

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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DC Capitol Connect                   :  
t/a DC Capitol Connect               :  
1641 Wisconsin Ave NW               : Roll Call  
Retailer MC - ANC 2E                 : Hearing  
License No. 127520                   :  
Case #24-PRO-00078                   :  
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(New Medical                         :  
Cannabis Application)               :  
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Monday  
August 19, 2024

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:

NOOR ABBASI, Applicant  
PAUL MAYSACK, ANC 2E

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

2 10:32 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is D.C. Capital Connect. This is case  
5 number 24-PRO-00078. D.C. Capitol Connect, 1641  
6 Wisconsin Avenue NW, license number ABRA 127520.  
7 This is a retail and medical cannabis new  
8 application. Protest issues are adverse impact  
9 on peace, order, and quiet.

10 Is anyone present on behalf of Capital  
11 Connect?

12 MR. ABBASI: Yes.

13 MS. FLETCHER: If you would state your  
14 name and spell it for the record, please.

15 MR. ABBASI: Name is Noor Abbasi.  
16 It's spelled N-O-O-R, last name A-B-B-A-S-I.

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

18 Is anyone else present with you today?

19 MR. ABBASI: No, ma'am.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

21 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 2E?

22 MR. MAYSACK: Yes. It's Paul Maysak,  
23 spelled P-A-U-L M-A-Y-S-A-K.

24 Ms. FLETCHER: S-A-K. Mr. Maysak, is  
25 anyone else present?

1 MR. MAYSACK: I don't think so.

2 Ms. FLETCHER: Okay.

3 MR. MAYSACK: We have a very simple  
4 one.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Um?

6 MR. MAYSACK: Hopefully we have a very  
7 simple one. Go ahead. Sorry.

8 Ms. FLETCHER: Okay. I was just going  
9 to say that ANC 2E does have standing as a  
10 protestant, and I will go ahead and give you the  
11 dates for the upcoming hearings. If the matter  
12 is resolved before either of them, then you can  
13 just let us know.

14 MR. MAYSACK: Sounds good.

15 Ms. FLETCHER: Actually, I'm going to  
16 give you the date for the mediation today. I'm  
17 going to give you the date for the status of  
18 protest hearing later today. I don't have those  
19 two dates available right now, but I can give you  
20 the date for the mediation in case it's  
21 necessary.

22 MR. MAYSACK: Yeah. And our plan is to  
23 have it signed this week or next week's latest.

24 Ms. FLETCHER: Yes. Well, what I will  
25 do is give you the date of -- what about

1 September 10th?

2 MR. MAYSACK: Sure. We're not going to  
3 get there so that's fine to set it up.

4 Ms. FLETCHER: Yes. Well, then how  
5 about let's just make it for 10:30 on September  
6 10th.

7 MR. MAYSACK: You know what? Let me --  
8 because technically I'm out of the country. I  
9 don't mean to scare you. Is the 12th available or  
10 the 13th?

11 Ms. FLETCHER: Yes, it is.

12 MR. MAYSACK: Okay.

13 Ms. FLETCHER: We can do the -- is  
14 10:30 good on the 12th?

15 MR. MAYSACK: Yeah, for me. But again,  
16 we won't get there. I'm going to put on my  
17 calendar. That's great.

18 Ms. FLETCHER: I'm going to make a  
19 note that it's probably not going to be  
20 necessary. I'll just make a note of that.

21 MR. MAYSACK: We all signed last night,  
22 had some printer issues. So that's how confident  
23 I am.

24 Ms. FLETCHER: Oh, okay. Well, I have  
25 written a note here that this is probably not

1 going to happen. I just put it on the calendar  
2 for the record.

3 MR. MAYSACK: And I email you the --  
4 well, I'll take care of it when we get the --  
5 we'll send it in.

6 Ms. FLETCHER: Do you have the email  
7 address for ABCA Legal?

8 MR. MAYSACK: Yes.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You can send it  
10 to ABCA Legal, Mr. Maysack, and that will be fine.

11 MR. MAYSACK: Can I ask you a question,  
12 too?

13 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

14 MR. MAYSACK: And I don't know.  
15 You know what I'm finding interesting, so this  
16 particular applicant's done a lot of good things.  
17 He was near a school and he moved and different  
18 things.

19 And so we're going through the  
20 process, which is great. I fully support. And  
21 right now, like across the street from him, are  
22 two illegal shops continuing to run, sandwich  
23 boards out on the street, big signs. Probably not  
24 the venue. But what do you think - when can we  
25 see these close?

1 Ms. FLETCHER: Well, what I would  
2 suggest you do, Mr. Maysak, is present that  
3 question to ABCA Legal as well, to our general  
4 counsel.

5 MR. MAYSAK: Yeah, to Sarah. We have,  
6 and different groups we're working on. I know  
7 it's a process.

8 Ms. FLETCHER: Yes. Yeah, Ms.  
9 Jenkins, Martha Jenkins, M-A-R-T-H-A  
10 J-E-N-K-I-N-S. You can present that question,  
11 Mr. Maysak, to Martha via ABCA Legal.

12 MR. MAYSAK: I will. Yeah. As you  
13 can imagine, we do all these steps. We're trying  
14 to do everything right in settlements. And you  
15 walk out the door and there's two, you know, just  
16 big sandwich boards and neon signs. And, okay,  
17 thank you very much.

18 Ms. FLETCHER: Yes, you're very  
19 welcome. Thank you, Mr. Maysak and Mr. Abbasi.  
20 And once we receive the settlement agreement, the  
21 mediation will be canceled.

22 MR. MAYSAK: Thank you. I see someone  
23 -- Carla has a hand up. I don't --

24 Ms. FLETCHER: Oh, Ms. Lewis, you're  
25 from the previous case, right?

1 MS. LEWIS: Yes, I am but --

2 MS. FLETCHER: Let me establish that  
3 for the court reporter. Hold on one second, Ms.  
4 Lewis. Don't move. So we're done with the  
5 matter of D. C. Capitol Connect then.

6 MR. MAYSACK: Great. We appreciate  
7 you. Thank you.

8 Ms. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.  
9 I won't see you soon. Take care.

10 MR. MAYSACK: Until the next one.

11 Ms. FLETCHER: Okay.

12 MR. ABBASI: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.  
13 Okay.

14 Ms. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

15 MS. LEWIS: Okay. This comment was  
16 for --

17 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Lewis, hold on one  
18 second. The matter of Capitol Connect is  
19 concluded.

20 Ms. Carla, Ms. Lewis, what were you  
21 going to say?

22 MS. LEWIS: Yes. I was just going to  
23 say to Commissioner Maysack that we have the same  
24 situation.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Lewis, that

1 commentary can't take place during the roll call  
2 hearing.

3 MS. LEWIS: Okay.

4 MS. FLETCHER: You can call him later.

5 MS. LEWIS: I'll email him. Okay.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

7 MR. MAYSACK: We both agree. Thank  
8 you.

9 Ms. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Lewis, did  
10 you have anything you wanted to add for the  
11 matter of Indigo Chapter 2 before you leave?  
12 Well, you can stay.

13 MS. LEWIS: No, I'm not leaving. I  
14 thought that we had another one for today.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, maybe you do.  
16 Maybe you do. I will find out in a minute. Hold  
17 on one second.

18 MR. MAYSACK: Bye-bye. Thank you.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Bye, Mr. Maysack.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went  
21 off the record at 10:39 a.m.)  
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