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2 10:15 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: I'm now calling Case
4 Number 21-PRO-00025, Holiday Family Liquor Inc.,
5 trading as Holiday Liquors, 3505 Wheeler Road SC,
6 License Number ABRA-091095. This is a Retailer
7 Class A license renewal. The protest issues are
8 adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet, and
9 real property values. My name is Laverne
10 Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the
11 Board's agent. Would the representative on
12 behalf of Holiday Liquors please state your name
13 and spell it for the record, please?

14 MR. LEE: Hi, Ms. Fletcher. This is
15 Kevin Lee, K-E-V-I-N, L-E-E, representing Holiday
16 Liquors.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

18 MR. LEE: Thank you.

19 MS. FLETCHER: And present on behalf
20 of ANC 8C, is anyone present on behalf of ANC --
21 (Simultaneous speaking.)

22 MS. FLETCHER: Oh.

23 MR. ADOFO: Yes, Commissioner. This
24 is Salim Adofo.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning, Mr.

1 Adofo. Would you please state your name again
2 and spell it for the record?

3 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am. Salim, S-A-L-
4 I-M, last name Adofo, A-D-O-F-O.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
6 Is anyone present on behalf of a group of five
7 individuals?

8 MR. CONRAD: Yes. This is Chris
9 Conrad.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, hi, Mr. Conrad.
11 Would you please state your name again and spell
12 it for the record?

13 MR. CONRAD: Yes, absolutely. My full
14 name is Christopher Conrad, C-H-R-I-S-T-O-P-H-E-
15 R, C-O-N-R-A-D.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Conrad.
17 And are there any other individuals from your
18 group present today?

19 MR. CONRAD: No. I represent all
20 five.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. That's
22 fine.

23 (Audio interference.)

24 MS. FLETCHER: Would someone please
25 mute your microphone? Thank you.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Conrad, so what
2 happens today is your group is going to
3 conditional standing. The Board needs to see at
4 least five individuals, which means that four
5 individuals that are not present today will need
6 to appear at the upcoming status hearing.

7 MR. CONRAD: Okay.

8 MS. FLETCHER: But for the purpose of
9 the roll call hearing today, your group is
10 granted conditional standing. Once the Board
11 sees the other four individuals, the Board will
12 grant you full standing.

13 MR. CONRAD: Okay. We have a few
14 individuals that are elderly and may struggle
15 somewhat with the information technology
16 requirements of making an appearance. Can they
17 designate an agent or is there any possibility to
18 have them substituted out for their sons or
19 daughters that live with them?

20 MS. FLETCHER: The -- so if they have
21 sons or daughters, do you know if they would be
22 able to connect them to the status hearing?

23 MR. CONRAD: You know, I'm not sure of
24 the top of my head. I would expect so.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

1 MR. CONRAD: I just want to make sure
2 before I commit them to being able to make an
3 appearance on Webex. I want to --

4 MS. FLETCHER: Well, if they -- well,
5 if --

6 MR. CONRAD: I'm sorry, Ms. Fletcher.

7 MS. FLETCHER: -- if they can -- if
8 their kids or grandkids can help them, that would
9 be good. If they can't because they're elderly,
10 for whatever reason, you may inform the Agency
11 Board, in writing, as to the reason that they
12 could not appear.

13 MR. CONRAD: Absolutely. Okay.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Okay?

15 MR. CONRAD: I understand completely.
16 We'll endeavor to make sure that everybody that
17 can make an appearance will make an appearance
18 and --

19 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

20 MR. CONRAD: -- otherwise, we'll be in
21 touch. Thank you very much.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you.
23 You're welcome. Mr. Conrad, your group of five
24 is granted conditional standing. ANC 8C has
25 granted the standing. I'm going to give you a

1 date for your status hearing and protest hearing,
2 and then we'll set a date for mediation. The day
3 for the status hearing is June 30, 2021 at 10:30
4 a.m. The protest hearing is set for August 18,
5 2021 --

6 MR. LEE: August?

7 MS. FLETCHER: this is just for --
8 yes.

9 MR. LEE: Protest hearing already set
10 up for that? Okay.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. That's the --
12 that -- and Mr. Lee, you're asking that because
13 that was the date for your previous hearing, and
14 that's exactly right. And your -- the date for
15 this hearing is also June 30 at 10:30 a.m.
16 Ideally, some of these matters will be resolved
17 before then, but if we need to change the date,
18 we will, but you're referring to the status
19 hearing, right?

20 MR. LEE: Yes, June 30th --

21 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Your status
22 hearing is the same. I thought you were
23 referring to the protest hearing. No, the status
24 hearing is also on June 30 at 10:30. They're all
25 at the same time.

1 We need to set a date for mediation.

2 Mr. Lee --

3 MR. LEE: Yes.

4 MS. FLETCHER: -- you have a mediation
5 on the 24th?

6 MR. LEE: Yes, correct.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Would you like to try
8 and do the second one on the same day or a
9 different day?

10 MR. LEE: Different day is preferred
11 but same day in the afternoon would be okay.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Would you want to do
13 the 24th at 2:00?

14 MR. LEE: Yes. Well -- oh, at 2:00,
15 it's okay.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Well, then let's make
17 it 2:00. Mr. Conrad, would you be available on
18 June 24 at 2:00?

19 MR. CONRAD: Give me your indulgence
20 for just one minute? I want to check my --

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

22 MR. CONRAD: -- calendar. Yes. That
23 should be fine, June 24th at 2:00?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

25 MR. CONRAD: All right, ma'am. Yes.

1 That should be fine.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Adofo, what about
3 you?

4 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am. I do have a
5 question.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

7 MR. ADOFO: Just for clarification, if
8 Mr. Conrad's group of five is granted a status,
9 are we all expected to mediate together and to
10 come to the resolution together? Is that the
11 expectation of having --

12 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you will attend
13 mediation at the same time, but you don't have to
14 sign the same settlement agreement if that's what
15 you mean.

16 MR. ADOFO: Yes. Thank you.

17 MR. CONRAD: Ms. Fletcher, I'm sorry,
18 just one quick follow-up question. How would
19 there be disparate settlement agreements among a
20 single group of five?

21 MS. FLETCHER: So let me go back for
22 one second, Mr. Conrad. There's something that I
23 need you to know as the representative for your
24 group.

25 MR. CONRAD: Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. FLETCHER: In cases where the ANC
2 has filed a protest and enters into a settlement
3 agreement with an applicant, the ABC Board
4 dismisses the group of five.

5 MR. CONRAD: Sure, understood.

6 MS. FLETCHER: But in terms of the
7 settlement agreement, ideally there's one but
8 they can be -- well, if the ANC enters into a
9 settlement agreement, the Board would dismiss the
10 group of vice. And so --

11 MR. CONRAD: So -- oh, I'm sorry, I
12 didn't mean to interrupt you.

13 MS. FLETCHER: No, that's okay. And
14 so in effect, we are really waiting to see if the
15 ANC enters into a settlement agreement. If the
16 ANC does not enter into a settlement agreement,
17 then the group of five remains.

18 MR. CONRAD: I see. And so Mr. Adofo
19 and I will both be attending the same mediation
20 and it's just a matter of --

21 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

22 MR. CONRAD: -- whether we both are
23 aligned in terms of settlement?

24 MS. FLETCHER: That's exactly right.

25 MR. CONRAD: Okay. All right, sounds

1 great. Thank you very much, Ms. Fletcher.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

3 MR. ADOFO: Ms. Fletcher, a moment of
4 -- a point of clarification? Any -- does any
5 settlement agreement dismiss the others' group
6 protest, or does that --

7 MS. FLETCHER: Only if it's -- only if
8 the ANC enters into a settlement agreement.

9 MR. ADOFO: Okay. So --

10 MS. FLETCHER: Only.

11 MR. ADOFO: -- Mr. Conrad's group of
12 five enters into a settlement agreement, the ANC
13 can still go to a protest hearing?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

15 MR. ADOFO: Okay. Thank you for the
16 clarification.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. It's only if the
18 ANC enters into a settlement agreement the Board
19 dismisses any group of individuals.

20 MR. ADOFO: Yes, ma'am. Thank you,
21 ma'am.

22 MR. CONRAD: Ms. Fletcher, your
23 indulgence? One last question. What time is the
24 protest hearing for August 18th set? I must have
25 missed that when you said it.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Conrad, the date
2 for the protest hearing is actually 3:30. I'm
3 not sure that I said it, but it's August 18 at
4 3:30 p.m.

5 MR. CONRAD: Okay. Thank you so much.

6 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

7 Are there any other questions at all?

8 MR. ADOFO: No questions.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Lee?

10 MR. LEE: Yes? I don't have any
11 questions for you.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Will your client need
13 an interpreter for the mediation?

14 MR. LEE: Probably he will attend with
15 his daughter. I think his -- I'll ask them,
16 okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

18 MR. LEE: And then I'll let you know
19 by email.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

21 MR. LEE: All right. Thank you.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

23 MR. CONRAD: Ms. LaVerne -- one
24 additional question, Ms. Fletcher. The
25 requirements call --

1 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Conrad, I'm just --
2 Mr. Conrad, I'm just identifying you for the
3 court reporter. Go ahead, Mr. Conrad.

4 MR. CONRAD: Oh, sure. Thank you.
5 Yes, this is Mr. Conrad. Your point about all
6 members of the group of five making an
7 appearance, does that just apply to the upcoming
8 status conference, or will it continue through
9 mediation and through the protest hearing as
10 well?

11 MS. FLETCHER: It's fine if only you
12 appear for the mediation.

13 MR. CONRAD: I see.

14 MS. FLETCHER: In terms of the protest
15 hearing, it's up to you. If the required amount
16 of individuals appear for the status hearing,
17 then the Board will grant full standing to the
18 group of five. At the protest hearing, it's up
19 to you who attends. Any witnesses you have, it's
20 up to you at that stage.

21 MR. CONRAD: Understood completely.
22 Thank you. I just wanted to make sure that we
23 didn't have to carry the five throughout all the
24 proceedings.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Not at all. For the

1 protest hearing, you decide who your witnesses
2 are going to be.

3 MR. CONRAD: Thank you, ma'am.

4 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

5 Anything else? Okay. Well, thank you for coming
6 and the roll call hearing for Holiday Liquors is
7 now concluded. Thank you.

8 MR. LEE: Thank you very much. Have
9 a good day.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.
11 You, too. Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the record at 10:26 a.m.)

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