DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + +ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD + + + + + MEETING IN THE MATTER OF: : : Holiday Family Liquor, : t/a Holiday Liquors : 3505 Wheeler Road, S.E. : License #91095 : Protest Status Retailer A - ANC 8C : Hearing Case #21-PRO-00025 : : (Application for License : Renewal) : ------Wednesday June 30, 2021 The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding. **PRESENT:** DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member JENI HANSEN, Member JAMES SHORT, JR., Member ALSO PRESENT: VICTORIA AKINSEYE, ANC 8C SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff VICTORIA BALL, Protestant CHRISTOPHER CONRAD, Protestant CASSANDRA HARRIS, Protestant JERMAINE JORDEN, Protestant KYUNG LEE, Applicant's Counsel HAROLD TAYLOR, Protestant

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2	10:43 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Our
4	next case on our calendar is Case Number 21-PRO-
5	00025, Holiday Liquors, License Number 091095.
6	Ms. Andrews, can you please elevate
7	the rights of the participants. Mr. Lee is also
8	the Counsel, I realize. So Mr. Lee is the
9	Counsel for the next two cases, and he can stay
10	online for the next two cases, Ms. Andrews.
11	MS. ANDREWS: Okay.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
13	MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Lee's rights have
14	been elevated.
15	MR. LEE: Yes.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So for this
17	case, it's a group of five or more, and also ANC
18	8C.
19	MS. ANDREWS: Yes, one second. There
20	are a lot of call-ins for this case. Mr. Conrad,
21	your rights have been elevated.
22	Mr. Conrad, you're unmuted, you can
23	now unmute yourself.
24	Mr. Jordan, your line has been
25	unmuted.

Mr. Taylor, your line has been 1 2 unmuted. 3 Ms. Harris, your line has been 4 unmuted. 5 Ms. Ball, your rights have been unmuted. 6 7 That's all, Mr. Chair. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 8 I need 9 everyone, if you're not speaking, to please mute 10 your telephone, please. 11 Mr. Conrad, do you have a camera? Ιf 12 you have a camera, can you turn your camera on 13 please, sir? Mr. Conrad? 14 Ms. Andrews, has he unmuted himself, 15 because I'm not hearing from him, although I think he 16 17 MS. ANDREWS: Yes, he has been 18 unmuted. Mr. Conrad, you can announce yourself? 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Conrad? 20 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Conrad, is your 21 device connected to a bluetooth, like, airpod or 22 a bluetooth device? That may be what's happening. I think I just want to call him. 23 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I 25 see him. Mr. Conrad?

1	MS. ANDREWS: He said he's going to
2	call in. I'll ask all parties, if you are a
3	call-in, please announce yourself and spell your
4	name for the court reporter when called upon.
5	Thank you.
6	Okay, Mr. Chair, I do see Mr. Conrad
7	has called in. I'm going to unmute his line.
8	MR. LEE: Thank you.
9	MS. ANDREWS: And Mr. Conrad, you can
10	announce yourself.
11	MR. CONRAD: Yes. Can you hear me
12	now?
13	MS. ANDREWS: Yes.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can hear, Mr.
15	Conrad.
16	(Simultaneous speaking.)
17	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, hold on.
18	MR. CONRAD: I apologize for the
19	delay, we're having some technical difficulties
20	with the WebEx platform on my computer. But we
21	are present in our group of five.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, hold
23	on. Okay, good morning.
24	All right, good morning everyone.
25	This is a protest hearing for Holiday Liquors.

The protest is from ANC, from Mr. Conrad, who is 1 2 the designated representative of a group of five 3 or more, and ANC 8C. I still do not -- ANC 8C is 4 not on the call. 5 MS. AKINSEYE: I'm present. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: 6 I'm sorry? 7 This is Commissioner MS. AKINSEYE: 8 Victoria Akinseye from ANC 8C. 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay, fine. 10 All right, so let me have all the parties. 11 Before we meet, it's my understanding that the 12 group of five or more was given conditional 13 standing at the roll call. It's also my 14 understanding that Mr. Conrad was the only 15 representative at the ANC. So I need four 16 additional people from -- Mr. Conrad, you need to 17 add four additional people from the ANC. State 18 and spell you name for the record, please. 19 MR. CONRAD: Yes, my name is 20 Christopher Conrad, C-H-R-I-S-T-O-P-H-E-R. My 21 group of five is on the line. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just hold on, 23 sir, hold on. 24 So you're Christopher Conrad. And you 25 are the designated representative for the group

Is that correct? 1 of five or more. 2 MR. CONRAD: That is correct. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So can you 4 please --5 (Simultaneous speaking.) CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hello? 6 Please, 7 Hello? I do not need -hello? 8 (Simultaneous speaking.) 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, 10 hello? Your phone lines are unmuted. I do not 11 need anyone to speak until you are directed to 12 I can hear things in the background, so speak. 13 unless you are directed to speak while you're 14 online, if you're going to speak, and you do not 15 want us to hear what's being said, please mute 16 your line. 17 I need Mr. Conrad to tell me to call who the additional members are. Once he calls 18 19 your name, I need you then to come online and 20 state and spell your name for the record. 21 So, Mr. Conrad, who is the first 22 member of the group that is here today? 23 MR. CONRAD: Yes, I'm going to start 24 off with Harold Taylor. I'll defer to Mr. 25 Taylor.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr. 2 Taylor, can you please state and spell your name 3 for the record, please? MR. TAYLOR: Good morning, my name is 4 5 Harold Taylor, H-A-R-O-L-D, first name, last name, T-A-Y-L-O-R. 6 7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. 8 Thank you. Mr. Conrad, who is the other member, 9 sir? 10 MR. CONRAD: Yes, we have Cassandra 11 Harris. 12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Harris, can 13 you please spell and state your name for the 14 record, please? 15 MS. HARRIS: Good morning. My name is 16 Cassandra Harris, C-A-S-S-A-N-D-R-A, last name 17 Harris, H-A-R-R-I-S. 18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr. 19 Harris, I'm sorry, Mr. Conrad, who is the next 20 member, please? 21 Yes, the next member is MR. CONRAD: 22 going to be Jermaine Jorden. 23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Jermaine 24 Jorden, can you please state and spell your name 25 for the record, please?

MR. JORDEN: Yes, sir, Jermaine 1 2 Jordan, J-E-R-M-A-I-N-E, last name, J-O-R-D-E-N. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Conrad, who is your next member, please? 4 MR. CONRAD: We have Victoria Ball. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Ball, can 6 7 you please -- I'm sorry, can you please state and 8 spell your name your name for the record, please? 9 MS. BALL: Yes, Victoria Ball, that's 10 spelled V-I-C-T-O-R-I-A, last name Ball, B-A-L-L. 11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 12 Ms. Ball. 13 Mr. Conrad, are there any other 14 members that you wish to identify? 15 MR. CONRAD: Yes, we may actually have 16 a sixth, Chris Newton also signed. And so I'm 17 not sure if he's present or whether his 18 significant other is present, Shante. 19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is that person 20 on the line? 21 (No audible response.) 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, the 23 person -- I'm sorry. All right. 24 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Chair, I do not have 25 a phone number for that person. So I can't see.

1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
2	thank you, Ms. Andrews.
3	The group of five or more only needed
4	four members to be identified today. And the
5	four other members Harold Taylor, Cassandra
6	Harris, Jermaine Jorden, and Victoria Ball. So
7	therefore, I make a motion that full standing be
8	granted to the group of five or more. Is there a
9	second?
10	MEMBER SHORT: James Short, I second.
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ed Grandis will
12	second.
13	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short and
15	Mr. Grandis have seconded the motion. We'll now
16	have a roll call vote on the motion that's been
17	properly seconded.
18	Mr. Short?
19	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr I'm
21	sorry, Ms. Hansen?
22	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
24	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
25	agree.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis? 1 2 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis, I 3 agree. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr. 4 5 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 5, 0, 0. So full standing is now granted to the group of 6 7 five or more. And Christopher Conrad is the 8 designated representative. 9 All right. So let me have the other 10 parties identify themselves for the record, 11 starting with the representative of the Licensee. 12 MR. LEE: Good morning, Board members. My name is Kyung Lee, K-Y-U-N-G L-E-E. 13 I am an 14 attorney for the Holiday Liquors. 15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, 16 Mr. Lee. 17 Good morning. MR. LEE: CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who do we 18 19 have on the line from the ANC? 20 MS. AKINSEYE: Yes, good morning. My 21 name is Commissioner Victoria Akinseye for 8C. 22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you spell 23 your name, ma'am? 24 Sure, first name is MS. AKINSEYE: spelled V-I-C-T-O-R-I-A, last name is spelled A-25

1 K-I-N-S-E-Y-E. 2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you 3 represent ANC 8C? MS. AKINSEYE: 4 Yes, that is correct. 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, thank you. All right, are there any other 6 7 preliminary matters that should be brought to the attention of the Board? 8 9 Let's start with you, Mr. Lee? 10 MR. LEE: Yes. We are currently 11 working on the possible settlement agreement. 12 And the Licensee suggested to meet before the 13 protest hearing at the site so we just walk 14 through it together. We suggest it, and we'll 15 arrange a meeting with the ANC, and the group of 16 five. 17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All 18 right, thank you, Mr. Lee. 19 Mr., I'm sorry, Ms. Akinseye, are 20 there any preliminary matters you want to bring 21 to, at least from ANC's position, that you want 22 to bring to the Board? 23 MS. AKINSEYE: We just haven't No. 24 reached a settlement agreement at this time. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,

1 thank you. Mr. Conrad, are there any preliminary 2 3 matters you want to bring to the attention of the 4 Board? 5 No, I agree with MR. CONRAD: everything everyone's said. The agreement's 6 7 still in process. 8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right then. 9 Thank you, sir. 10 All right, I encourage the parties to 11 settle this matter if it can be settled. Because 12 as I've always stated that you live in a 13 community, you know what your concerns are. And 14 it's better if you are able to come to a 15 consensus on an agreement rather than leave it for the Board to make a decision. But if there 16 17 is not agreement, then the Board will make its determination. 18 Mr. Conrad, I just want to let you 19 know, just as an FYI, if there is a settlement 20 21 agreement that's signed between the Licensee and 22 the ANC, and if you can agree with the -- Mr. 23 Lee, please put your line on mute, please. And 24 if your group doesn't agree with the settlement 25 agreement, by operation of law your protest will

2	So I just want to let you know that if					
3	there is a settlement agreement between the ANC					
4	and the Licensee, and if your group is not a part					
5	of the settlement agreement, or you do not agree					
6	with the settlement agreement, your right to					
7	protest this matter will fall by operation of					
8	law, just as an FYI. Okay, sir?					
9	MR. CONRAD: Sounds good, sir, and I					
10	appreciate and understand that we are preempted					
11	by the ANC's decision in the settlement matters,					
12	and I believe that the ANC and the group of five					
13	are on the same page with regards to that.					
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.					
	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Thank you.					
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14 15	Thank you.					
14 15 16	Thank you. All right. This matter then is					
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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21	Thank you. All right. This matter then is scheduled for a protest hearing on August 18th at 3:30 p.m., August 18th at 3:30 p.m. All right. MR. LEE: Mr. Chair? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Lee? MR. LEE: Yes, I just found that					
14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Thank you. All right. This matter then is scheduled for a protest hearing on August 18th at 3:30 p.m., August 18th at 3:30 p.m. All right. MR. LEE: Mr. Chair? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, Mr. Lee? MR. LEE: Yes, I just found that initially the group of five, there was four other					

So that is a factor, that full standing for group 1 2 of five? 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lee? MR. LEE: I just found it on the 4 5 letter here. CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lee, now I 6 7 have the Protestants, all the names who made up 8 this group. 9 MR. LEE: Okay. 10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I had them go 11 through all the names. You did not object. I 12 made a motion to grant them standing. The Board 13 voted to grant them standing. We have now moved 14 almost to the end of the case, and now you're 15 bringing to my attention, for the first time, 16 that Victoria Ball did not sign the letter. 17 So, Mr. Conrad, can you please respond 18 to the allegation that was made by Mr. Lee? 19 MR. CONRAD: Yes, Mr. Anderson. That 20 is your position is mine, which is that the 21 objection was untimely. In addition, these are 22 members of the same household. So this is formalistic and not substantive in terms of the 23 24 dispute. 25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, Mr. Conrad,

are you then stating that Ms. Ball did not sign 1 2 the petition?

MR. CONRAD: Ms. Ball did not sign the petition. We thought that it was unnecessary to 4 5 have multiple members of the same household sign the petition. Again, these are individuals that 7 are at the same exact address.

And so I think today is mere issues of 8 9 schedule convenience for Ms. Ball versus Mr. 10 Newtown. Again, there was an opportunity to 11 object on these kind of narrow formalistic 12 grounds. And I see no basis to deny standing on 13 really a mere technicality.

14 I'm happy to follow-up and amend the 15 initial letter if that's necessary. Ms. Ball has offered to stand in the shoes of Mr. Newton if 16 17 there's any issue.

18 But, you know, frankly I think we 19 should try and get to the merits of this and try 20 and get to a resolution for the community rather 21 than quibbling over individuals in the same 22 household and whether their name was or wasn't on 23 the protest letter that was initially filed, 24 especially after we've already granted 25 conditional standing.

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CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Conrad, is			
there anyone else on the line who has signed the			
petition who has not been represented so far?			
MR. CONRAD: No, everybody is exactly			
the same. Mr. Taylor was on the			
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, I'm sorry,			
sir. Do you have another member, do you have			
another member who has signed the petition who			
has not been identified so far through this			
hearing who's on the line?			
MR. CONRAD: Oh, no, no, no. So we			
stopped at five, and the only issue is, as I			
understand Mr. Lee's point, the fifth individual			
and Ms. Ball are of the same household which,			
again, I think is a more formalistic issue that			
we can resolve beyond that as needed.			
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Lee, any			
other comments you want to make before I make a			
recommendation of what we're going to do, sir?			
MR. LEE: I just recall both the			
decision about the resignation (audio			
interference) of Protestant that's missing, and			
then there is kind of replacement for that. And			
I didn't mention about the first time, after the			
(audio interference) just follow-up and (audio			

interference). And I found that, sir. It's up 1 2 to the Board to just follow that. 3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr. Conrad, the regulation requires, and it's not 4 5 procedural, sir, it's substantive. Although Mr. Lee was late in bringing this to the Board's 6 7 attention, it's because of the substantive, it's a substantive violation. 8 9 And it is required by the law that, 10 for a group of five or more, five people must be 11 at the roll call hearing. I'm sorry, either at 12 the roll call hearing or at the status hearing. 13 And all five people must sign the petition. At 14 the roll call hearing, you were the only person 15 at the roll call hearing, and the other four 16 people were not there. 17 You were specifically informed by the 18 Board's agent that four additional members must 19 be present today at the roll call, at the status 20 hearing. Unfortunately, you did not present four 21 members today at the status hearing who had 22 signed the petition. 23 And although the Board had granted 24 standing, full standing to your group, the Board 25 has to legally, by law, has to revisit this

issue.

2	And so therefore, I am making a motion
3	that because Ms. Ball did not sign the petition,
4	and because she did not sign the petition, and
5	by law, in order for the group to be granted
6	standing, all four members today should have been
7	on the petition. And they are not.
8	So I will ask to make a motion that
9	the Board now deny standing to the group of five
10	or more, because they have not complied with the
11	regulation that all five members who are present
12	between the roll call and the status hearing be
13	present. I ask is there a second.
14	MEMBER GRANDIS: Yes, sir. I second
15	it.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis has
17	seconded the motion. I will now take a roll call
18	on the motion. Mr. Short?
19	MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.
20	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?
21	MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
22	agree.
23	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?
24	MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.
25	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,

I agree. The matter passed 5, 0, 0. And so the Board will not grant full standing to the Conrad group. However, Mr. Conrad, the Board will issue a decision, and we'll issue a decision, and you have ten days to ask the Board to reconsider its determination.

7 So if you have any legal reasons why 8 you believe that the decision that the Board made 9 this morning, you have ten days to appeal our 10 decision, and the Board will reconsider its 11 position, sir.

12 One thing I'll say to you, if 13 standing is not granted to your group, you can 14 still work with the ANC. And if it goes to a 15 protest hearing you can still, the ANC can 16 contact you or other members of your group as 17 witnesses or you can still work with the ANC on a 18 settlement agreement. But currently, you do not 19 have standing as a group of five or more to 20 participate in this matter formally, sir. 21 Mr. Conrad? 22 MR. CONRAD: Okay. So I understand 23 that this a case that's moving forward, but 24 without the group of five and only being

25 prosecuted, so to speak, by the ANC. Is that

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correct?

2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir.
3	However, as I stated before, you have ten days
4	where the Board will you will get a written
5	decision, and you have ten days to ask the Board
6	to reconsider its position.
7	And whatever arguments that you want
8	to make, if you decide to contest the decision by
9	the Board, you can do so. You have ten days once
10	we issue the decision in writing to contest that.
11	MR. CONRAD: Yes, sir. Can I ask on
12	which grounds are bases for overturning the
13	decision? Mr. Newton is, you know, they have a
14	newborn, and this is the reason why there was a
15	changeout in the individual that was representing
16	that household. I just want to understand what
17	good cause constitutes in this context, sir.
18	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I don't
19	know what, I can't tell you, sir, what the cause
20	you have to, you have to tell us.
21	But the regulation clearly states
22	that, the group of five or more, that they have
23	to sign the petition. And they have to sign the
24	petition, and all five members must appear. All
25	five members who signed the petition must appear

either at the roll call hearing or at the status 1 2 hearing. 3 So we give you two opportunities for the five members. Also, if you if you review the 4 5 code, the code will provide you, our regulations will provide you the condition of what is 6 7 considered good cause so 8 (Simultaneous speaking) 9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, so the regulations will give you examples of what's 10 11 considered good cause. Unfortunately, at least 12 your oral reason right now is not sufficient. It's not one of the conditions listed. 13 14 But you can revisit the regulation, 15 and it will provide you with what's considered good cause. And if one of those conditions 16 17 exist, the Board will revisit its position. But 18 as I stated before, once we issue this written 19 decision, you have ten days, sir, to contest it 20 and give us good cause why we should change our 21 decision. 22 MR. CONRAD: Yes, sir. Now can I ask 23 one more question, Mr. Anderson? 24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, sir. 25 MR. CONRAD: Is there any means by

which we can retroactively amend the original 1 2 petition so as to bring into compliance Ms. 3 Ball's appearance here today? CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir. 4 It is 5 too late. You cannot amend the petition. You have 45 days. The petition clearly states that 6 7 the parties have 45 days to contest, to protest the renewal or the issuance of the license. 8 And 9 if we do not receive that notice within the 45-10 day timeline, you have lost that right. 11 So no, you are unable to amend. If 12 the 45 days had not expired, then yes, you can 13 amend it if it was within the 45 days through the 14 petition period. But since the 45 days has 15 expired, you are unable to, right. You cannot go 16 back and retroactively amend the petition, sir. 17 MR. CONRAD: I understand completely, 18 Mr. Anderson. And I apologize, I have one last 19 question, and then I will stop pestering you, but 20 I just 21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, sir. Not 22 a problem, ask as many questions. I don't want 23 anyone to ever say that they were denied standing 24 and that the Board did not listen to their 25 position. So what other questions do you have,

1	sir?				
2	MR. CONRAD: Yes, sir, thank you. I				
3	appreciate the time. May the ANC proceed with,				
4	can they proceed represented in the matter ahead				
5	without the group of five, meaning can they				
6	acquire a pro bono counsel for example?				
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, can				
8	they do what?				
9	MR. CONRAD: Can they be counseled,				
10	the ANC members, do they have to prosecute the				
11	protest individually or can they do so with the				
12	assistance of counsel?				
13	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, it's				
14	between you and the ANC, sir. So the ANC can do				
14 15	between you and the ANC, sir. So the ANC can do whatever it wants to do. So the ANC, if the ANC				
15	whatever it wants to do. So the ANC, if the ANC				
15 16	whatever it wants to do. So the ANC, if the ANC is, they have standing to represent the				
15 16 17	whatever it wants to do. So the ANC, if the ANC is, they have standing to represent the community. And if the ANC so designates you, or				
15 16 17 18	whatever it wants to do. So the ANC, if the ANC is, they have standing to represent the community. And if the ANC so designates you, or the ANC decides that, well, at least through				
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the ANC provides written notice to us who is their designated representative is, then that's up to the ANC.

Or if we have a protest hearing, the ANC can do whatever it wants to do. But as long as reasonable notice is provided to the Agency, the Agency will never question the authority of the ANC in who it is that they're going to use to represent them, sir.

10 MR. CONRAD: Thank you for the 11 thorough response, Mr. Anderson. So I understand 12 that any of the ANCs that are connected with this 13 matter, they represent me and delegate me to 14 prosecute the action on their behalf if that is 15 their decision.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If that is 17 their decision, sir, that is the decision of the 18 ANC. And the Agency will not question the 19 decision of the ANC as long as it provides to us, 20 in writing, who their representative is, sir.

21 MR. CONRAD: All right, sounds good. 22 Thank you very much, Mr. Anderson. I appreciate 23 your guidance on this matter. And I want to 24 confirm with the rest of the Board if that's the 25 case.

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Conrad, I				
2	speak for the Board, and so it's not up to each				
3	individual Board member to respond to you, sir.				
4	Unfortunately, that's the way this works.				
5	MR. CONRAD: No, that's okay. That's				
6	okay.				
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board				
8	members				
9	(Simultaneous speaking.)				
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board				
11	members can, if there is a question presented				
12	then, if a Board member wants to speak, then I				
13	will authorize them to speak, sir. We have some				
14	procedures that we follow here, and that's how it				
15	is. So I speak for the Board. And as you see, a				
16	decision was made, and the Board voted to confirm				
17	the decision on the recommendation of the Chair,				
18	sir. And it was				
19	MR. CONRAD: Oh, that's absolutely				
20	fine. No, no, I'm not asking for any sort of re-				
21	litigation of the decision on the group of five				
22	standing. I just want to confirm that I can, in				
23	fact, be delegated, that the ANC can delegate				
24	their responsibilities to me. And you confirmed				
25	that, so I appreciate that.				

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1	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're welcome.
2	All right.
3	Okay, so are there any other
4	preliminary matters by either the ANC or by the
5	Applicant?
6	MR. LEE: No, that's all.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Akinseye?
8	Ms. Akinseye?
9	MS. AKINSEYE: Yes, I'm here.
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
11	Now, are there any other preliminary matters that
12	you wish to raise, ma'am?
13	MS. AKINSEYE: No, just that we
14	haven't come to a settlement agreement yet with
15	Holiday Liquor. That's it.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
17	that's fine.
18	All right. As I stated before, this
19	matter is scheduled for a protest hearing on
20	August 18th at 3:30 p.m.
21	All right. Now that we have scheduled
22	this matter for a protest hearing, there a few
23	things that I would like to instruct you about,
24	because the work practices under the COVID-19
25	restrictions have changed.

As you know, the Board's hearings are conducted virtually. So it is more important than ever that the protest hearings are focused and address only those issues that are being protested.

6 Following this hearing you will 7 receive an email from Assistant General Counsel 8 April Randall that will include a copy of a 9 protest information form, PIF, and a copy of an 10 exhibit form, as well as specific instructions 11 for the hearing.

You are required to complete the PIF, complete and submit the PIF and exhibit forms at least seven days before the date of the hearing. If we do not receive a copy of your forms seven days before the hearing, your application or your protest may be subject to dismissal.

These documents need to be submitted to abra.legal@dc.gov and to the opposing parties. Please note that these documents greatly assist the Board in narrowing the protest issues, facilitating the process, and keeping the parties on point during the hearing.

Each side is limited to no more than five witnesses, and you will only have 60 minutes

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to present your case. This includes all direct				
and cross examination. The Board does not intend				
to hear testimony in matters that are not				
relevant to those issues that are being				
protested.				
Are there any questions?				
MS. AKINSEYE: No.				
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hearing none,				
Mr. Lee, no?				
MR. LEE: There are none.				
CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. We				
thank you greatly for your cooperation. If at				
any time you have any questions, if you have any				
questions that are timely enough for the hearing,				
please do not hesitate to contact Assistant				
General Counsel April Randall at 202-329-6354 or				
contact her by email.				
Thank you very much. Again, I ask the				
Board to a support settlement agreement with the				
parties. If the parties are able to settle this				
matter, then the Board welcomes that. If the				
parties are unable to settle this matter, then we				
will have a protest hearing.				
And as I stated, Mr. Conroy, you have				
ten days once the decision is written to give the				

Board good cause why we should revisit not 1 2 providing standing to your group, sir. Okay, 3 sir? Thanks very much. 4 MR. CONRAD: 5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, 6 thank you. 7 All right. You can stay on the line, 8 Mr. Lee. 9 So we will now move to -- so all the other parties are dismissed. And I'm about to 10 11 call the next case. 12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter 13 went off the record at 11:17 a.m.) 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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