

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 ROLL CALL HEARING

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 E & K, Inc. :
 t/a Champion Kitchen :
 7730 Georgia Ave NW : Roll Call
 Retailer CR - ANC 4A : Hearing
 License No. 103055 :
 Case #22-PRO-00084 :
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 (License Renewal and :
 Petition to Amend or :
 Terminate the :
 Settlement Agreement) :
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Monday
 November 28, 2022

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
 met via WebEx videoconference, LaVerne Fletcher,
 Board's Agent, presiding.

PRESENT:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, ABRA Board's Agent

ALSO PRESENT:

EYOB WORKU, Applicant

SIDON YOHANNES, Applicant Counsel

PAULA EDWARDS, Protestant

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

2 10:16 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, we're going to
4 have to get started without live streaming. We
5 can't figure it out and I don't want to cause you
6 any further delay.

7 Thank you for coming and thanks for
8 waiting. There are three cases on the calendar
9 today. The first one is Champion Kitchen. This
10 is Case No. 22-PRO-00084, E & K, Inc., 7730
11 Georgia Avenue, N.W., License No. ABRA 103055.
12 This is a Retailer Class CR. It's a license
13 renewal and petition to amend or terminate the
14 settlement agreement.

15 My name is LaVerne Fletcher,
16 conducting the Roll Call hearing as board agent.

17 Is anyone present on behalf of
18 Champion Kitchen?

19 MS. YOHANNES: Yes, good morning.
20 Sidon Yohannes here on behalf of the licensee. I
21 believe my client is also here on the phone.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Ms. Yohannes,
23 would you spell your name for the record, please?

24 MS. YOHANNES: Sorry, sure. S-I-D-O-N
25 Y-O-H-A-N-N-E-S.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And the
2 person present on behalf of Champion Kitchen.
3 Could you state your name and spell it for the
4 record, please?

5 MR. WORKU: Okay. My name is Eyob
6 Worku. E-Y-O-B.

7 MS. FLETCHER: Excuse me, can you slow
8 down and say that one more time?

9 MR. WORKU: E-Y-O-B. Last name W-O-R-
10 K-U.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

12 MR. WORKU: You're very welcome.

13 MS. FLETCHER: Is anyone present on
14 behalf of the Shepherd Park Citizen Association?

15 MS. EDWARDS: Paula Edwards.

16 MS. FLETCHER: Paula Edwards?

17 MS. EDWARDS: Yes.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Ms. Edwards, would you
19 spell your name for the record, please?

20 MS. EDWARDS: Sure. P-A-U-L-A E-D-W-A-
21 R-D-S.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you very much.
23 Is anyone else present from the Association?

24 MS. EDWARDS: Not that I know of.

25 MS. FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you. The

1 Shepherd Park Citizens Association does have
2 standing as a protestant.

3 We need to schedule a date for
4 mediation. Actually, we need a date for status
5 and a protest hearing as well, but those dates
6 are not available to me at this time and so we're
7 just going to set a date for mediation today and
8 you'll receive a notice regarding the status and
9 protest hearing at a later date, within the next
10 couple of days.

11 Let's see here. I'll give you the
12 next available date for mediation.

13 The next available date for mediation
14 is -- it's the week of December 5. It can be on
15 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, 6, 7, 8,
16 or 9, any time between 10 a.m. and 1:30.

17 We can start with December 6th. Is
18 that available for either side? Tuesday,
19 December 6th?

20 MS. YOHANNES: Tuesday, December 6th.
21 I'll defer to my client. I can be available, but
22 I'll defer to my client.

23 Eyob?

24 MR. WORKU: I'm good. December 6th is
25 good for me.

1 MS. EDWARDS: I cannot be available on
2 the 6th.

3 MS. FLETCHER: No problem, Ms.
4 Edwards. Are you available on the 7th, 8th, or
5 9th, either one of the other days of that week?

6 MS. EDWARDS: The 8th would be better
7 for me. I can do the 9th, if that's not a
8 problem, but the 8th would be better.

9 MS. FLETCHER: The 8th is available on
10 this end at any time between 10 and 1:30, if that
11 works for you?

12 MS. YOHANNES: I'm available the 8th
13 any time after 11, 11:30, sorry.

14 MR. WORKU: That's fine for me.

15 MS. FLETCHER: So how about -- you
16 want to make it 11:30 or 12?

17 MS. YOHANNES: 11:30 is fine.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Is that okay for you,
19 Ms. Edwards?

20 MS. EDWARDS: That works, yes.

21 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, so Champion
22 Kitchen mediation is set for Thursday, December
23 8th at 11:30. So I'll send out the Webex
24 invitation and I'll see you then.

25 MS. EDWARDS: All right, thank you

1 very much.

2 MR. WORKU: Thank you so much.

3 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, well, thanks for
4 coming and thanks for your patience this morning.

5 MS. YOHANNES: Thank you.

6 MS. FLETCHER: You're welcome.

7 MR. WORKU: Thanks.

8 MS. FLETCHER: The Roll Call hearing
9 in this matter is concluded.

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

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