

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 Market, Incorporated, :
t/a DC Food Market :
2200 16th Street SE :
Retailer B - ANC 8A :
License #106962 : Roll Call
Case #24-PRO-00103 : Hearing
 :
(Substantial Change - :
Class Change from Class :
B Beer & Wine Retailer :
to Class A Liquor Store) :
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Monday
September 23, 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:

EPHRAME KASSAYE, Applicant
LANEICE MOORE, ANC 8A
EMANUEL MPRAS, Applicant's Counsel

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

2 10:06 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. And now we're
4 ready. I would like to start by thanking everyone
5 for participating in ABCA's public roll call
6 hearing via the Webex platform. My name is
7 LaVerne Fletcher. I'll be conducting the roll
8 call hearing as the Board's agent.

9 The case that's on the calendar for
10 today is DC Food Market. This is Case No.
11 24-PRO-00103, DC Market, Incorporated, 2200 16th
12 Street, Southeast, License No. ABRA-106962. This
13 is the Retailer Class B, beer and wine, for
14 substantial change, to change the class from
15 Class B to Class A.

16 Is there anyone present on behalf of
17 DC Food Market?

18 MR. MPRAS: Yes. I'm Emanuel Mpras,
19 representing DC Food Market.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr. Mpras.
21 Would you spell your name for the
22 court reporter, please?

23 MR. MPRAS: Sure. First name,
24 E-M-A-N-U-E-L; the last name, M-P-R-A-S.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Is there anyone present

1 on behalf of ANC 8A?

2 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am.

3 Good morning, everyone.

4 Commissioner Laneice Moore. That's
5 L-A-N-E-I-C-E M-O-O-R-E.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Moore.

7 MS. MOORE: You're welcome.

8 MS. FLETCHER: ANC 8A does have
9 standing as a protestant.

10 We need to schedule a date for
11 mediation, a status hearing, and a protest
12 hearing. And I'll give you the dates for the
13 status and protest hearing first.

14 The status hearing is set for October
15 23, October 23, at 10:30 a.m.

16 The protest hearing is set for
17 November 20 at 1:30 p.m.

18 And before we go any further, I see
19 someone who has not yet introduced themselves.
20 Is that Mr. Kassaye? And nothing else in that --

21 MR. KASSAYE: Yes, ma'am, this is Mr.
22 Kassaye. Good morning, Ms. Fletcher. How you
23 doing?

24 MS. FLETCHER: Good morning. I'm
25 doing fine.

1 Can you state your full name and spell
2 it for the record, please?

3 MR. KASSAYE: Yes, I sure do. My name
4 is Ephrame Kassaye, spelled E-P-H-R-A-M-E. The
5 last name is spelled K-A-S-S-A-Y-E.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Mr. Kassaye, you're the
7 Applicant?

8 MR. KASSAYE: Correct.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

10 MR. KASSAYE: You're very welcome.

11 MS. FLETCHER: I'm going to give you
12 the next available --

13 MR. MPRAS: Ms. Fletcher?

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, Mr. Mpras?

15 MR. MPRAS: We have somebody else
16 present. I'd like to know who that is.

17 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, there's someone
18 else present?

19 MR. MPRAS: Uh-hum.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Other than the court
21 reporter?

22 MR. MPRAS: Yes.

23 MS. FLETCHER: I see the court
24 reporter.

25 Mr. Mpras, are you referring to a

1 phone number that ends in 52?

2 MR. MPRAS: I am.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Is that the court
4 reporter backup?

5 COURT REPORTER: Yes, this is the
6 court reporter. That is my backup number.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

8 Mr. Mpras, that's the court reporter
9 backup.

10 MR. MPRAS: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.

11 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

12 The next available day for mediation
13 is October the -- excuse me one second. There
14 may be something before then.

15 (Pause.)

16 The next available day is Wednesday,
17 October 9.

18 Mr. Mpras, do you have anything else
19 on the Board's calendar for October 9?

20 MR. MPRAS: I'm looking right now. I
21 don't have anything on the Board's calendar for
22 October 9th. Oh, yes, I do. I'm sorry. I do.
23 I have a status hearing on October 9th.

24 MS. FLETCHER: What about -- we could
25 do October 10 at 10:00 a.m.

1 MR. MPRAS: I already have a mediation
2 on the 1st at 11:00. Do you have anything after
3 that?

4 MS. FLETCHER: Oh, let's see. We
5 could do October 1st at 1:30.

6 MR. MPRAS: That's fine for me, if
7 it's good for everybody else.

8 MR. KASSAYE: That's fine for me, too.

9 MS. FLETCHER: Is that good for you,
10 Ms. Moore?

11 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am. So, October
12 the 1st.

13 MS. FLETCHER: October 1st at 1:30.

14 Okay. Mediation is set for Tuesday,
15 October 1, at 1:30, and I'll send out the Webex
16 invites for that time.

17 Any questions, anyone?

18 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am. I was
19 wondering if I can ask Mr. Mpras a question.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

21 MS. MOORE: Mr. Mpras, will this be a
22 fully operational liquor store or will there be
23 perishable or non-perishable items sold in the
24 store along with the spirits, beer, and wine?

25 MR. MPRAS: I mean, that's something

1 to be discussed at mediation, not right now.

2 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Then, we'll wait
3 until then.

4 And, Ms. Moore, that will be your
5 first question during mediation.

6 MS. MOORE: Yes, ma'am. The
7 constituents just wanted to know, and they know
8 that we have a hearing this morning. So, they
9 just wanted to know, but I'll let them know that
10 I have to ask that for them on the 1st of
11 October.

12 MS. FLETCHER: Okay.

13 MS. MOORE: Thank you.

14 MS. FLETCHER: You're very welcome.

15 If there are no other questions, the
16 roll call hearing in this matter is concluded.

17 MR. MPRAS: Thank you.

18 MR. KASSAYE: Thank you, Ms. Fletcher.
19 Have a good day.

20 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you.

21 Have a nice day, everybody.

22 Bye-bye.

23 MS. MOORE: Thank you.

24 (Whereupon, at 10:12 a.m., the hearing
25 was concluded.)

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