

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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3C Hospitality LLC :
t/a Xscape Restaurant :
& Lounge :
1812 Hamlin Street NE : Roll Call
Retailer CT - ANC 5B : Hearing
License No. 124142 :
Case #23-PRO-00048 :
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(New License Application):
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Monday
June 12, 2023

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

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABC Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

GRACE NWAEZE, Applicant
PRITA PIEKARA, ANC 5B
VIJAY KAPUR, ANC 5C

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

2 10:02 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, everyone.
4 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be conducting
5 the roll call hearings as the Board's agent.
6 Thank you for participating in ABRA's roll call
7 hearing via WebEx platform.

8 There is one case on the calendar
9 today. Let's see. Is anyone here on behalf of
10 the applicant at this point? Is anyone present
11 on behalf of Xscape?

12 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 5B?

13 MS. PIEKARA: I am here on behalf of
14 ANC 5B.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, if you could
16 just state your name and spell it for the record,
17 please?

18 MS. FLETCHER: Sure. Prita Piekara.
19 P as in Paul, R-I T as on Tom, A. Last name is
20 Piekara. P as in Paul, I-E-K-A-R-A. And I am
21 the commissioner for ANC 5B06.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Piekara, is anyone
23 else going to be joining you today?

24 MS. PIEKARA: Not from 5B, but I do
25 have my colleague from ANC 5C on the line as

1 well.

2 MS. FLETCHER: ANC 5C did file a
3 protest. Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 5C?

4 MR. KAPUR: Yes. This is Vijay Kapur,
5 full legal name, V-I-J-A-Y. Last name is K-A-P-
6 U-R. I am the Commissioner representing Single-
7 Member District 5C07.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
9 The applicant has not yet arrived. We allow ten
10 minutes for people to show up in case they're
11 having any technical difficulties. And so the
12 time is 10:04, so we'll wait an additional six
13 minutes for the applicant to appear.

14 At this point I have not heard from
15 the applicant one way or the other, but he has a
16 few minutes to show up.

17 Okay, so the applicant has appeared.
18 If you would state your name and spell it for the
19 record, please.

20 MS. NWAENZE: My name is Grace Nwaeze.
21 G-R-A-C-E N-W-A-E-Z-E.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Grace, would you
23 pronounce your last name one more time?

24 MS. NWAENZE: Nwaeze, the N is silent.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. The N is

1 silent. Thank you very much.

2 MS. NWAENZE: You're welcome.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Nwaeze, the ANC
4 representative for 5B is present.

5 Ms. Piekara, could you introduce
6 yourself one more time, please?

7 MS. PIEKARA: Sure. I'm ANC
8 Commissioner for Single Member District 5B06. My
9 name is Prita Piekara. Do you need me to spell
10 it again?

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, and the
12 representative from ANC 5C is also present. Mr.
13 Kapur, could you introduce yourself again,
14 please?

15 MR. KAPUR: Sure, my name is Vijay
16 Kapur. I am the Commissioner representing
17 Single-Member District 5C07 and I'm here
18 representing 5C in this case.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. ANC 5B has
20 standing as a protestant. ANC 5C has standing as
21 an affected ANC because their boundaries touch
22 those of ANC 5B.

23 Ms. Nwaeze, any questions about that?

24 MS. NWAENZE: No.

25 MS. FLETCHER: We need to set a date

1 for a mediation, a status hearing, and a protest
2 hearing. I will give you the dates for the
3 status and protest hearing first.

4 MS. NWAENZE: Okay.

5 MS. FLETCHER: The status hearing is
6 scheduled for July 12th.

7 MS. NWAENZE: July 12th, okay.

8 MS. FLETCHER: 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

9 MS. NWAENZE: 10:30 a.m.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. The protest
11 hearing is set for August 2nd.

12 MS. NWAENZE: August 2nd. Okay.

13 MS. FLETCHER: At 1:30 p.m.

14 MS. NWAENZE: 1:30 p.m. Okay.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. And we need to
16 set a date for mediation to occur prior to the
17 status hearing. So I'm going to give you the next
18 dates available. Let's see, is anyone available
19 on Tuesday, June 27th -- first of all, let me say
20 this. Tuesday and Wednesday of this week are
21 also available. I know that's short notice, but
22 if anyone wanted to come this week, the 13th or
23 the 14th, they could.

24 MS. NWAENZE: I have my nephew's
25 graduation on the 14th.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Well --

2 MS. NWAENZE: At 10 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Are either one of the
4 ANCs available on tomorrow? I know that's short
5 notice. I could just move on to the 27th.

6 MS. PIEKARA: I'm unfortunately
7 unavailable tomorrow, but I am available on the
8 27th.

9 MS. FLETCHER: The 27th, any time
10 between 10:30 and 1:30.

11 MS. PIEKARA: I can be flexible as to
12 what works for everyone else.

13 MS. NWAENZE: 1:30?

14 MS. FLETCHER: 1:30. Okay. What
15 about ANC 5C. Are you available at 1:30?

16 MR. KAPUR: 1:30 Tuesday, June 27th
17 works.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, thank you.
19 Mediation is set for Tuesday, June 27th at 1:30
20 p.m. and I will send you the WebEx invitation to
21 attend mediation.

22 Does anybody have any questions about
23 this process? I'm seeing some of you for the
24 first time.

25 Does anybody have any questions at

1 all?

2 MS. NWAEZE: No.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, then I
4 will send you the WebEx invitation to attend the
5 mediation and I will see you then. If you have
6 any questions, you can let me know.

7 Does everybody have my email address
8 already? LaVerne Fletcher.

9 MS. NWAEZE: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, thanks for
11 coming.

12 MS. NWAEZE: Thank you.

13 MS. FLETCHER: All right, see you
14 soon. Okay, the roll call hearing in this matter
15 is concluded. Thank you.

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

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