

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 and Lounge :
501 Morse Street NE : Roll Call
License #110747 : Hearing
Retailer CR - ANC 5D :
Case #22-PRO-00021 :
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(Substantial Change - :
sports wagering :
endorsement to add three :
betting terminals) :
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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:

SHYAM RAO, Applicant

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

2 10:00 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: It is now ten o'clock.
4 We'll begin today's hearings. I'd like to thank
5 everyone for attending ARBA's roll call hearings
6 via the WebEx platform this morning, provided by
7 the D.C. Office of Open Government.

8 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm the
9 Board's agent and mediator. And I'll be
10 conducting the roll call hearings this morning.

11 The first case on the calendar today
12 is Union Oyster Bar and Lounge. Mr. Rao, I know
13 that you're here.

14 MR. RAO: Yes.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Is Ms. Mejia here by
16 any chance?

17 (No response)

18 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Rao? Can you hear
19 me?

20 MR. RAO: I can hear you. This is Mr.
21 Rao.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Could you please state
23 your name and spell it for the record, please?

24 MR. RAO: The first name is Shyam, S-
25 H-Y-A-M. Last name R-A-O, Rao.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. Mr.
2 Rao, what I'm going to do is give Ms. Mejia,
3 that's spelled M-E-J-I-A, I'm going to give her a
4 moment to appear.

5 I know she intends to appear today.

6 MR. RAO: Okay.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And
8 I'll just provide some information for the record
9 in this case, and maybe she'll appear while I'm
10 updating the record.

11 This case was actually called
12 initially on April 18. And we held the hearing
13 and set the dates, et cetera.

14 But, the Court Reporter was not
15 present. I'm sure you recall that, Mr. Rao?

16 MR. RAO: Yes, I do.

17 MS. FLETCHER: And so we're holding it
18 again today so that the hearing can be recorded
19 by a Court Reporter.

20 And so thank you for reappearing. The
21 dates that we set already are going to stay the
22 same. But, I'll tell you what those are in a
23 moment.

24 MR. RAO: Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: And I'll go ahead and

1 read the rest of the case name into the record.
2 And maybe Ms. Mejia will appear by then.

3 The Case Number is 22-PRO-00021. This
4 is Union Hospitality Group LLC, Union Oyster Bar
5 and Lounge, 501 Morse Street, Northeast, License
6 Number ABRA-110747.

7 This is a Retailer Class CR. The
8 application is for a substantial change to add
9 sports wagering and three betting terminals.

10 Mr. Rao?

11 MR. RAO: Yes?

12 MS. FLETCHER: So, Ms. Mejia still is
13 not present. I expect her to appear. The time
14 is about 10:03. Do you have a few more minutes
15 to allow her time to appear?

16 MR. RAO: Sure.

17 MS. FLETCHER: What I'm going to do,
18 I'm going to go ahead and call the next case. It
19 won't take a long time.

20 Thank you for waiting. I'll recall
21 the case in just a few minutes.

22 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
23 off the record at 10:04 a.m. and resumed at
24 10:17 a.m.)

25 MS. FLETCHER: I am going to recall

1 the case of Union Oyster Bar and Lounge. Is Ms.
2 Mejia present?

3 (No response)

4 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to spell the
5 name, the full name of Ms. Mejia. Her name is
6 Jessica Mejia, J-E-S-S-I-C-A, her last name is
7 spelled M-E-J-I-A.

8 Mr. Rao, are you still there?

9 MR. RAO: Yes, I'm here.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Mejia is not
11 present today. I don't know if she's having
12 trouble getting through.

13 But, as you know, she was here for the
14 initial here on April 18.

15 MR. RAO: Uh-huh.

16 MS. FLETCHER: And so I'm not going to
17 dismiss her because she's not present today. I
18 don't know why she's not here.

19 But, I'm going to go ahead and grant
20 her standing. You both agreed to reappear today,
21 and I appreciate that.

22 And I'm glad that you could appear,
23 Mr. Rao. I'm going to go ahead and grant
24 standing to Ms. Mejia, although she's not here,
25 because she was present the last time.

1 And the dates that we set, Mr. Rao,
2 are going to be the same.

3 MR. RAO: Okay.

4 MS. FLETCHER: But, I'll just restate
5 them again.

6 MR. RAO: Okay.

7 MS. FLETCHER: The date for the
8 mediation -- the date for the mediation is May 3,
9 at 9:00 a.m.

10 MR. RAO: Okay.

11 MS. FLETCHER: The date for the status
12 hearing is still going to be on May 18, at 10:30.

13 MR. RAO: Okay.

14 MS. FLETCHER: And the protest hearing
15 is still going to be on June 15, at 1:30.

16 MR. RAO: Okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you again --
18 (Simultaneous speaking)

19 MR. RAO: The date of med --

20 MS. FLETCHER: What did you say, Mr.
21 Rao?

22 MR. RAO: Okay, the date -- okay, the
23 date of the mediation is May 3. Okay, got it.
24 Okay.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. The date of

1 mediation is May 3, at 9:00 a.m.

2 MR. RAO: Okay. Sounds good.

3 MS. FLETCHER: And thank you again for
4 coming. I sure appreciate it.

5 MR. RAO: Sure. Absolutely.

6 MS. FLETCHER: And I will see you on
7 the 3rd.

8 MR. RAO: All right. Thank you,
9 ma'am.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. You're very
11 welcome. The roll call hearing in this matter is
12 concluded.

13 MR. RAO: Bye-bye.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16 went off the record at 10:19 a.m.)

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