

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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Kidy Lounge, LLC,           :
t/a Kidist Lounge           :
5503 Georgia Ave NW         : Roll Call
Retailer CR - ANC 4D         : Hearing
License #ABRA-119361        :
Case #23-PRO-00068          :
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Monday
 August 21st, 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:

KIDIST SHAY, Applicant
 YIRGA TESEMA, Applicant
 HABTOM TEKLE, Interpreter

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

10:06 a.m.

MS. FLETCHER: I will first tell you that there are two cases on the calendar today. The first case is Kidist Lounge, Case No. 23-PRO-00068, Kidy Lounge, LLC, 5503 Georgia Avenue NW, License No. ABRA-119361. This is a Retailer Class CR for a substantial change for an entertainment endorsement, expansion of premises, change of license class from restaurant to tavern.

My name is LaVerne Fletcher conducting the roll call hearing as the Board's agent. I would like to first acknowledge the presence of the Amharic interpreter in this case.

Sir, if you would state your name and spell it for the record, please.

MR. TEKLE: Good morning. Habtom Tekle, H-A-B-T-O-M T-E-K-L-E, Amharic interpreter.

MS. FLETCHER: Yes. Can you pronounce your last name again?

MR. TEKLE: Tekle.

MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. Mr. Tekle, you are going to be interpreting for the

1 Applicant today. The Applicant is the person who
2 filed the application for a substantial change to
3 his liquor license today and I will let them
4 introduce themselves first.

5 Who is present from Kidist Lounge?

6 MR. BELETE: Ayele Belay Belete, A-Y-
7 E-L-E B-E --

8 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me. Can you
9 spell it a little slower for me? You said A-Y.

10 MR. BELETE: A-Y-E-L-E, first name.
11 Last name is B-E-L-E-T-E.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Can you spell the last
13 name one more time? What is the first letter?
14 Did you say B as in boy?

15 MR. BELETE: Yes. B-E-L-E-T-E.

16 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to tell you
17 how I have it spelled and you just tell me if
18 it's correct.

19 MR. BELETE: Okay.

20 MS. FLETCHER: I have your last name
21 spelled B-E-L-E-T-E. Is that correct?

22 MR. BELETE: Correct.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. How do you
24 pronounce it one more time?

25 MR. BELETE: Belete.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

2 Is anyone else present from Kidist

3 Lounge?

4 MR. BELETE: Yes, Kidist herself is

5 here.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Kidist, if you

7 would spell your name for the record, please.

8 MS. SHAY: K-I-D-I-S-T, last name S-H-

9 A-Y.

10 MS. FLETCHER: And the first name is

11 spelled K-I-D-I-S-T?

12 MS. SHAY: Yes.

13 MS. FLETCHER: How do you pronounce

14 the last name?

15 MS. SHAY: Kidist.

16 MS. FLETCHER: How do you pronounce

17 the last name?

18 MS. SHAY: Shay, S-H-A-Y.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

20 Is anyone present on behalf of the

21 Protestant, the ANC, this morning? Is anyone

22 present on behalf of ANC 4D?

23 MR. BELETE: I came from the side of

24 Kidist Lounge.

25 MS. FLETCHER: I know. Thank you.

1 I'm checking to see if the Protestant is present.

2 The Protestant in this case is not
3 present at the moment so I'm going to allow about
4 four more minutes until 10:15 for the Protestant
5 to arrive.

6 I should add that the protest issues
7 in this case are adverse impact on peace, order,
8 and quiet. What I'm going to do is call the next
9 case, and then I'm going to recall this one. Any
10 questions about that?

11 MR. BELETE: No questions.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went
14 off the record at 10:13 a.m. and resumed at 11:15
15 a.m.)

16 MS. FLETCHER: I am recalling Kidist
17 Lounge. The Protestant in this matter is ANC 4D.
18 There is no one present on behalf of ANC 4D.
19 Therefore, the protest is dismissed. A Board
20 order will be issued dismissing the protest
21 because no one is present today from the ANC.

22 Mr. Belete and Ms. Shay, you will
23 receive a copy of the Board order. If ANC 4D
24 seeks reinstatement of the protest, you will be
25 notified. And you will have an opportunity to

1 respond and you may say why you believe the
2 protest should be reinstated or not.

3 If you are not in agreement with the
4 protest, you will have an opportunity to inform
5 the Board of the reason that you're not in
6 agreement with the reinstatement. Are there any
7 questions so far?

8 MR. BELETE: How long will it take for
9 the Board order to get to us? For a copy of the
10 Board order to get to us?

11 MS. FLETCHER: The ABC Board meets on
12 Wednesdays. Just one second. They are going to
13 be in recess. Let me check the dates for you.
14 The Board is going to be in recess beginning on
15 the 23rd of August. That's this coming
16 Wednesday.

17 They are going to be in recess from
18 the 23rd until September the 13th, but there is
19 still a possibility that the Board will respond
20 to the request for reinstatement during this
21 period of time.

22 The other thing that you should know
23 is that the Protestant will have 10 days upon
24 receipt of the Board order to ask for
25 reinstatement. The Board order may very well be

1 prepared this coming Wednesday. I'm not positive
2 about that at this moment and we'll have to
3 check.

4 So the Applicant will have 10 days to
5 ask for reinstatement of the protest upon receipt
6 of the Board order. If they seek reinstatement,
7 you'll be notified right away and you will have
8 an opportunity to respond.

9 I cannot be more specific about the
10 time frames at this time because the Board will
11 be in recess, but I will find out for you later
12 today whether or not the Board order will be
13 issued this coming Wednesday. Any questions
14 about that?

15 MR. BELETE: No questions.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, in that
17 case, the time is now approximately 10:25 and ANC
18 4D still has not appeared. If there are no other
19 questions, then I am going to conclude the roll
20 call hearing.

21 MR. BELETE: I don't have any
22 questions.

23 MS. FLETCHER: Well, thank you very
24 much for coming and we'll keep you posted.

25 MR. BELETE: Thank you so much.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Tekle, thank you
2 very much.

3 MR. TEKLE: You are welcome. Have a
4 good one.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. You too. Take
6 care.

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