

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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Black's 14th Street, :
N.W. LLC :
t/a Pearl Dive Oyster :
Palace/BlackJack :
1612 14th Street NW : Roll Call
Retailer CR - ANC 2F : Hearing
License No. 085382 :
Case #22-PRO-00029 :
:
(Substantial Change - :
entertainment endorsement:
for live entertainment :
indoors and outdoors on :
the sidewalk caf,) :
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Monday
May 23, 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:

BRIAN ROMANOWSKI, ANC 2F

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

2 10:08 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is Pearl Dive Oyster Palace/BlackJack.  
5 This is Case Number 22-PRO-00029, Black's 14th  
6 Street Northwest, LLC, 1612 14th Street  
7 Northwest, License Number ABRA-085382.

8 This is a Retailer Class CR,  
9 substantial change for an entertainment  
10 endorsement for live entertainment indoors and  
11 outdoors on the sidewalk caf,. The protest  
12 issues are adverse impact on peace, order, and  
13 quiet and pedestrian safety.

14 My name is Laverne Fletcher conducting  
15 the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. Is  
16 anyone present on behalf of the establishment?

17 (Pause.)

18 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on  
19 behalf of the establishment?

20 (Pause.)

21 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on  
22 behalf of ANC 2F?

23 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Yes. Brian  
24 Romanowski, Commissioner for ANC 2F.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. If you

1 could state your name one more time and spell it  
2 for the record.

3 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Yep. It's Brian  
4 Romanowski. It's B-R-I-A-N, and the last name is  
5 Romanowski, R-O-M-A-N-O-W-S-K-I. And I'm the  
6 Commissioner for ANC 2F01.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.  
8 Romanowski. Mr. Romanowski, will you be the  
9 designated representative beyond today?

10 MR. ROMANOWSKI: I will.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Can you give me your  
12 email address?

13 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Yep. It's just  
14 2F01@anc.dc.gov.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. That's ANC  
16 -- I mean -- I'm sorry, 2F01 --

17 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Yep.

18 MS. FLETCHER: -- @anc.dc.gov?

19 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Correct.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. ANC 2F does have  
21 standing as a protestant. Mr. Romanowski, we're  
22 going to wait a couple more minutes to give the  
23 Applicant an opportunity to show up. We have a  
24 10-, 15-minute grace period.

25 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Okay.

1 MS. FLETCHER: So the time right now  
2 is 10:10. We'll see what happens between now and  
3 10:15.

4 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Okay.

5 MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Romanowski, can  
6 you give me your phone number? If you don't want  
7 to do it publicly, you can put it in the chat.

8 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Oh yeah. I don't  
9 mind. I can do it publicly. It's 973-207-7775.

10 MS. FLETCHER: That's 973-207-7775?

11 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Correct.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. I'm going  
13 to check my messages to see if I received an  
14 email from the Applicant. I'll be right back.

15 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Thank you.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

17 (Pause.)

18 MS. FLETCHER: I have not received a  
19 message from the Applicant. I'll wait a couple  
20 more minutes.

21 (Pause.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Romanowski, have  
23 you by any chance had any communication with the  
24 Applicant?

25 MR. ROMANOWSKI: I have, and they're

1 being represented by Andrew Kline, who I'm sure  
2 you're familiar with. And we have made progress  
3 towards a resolution for this, but we just  
4 haven't quite wrapped it up yet, which is why  
5 we're here.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. And  
7 of course, the matter can still be resolved even  
8 though I'm going to need to dismiss the Applicant  
9 because they're not present here today -- dismiss  
10 the application. You and Mr. Kline can continue  
11 to work toward a resolution of this matter, and  
12 you can still submit an agreement to the ABC  
13 Board for review.

14 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Okay.

15 MS. FLETCHER: And so, Mr. Romanowski,  
16 I'm going to go ahead and dismiss this  
17 application because the Applicant failed to  
18 appear. If you all enter into a settlement  
19 agreement, you can just let us know. But the  
20 Board will issue an order dismissing the  
21 application because the Applicant failed to  
22 appear.

23 Then the Applicant will have ten days  
24 to seek reinstatement, and if that's approved,  
25 you'll hear from me. We'll set up dates for

1 mediation and some other dates. But if in the  
2 meantime the matter is resolved, then you can  
3 just submit the settlement agreement.

4 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Okay. Perfect.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, Mr.  
6 Romanowski, thank you for coming.

7 MR. ROMANOWSKI: Thank you.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Take care. The  
9 roll call hearing is concluded.

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

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