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2 10:04 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, now we're ready
4 to go. Thank you for participating in ABRA's
5 roll call hearing via the Webex platform provided
6 by the D.C. Office of Open Government.

7 My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be
8 conducting the roll call hearing as the board's
9 agent.

10 There is one case on the calendar
11 today. This is Case No. 23-PRO-00054, SRG
12 Phase2, LLC trading as Kinfolk Southern Kitchen,
13 685 and 695 Wharf Street, Southwest. License No.
14 ABRA 124085. This is a Retailer Class CR. It's
15 a new license application and the protest issues
16 are adverse impact on peace, order, and quiet.

17 Is anyone present on behalf of Kinfolk
18 Southern Kitchen?

19 (No response.)

20 Is anyone present on behalf of Kinfolk
21 Southern Kitchen?

22 (No response.)

23 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 6D?

24 MR. LINK: Yes, ma'am. My name is Bob
25 Link.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Link.
2 Will you please spell your name for the record?

3 MR. LINK: First name is Bob, B-O-B.
4 Last name is Link, L-I-N-K.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Link.
6 We allow at least ten minutes for people to show
7 up in case they're having any technical
8 difficulties, so we've got about five minutes and
9 I haven't received any emails from the applicant.

10 MR. LINK: I only received email
11 updates.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Exactly.

13 (Laughter.)

14 MR. LINK: Thank you, again. I'm
15 sorry about this.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Not a problem at all.
17 You know, so I'm there. I walk by. I see I have
18 a message. No matter what time it is, I respond.

19 (Laughter.)

20 So that was not a problem at all.

21 MR. LINK: I'm just going to turn my
22 video off and wait then.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

24 (Pause.)

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, Mr. Link, I did

1 check to see if the applicant had sent me an
2 email to say they were having -- whether or not
3 they were having any trouble logging in. I don't
4 have an email from the applicant.

5 The time is approximately 10:10.
6 Therefore, the new license application is
7 dismissed and just for the record, I sent the
8 Webex invitation to the email address that we
9 have for the applicant in our record and I sent
10 that Webex invitation on July 11th, 2023.

11 Mr. Link, a board order will be issued
12 dismissing the application because the applicant
13 is not here and you'll receive a copy of the
14 order and you'll be kept abreast of what happens
15 next.

16 If they seek reinstatement, you'll
17 have an opportunity to be opposed to it or in
18 agreement with it. But Mr. Link, one thing, can
19 you tell me do you want me to use the 6D-01 email
20 address or 6D-07?

21 MR. LINK: I would prefer that you use
22 6D-01. Our chair has been very busy with some
23 personal challenges this week and that's why I
24 think it might have gotten lost.

25 MS. FLETCHER: I figured as much, but

1 I thought I would double check with you anyway.

2 MR. LINK: We meet regularly and we
3 talk to each other, so 6D-01 is fine and I'll be
4 happy to be very responsive.

5 MS. FLETCHER: So Mr. Link, I see the
6 applicant just showed up.

7 Mr. Gill? Is that Mr. Gill? You're
8 on mute.

9 MR. GILL: Yes.

10 MS. FLETCHER: You showed up in
11 perfect time. I just dismissed the application
12 because the applicant was not present.

13 MR. GILL: I'm so sorry. I apologize.
14 I live in California, so my -- the meeting time
15 on my time -- I'm looking at that -- supposed to
16 be. So that's why.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Well, you showed up in
18 perfect time and so the dismissal is retracted.

19 And Mr Gill, you're here present on
20 behalf of the establishment?

21 MR. GILL: Yes, ma'am.

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

24 MR. GILL: Yes, my name is Faisal
25 Gill, F-A-I-S-A-L. And last name is Gill, G-I-L-

1 L.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
3 The ANC is the protestant, as you know. Bob Link
4 is present from ANC 6D. ANC 6D does have
5 standing as a protestant, and so we need to set a
6 date for a mediation, a status hearing, and a
7 protest hearing. And I will give you the date
8 for the status and protest hearing first.

9 The status hearing is set for August
10 the 9th. August the 9th, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.
11 That's for the status hearing.

12 MR. GILL: Okay.

13 MS. FLETCHER: The protest hearing is
14 set for September 13. September 13, 2023 at
15 1:30.

16 MR. GILL: Okay.

17 MS. FLETCHER: We need to set a date
18 for mediation to occur before the status hearing.
19 I will give you the next available date for
20 mediation. The next available day is Tuesday,
21 July 25th, any time between 10:30 and 1:30.

22 July 25, that's the next available
23 day. If that doesn't work, we can look at some
24 other dates.

25 MR. GILL: That works for me. Is it

1 possible to do it at 11, if Mr. Link is
2 available, at 11 on the 25th?

3 MR. LINK: I'm sorry, what was the
4 time, Ms. Fletcher?

5 MS. FLETCHER: It was any time between
6 10:30 and 1:30 and Mr. Gill said he's available
7 at 11 on the 25th.

8 MR. GILL: I'm available 10:30, too,
9 but I'm just requesting it be at 11.

10 MR. LINK: We'll make 11 available.

11 MR. GILL: If it's 10:30, I'm
12 certainly available.

13 MR. LINK: So that's 11 a.m. Eastern
14 Time, July 25th?

15 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. And so the
16 mediation is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 at 11
17 a.m. And I will send you the Webex invitations
18 to attend.

19 Any questions at all about what
20 happens next?

21 MR. LINK: No questions.

22 MR. GILL: No. I mean it's pretty
23 clear. We'll have a mediation and hopefully
24 we'll be able to resolve everything. We have
25 very high hopes that we will be able to resolve

1 it. So I guess, I don't know if Mr. Link is
2 willing or not, we're hoping that maybe we can
3 even resolve it before mediation if it's
4 possible.

5 MR. LINK: That would be our shared
6 goal, sir.

7 MR. GILL: Okay, great, excellent. So
8 that's what we'll try to do.

9 MS. FLETCHER: That would be the ideal
10 situation and Mr. Gill, I don't know if you heard
11 my introduction, but my name is LaVerne Fletcher
12 and I'm the board's agent and the board's
13 mediator. So if there's mediation, I'll see you
14 then.

15 MR. GILL: Okay. That will be great.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you for
17 coming. All right, then we'll sign off.

18 MR. GILL: I apologize to both of you
19 for being late. I sincerely apologize for that.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Not a problem at all.
21 You showed up in perfect time.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. GILL: Have a great day.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you and if you're
25 not able to resolve it prior to the 25th, I'll

1 see you then.

2 MR. GILL: Okay, see you then.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Bye everybody. Bye

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

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