

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
+ + + + +
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD
+ + + + +
ROLL CALL HEARING

-----=
IN THE MATTER OF: :
 :
JJHH Holdings, LLC, :
t/a High Demand :
511 11th Street SE : Roll Call
Retailer MC ANC 6B : Hearing
License #128725 :
Case #24-PRO-00095 :
 :
(New Medical Cannabis :
Application) :
-----=

Monday
September 16, 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:

JOHANNES CASSIDY-SEYOUM, Applicant
CHANDER JAYARAMAN, ANC 6B

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

2 10:17 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the
4 calendar is High Demand, case number 24-PRO-
5 00095, JJHH Holdings, LLC, 511 11th Street SE,
6 license number ABRA-128725. This is a Retailer
7 Class MC Medical Cannabis for a new medical
8 cannabis application. Is anyone present on
9 behalf of the establishment?

10 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: Yes, Johannes
11 Cassidy Seyoum spelled J-O-H-A-N-N-E-S, first
12 name, last name, C-A-S-S-I-D-Y - S-E-Y-O-U-M.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
14 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC 6B?

15 MR. JAYARAMAN: Good morning, Ms.
16 Fletcher. This is Chander Jayaraman spelled
17 C-H-A-N-D-E-R, last name, Jayaraman, J-A-
18 Y-A-R-A-M-A-N, and I'm the representative for ANC
19 6B.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
21 Jayaraman. ANC 6B does have standing as a
22 protestant.

23 Mr. Cassidy-Seyoum, question for you.
24 Did you receive the WebEx invitation to appear
25 for the hearing? I just want to make sure we

1 have the correct email address.

2 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: Yes, I did.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you.

4 Because we have a different first name. I just
5 want to make sure which name you will prefer us
6 to use. So what I have here is your first name
7 Seblemarium?

8 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: That's my aunt.
9 I'm here on behalf of the group.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, so you should be
11 the person named?

12 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: Yes.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, let me make a
14 change. Okay, but the email address is correct.
15 That was what I wanted to make sure of.

16 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: Yes.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very
18 much.

19 ANC 6B has standing as a protestant.
20 We need to set a date for mediation, a status
21 hearing, and a protest hearing. The status
22 hearing, I'll give you that date first, which is
23 October 2nd, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. The protest
24 hearing is set for November 6th, 2024 at 1:30
25 p.m. I'll give you the next available date for

1 mediation.

2 MR. JAYARAMAN: Ms. Fletcher, I'm
3 trying to put this in my calendar if you bear
4 with me for a second.

5 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, okay.

6 MR. JAYARAMAN: So the status hearing
7 is on October 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. JAYARAMAN: Okay, I have that now.
10 And when is the -- I'm sure I can look it up, but
11 if you would please help me have the protest
12 hearing.

13 MS. FLETCHER: That is November 6th,
14 2024 at 1:30, 1:30 in the afternoon.

15 MR. JAYARAMAN: November 6th at 1:30.
16 Are you guys still doing those virtually or will
17 we be at your new office space?

18 MS. FLETCHER: Still virtually.

19 MR. JAYARAMAN: Okay.

20 MS. FLETCHER: We won't be at our new
21 office space until November.

22 MR. JAYARAMAN: Oh, okay. Well, yeah,
23 this was November 6th, so I was just asking.

24 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, yeah, exactly, for
25 the future. Yeah, so far, everything is still

1 being done virtually.

2 MR. JAYARAMAN: Okay.

3 MS. FLETCHER: I will give you the
4 next available date for mediation. The next
5 available day is Thursday, September 26th. Any
6 time between 10:30 and 1:30. That's Thursday,
7 September 26th.

8 MR. JAYARAMAN: Between what time and
9 what time?

10 MS. FLETCHER: Any time between 10:30
11 and 1:30.

12 MR. JAYARAMAN: Mr. Johannes, what's
13 your availability?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Cassidy?

15 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: I couldn't hear
16 what was said. Could you repeat that, please?

17 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah. Did you hear the
18 dates, the time and date available for mediation,
19 which is September 26th, Wednesday, September
20 26th, anytime between 10:30 and 1:30. That's
21 the next available day.

22 MR. CASSIDY-SEYOUM: Whatever pleases
23 Mr. Jayaraman is fine with me. We're very
24 flexible.

25 MR. JAYARAMAN: Okay. Could you

1 repeat that time again, please?

2 MS. FLETCHER: Uh-huh. That would be
3 Thursday, September 26th. Any time between 10:30
4 and 1:30, if that works for you, Mr. Jayaraman.

5 MR. JAYARAMAN: Sure. How about we do
6 that at 11:30?

7 MS. FLETCHER: 11:30 works on this
8 end. Mediation is set for Thursday, September
9 26th at 11:30. I will send you the WebEx
10 invitation to attend the mediation.

11 MR. JAYARAMAN: Great. Well, if I
12 could say for the record that we hope to be able
13 to work out a settlement agreement. Just so you
14 know that our commission has submitted a
15 settlement agreement to the applicant. They've
16 essentially agreed in principle what was
17 submitted from the SMD commissioner.

18 But I'm the chair of the ABC committee
19 for ANC 6B, and I'm hopeful that I'll be able to
20 review it and provide some additional safeguards,
21 particularly because of the close proximity of
22 the proposed establishment to an elementary
23 school, and that the parties will be able to
24 resolve this matter either, you know, certainly
25 before the next ABC committee meeting, which is

1 on October 1st.

2 And hopefully we'll -- the meeting
3 with you, the mediation will be on any just
4 remaining items that we cannot agree on, and
5 we'll discuss that with you.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Well, thank you,
7 Mr. Jayaraman. And so, unless you tell me
8 otherwise, I'll see you on the 26th.

9 MR. JAYARAMAN: Yes.
10 Mr. Johannes, you should call me.

11 MR. JOHANNES: Will do.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Then, if there
13 is nothing more, the roll call hearing in this
14 matter is concluded, and thank you for coming.
15 May see you soon.

16 MR. JAYARAMAN: Thank you very much.

17 MR. JOHANNES: Thank you all so much.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Bye-bye.

19 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
20 went off the record at 10:25 a.m.)
21
22
23
24
25

A

a.m 2:2 3:23 4:7 7:20
ABC 1:17 6:18,25
able 6:12,19,23
above-entitled 7:19
ABRA-128725 2:6
additional 6:20
address 3:1,14
afternoon 4:14
Agent 1:14,17
agree 7:4
agreed 6:16
agreement 6:13,15
Alcoholic 1:2,13
ANC 1:7,19 2:14,18,21
 3:19 6:19
anytime 5:20
appear 2:24
applicant 1:19 6:15
application 1:10 2:8
asking 4:23
attend 6:10
aunt 3:8
availability 5:13
available 3:25 5:4,5,18
 5:21

B

bear 4:3
behalf 2:9,14 3:9
Beverage 1:2,13
Board 1:2,14
Board's 1:14,17
Bye-bye 7:18

C

C-A-S-S-I-D-Y 2:12
C-H-A-N-D-E-R 2:17
calendar 2:4 4:3
call 1:3,7 7:10,13
cannabis 1:2,9,13 2:7,8
case 1:8 2:3,4
Cassidy 2:11 5:14
Cassidy-Seyoum 1:19
 2:10,23 3:2,8,12,16
 5:15,22
certainly 6:24
chair 6:18
Chander 1:19 2:16
change 3:14
Class 2:7
close 6:21
COLUMBIA 1:1
coming 7:14
commission 6:14
commissioner 6:17
committee 6:18,25
concluded 7:14

correct 3:1,14

D

date 3:20,22,25 5:4,18
dates 5:18
day 5:5,21
Demand 1:6 2:4
different 3:4
discuss 7:5
DISTRICT 1:1
doing 4:16

E

either 6:24
elementary 6:22
email 3:1,14
essentially 6:16
establishment 2:9 6:22
exactly 4:24

F

far 4:25
fine 5:23
first 2:11 3:4,6,22
Fletcher 1:14,17 2:3,13
 2:16,20 3:3,10,13,17
 4:2,5,8,13,18,20,24
 5:3,10,14,17 6:2,7 7:6
 7:12,18
flexible 5:24
future 4:25

G

give 3:22,25 5:3
Good 2:15
Great 6:11
group 3:9
guys 4:16

H

hear 5:15,17
hearing 1:3,7 2:25 3:21
 3:21,22,24 4:6,12
 7:13
help 4:11
High 1:6 2:4
Holdings 1:6 2:5
hope 6:12
hopeful 6:19
hopefully 7:2

I

invitation 2:24 6:10
items 7:4

J

J-A- 2:17
J-O-H-A-N-N-E-S 2:11

Jayaraman 1:19 2:15
 2:16,17,21 4:2,6,9,15
 4:19,22 5:2,8,12,23
 5:25 6:4,5,11 7:7,9,16
JJHH 1:6 2:5
Johannes 1:19 2:10
 5:12 7:10,11,17

K

know 6:14,24

L

LaVerne 1:14,17
license 1:8 2:6
LLC 1:6 2:5
look 4:10

M

matter 1:5 6:24 7:14,19
MC 1:7 2:7
mediation 3:20 4:1 5:4
 5:18 6:8,10 7:3
medical 1:9 2:7,7
meeting 6:25 7:2
met 1:14
Monday 1:11
morning 2:15

N

name 2:12,12,17 3:4,5
 3:6
named 3:11
need 3:20
new 1:9 2:7 4:17,20
November 3:24 4:13,15
 4:21,23
number 2:4,6

O

October 3:23 4:7 7:1
office 4:17,21
Oh 3:10 4:22,24
okay 3:3,13,14,17 4:5,9
 4:19,22 5:2,25 7:6,12

P

P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
 2:1
p.m 3:25
particularly 6:21
parties 6:23
person 3:11
please 4:11 5:16 6:1
pleases 5:22
prefer 3:5
present 1:16,18 2:8,14
presiding 1:14
principle 6:16

proposed 6:22
protest 3:21,23 4:11
protestant 2:22 3:19
provide 6:20
proximity 6:21
put 4:3

Q

question 2:23

R

receive 2:24
record 6:12 7:20
remaining 7:4
repeat 5:16 6:1
representative 2:18
resolve 6:24
Retailer 1:7 2:6
review 6:20
roll 1:3,7 7:13

S

S-E-Y-O-U-M 2:12
safeguards 6:20
school 6:23
SE 1:7 2:5
Seblemariam 3:7
second 4:4
see 7:8,15
send 6:9
September 1:12 5:5,7
 5:19,19 6:3,8
set 3:20,24 6:8
settlement 6:13,15
Seyoum 2:11
SMD 6:17
soon 7:15
space 4:17,21
spelled 2:11,16
standing 2:21 3:19
status 3:20,21 4:6
Street 1:7 2:5
submitted 6:14,17
sure 2:25 3:5,15 4:10
 6:5

T

t/a 1:6
tell 7:7
thank 2:13,20 3:3,17
 7:6,14,16,17
Thursday 5:5,6 6:3,8
time 5:6,8,9,10,18 6:1,3
trying 4:3

U

Uh-huh 6:2
use 3:6

V
videoconference 1:14
virtually 4:16,18 5:1

6th 3:24 4:13,15,23

W
want 2:25 3:5
wanted 3:15
we'll 7:2,5
We're 5:23
WebEx 1:14 2:24 6:9
Wednesday 5:19
went 7:20
work 6:13
works 6:4,7

X

Y

Y-A-R-A-M-A-N 2:18
yeah 4:5,22,24,25 5:17

Z

0

00095 2:5

1

1:30 3:24 4:14,14,15 5:6
5:11,20 6:4
10:17 2:2
10:25 7:20
10:30 3:23 4:7 5:6,10,20
6:3
11:30 6:6,7,9
11th 1:7 2:5
128725 1:8
16 1:12
1st 7:1

2

2024 1:12 3:23,24 4:14
24-PRO- 2:4
24-PRO-00095 1:8
26th 5:5,7,19,20 6:3,9
7:8
2nd 3:23 4:7

3

4

5

511 1:7 2:5

6

6B 1:7,19 2:14,19,21
3:19 6:19

C E R T I F I C A T E

This is to certify that the foregoing transcript

In the matter of: High Demand

Before: DC ABCA

Date: 09-16-24

Place: teleconference

was duly recorded and accurately transcribed under my direction; further, that said transcript is a true and accurate complete record of the proceedings.



Court Reporter

NEAL R. GROSS

COURT REPORTERS AND TRANSCRIBERS

1716 14TH ST., N.W., STE. 200

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20009-7831