I do 19 have a question. Our protest letter outlines 20 some questions about qualification, because only 21 one Applicant filled out the necessary 22 information on the application. 23 And so, we would like to request that 24 there be a qualification hearing for the other

Applicant, as well as the landlord did not sign

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1	the attestation. The actual business owner did.
2	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you, Ms.
3	Jefferson. For the qualifications issue, that is
4	a separate matter for the Board to address.
5	What I will do is, inform our General
6	Counsel that you are requesting a hearing for
7	that. That will be a separate hearing that the
8	Board holds.
9	It's not resolved during the roll call
10	process.
11	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay.
12	MS. FLETCHER: And Ms. Jenkins, J-E-N-
13	K-I-N-S, Martha, M-A-R-T-H-A, she'll get back to
14	you regarding the qualifications issue.
15	MS. JEFFERSON: Okay. It was outlined
16	in the protest letter.
17	MS. FLETCHER: Yes, it was.
18	MR. CARNES: Also, Ms. Fletcher, I'll
19	point out that the placard did not mention
20	MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Carnes, I'm
21	just saying, the Court Reporter needs to know
22	who's speaking.
23	MR. CARNES: I'm sorry.
24	MS. FLETCHER: So, Mr. Carnes, what
25	did you say again?

1	MR. CARNES: Yes, Ms. Fletcher, my
2	name is Jackson Carnes. And I also wanted to
3	point out that the placard did not mention the
4	brew hub, or the brew pub.
5	MS. FLETCHER: The placard did not
6	mention the brew pub?
7	MR. CARNES: That's correct.
8	MS. FLETCHER: And so, what's your
9	point in mentioning that?
10	MR. CARNES: That it wasn't listed on
11	the placard.
12	MS. FLETCHER: But but, it's being
13	applied for?
14	MR. CARNES: Yes. So the public was
15	not given notice that a brew pub was part of the
16	application.
17	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, so what
18	you're saying, Mr. Carnes, is that the
19	application says one thing, and the placard
20	notice says something different?
21	MR. CARNES: That is correct.
22	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And so is that
23	included in the protest letter as well?
24	MR. CARNES: Yes.
25	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. So, what's being

1	applied for is what's on the placard notice.
2	That's the only application we're considering, is
3	what's on the placard notice.
4	Mr just give me one second,
5	please. Mr. Campbell,
6	MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, ma'am?
7	MS. FLETCHER: Was your intention to
8	have the
9	MR. CAMPBELL: Brew pub?
10	MS. FLETCHER: Brew pub permit
11	placarded?
12	MR. CAMPBELL: No. No, that's been
13	settled with ABRA. That was an error on their
14	part.
15	But, that is not part.
16	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And so we only
17	look at it what? We're only looking at?
18	MR. CAMPBELL: What's on the placard.
19	That's it.
20	MS. FLETCHER: What's on the placard,
21	yes.
22	MR. CAMPBELL: Yes, correct.
23	MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
24	Anything else, Mr. Carnes?
25	MR. CARNES: No. That's everything.

1	MS. FLETCHER: The next available date
2	for mediation is Monday, May 2, at 11:30. If
3	that's too soon, we can move further along in the
4	calendar.
5	But, that's Monday, May 2 at 11:30
6	a.m.
7	MR. CAMPBELL: That works for me.
8	11:30 a.m.?
9	MS. FLETCHER: Yes.
10	MR. CAMPBELL: Okay.
11	MS. FLETCHER: Does that work for you,
12	Mr. Allen? And will you be attending as well?
13	MR. ALLEN: Yes. That works for me as
14	well.
15	MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Jefferson, does
16	that work for you? I guess, does it work for all
17	the protestants?
18	Because everyone is a designated
19	representative. Does that work for everyone in
20	the group of seven?
21	Or everyone doesn't have to be present
22	for the mediation, from the group. It can be any
23	one person
24	So, it doesn't have to be all.
25	MS. JEFFERSON: I'm available on the

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1	2nd.
2	MS. FLETCHER: What did you say, Ms.
3	Jefferson?
4	MS. JEFFERSON: I said I'm available
5	on
6	MS. FLETCHER: You're available?
7	MS. JEFFERSON: On the 2nd at 11:30,
8	yes.
9	MS. FLETCHER: So, only one designated
10	Representative needs to be present. But, if
11	there are others present, then I'll send
12	invitations to those as well.
13	(Simultaneous speaking)
14	MS. JEFFERSON: I was just going to
15	say, I would like for my fellow protestants, if
16	they are available, to participate.
17	I don't want to preclude them.
18	MS. FLETCHER: So, you can tell me
19	now.
20	MR. WHATLEY: This is Steve Whatley.
21	Yes, I will be participating. I can come.
22	MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Whatley is coming.
23	Ms. Jefferson
24	MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards is coming.
25	MR. CARNES: Jackson Carnes is coming.

1	MR. SQUIRES: Don Squires, I'll be
2	attending.
3	MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Squires, you'll be
4	attending?
5	MR. SQUIRES: Yes.
6	MR. PATTISON: Mark Pattison, I will
7	be attending.
8	MS. FLETCHER: That leaves Judy
9	Squires. Ms. Squires, are you coming?
10	(No response)
11	MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Squires, you're
12	muted.
13	MS. SQUIRES: Sorry. Is it possible
14	to put me down as a possible?
15	MS. FLETCHER: I'll just send an
16	invitation to everybody.
17	MS. SQUIRES: Okay.
18	MS. FLETCHER: If you can come, I will
19	see you there.
20	MS. SQUIRES: Thank you so much.
21	MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.
22	So, mediation is scheduled for Monday, May 2, at
23	11:30.
24	Any questions from anyone?
25	(No response)

1	MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you for
2	coming. I will conclude the roll call hearing in
3	the matter of Premier Lounge.
4	And I will see everybody on May 2, at
5	11:30. Thank you.
6	MR. CAMPBELL: Appreciate that.
7	MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.
8	MR. ALLEN: See you soon.
9	MS. FLETCHER: All right everybody.
10	From Premier Lounge, not everybody.
11	(Laughter)
12	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13	went off the record at 10:16 a.m.)
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