

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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C&B Wine Spirits, LLC               :  
t/a Cork N Bottle                   :  
7445 Georgia Avenue, NW        : Roll Call  
Retailer A - ANC 4B               : Hearing  
License #125746                   :  
Case #23-PRO-00093               :  
  :  
(Transfer - New Location):  
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Monday  
December 11, 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:

PAULA EDWARDS, ANC 4B  
MANALLE MAHMOUD, Licensee's Counsel

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

2 10:39 a.m.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The next case on the  
4 calendar is Cork N Bottle. This is case number  
5 23-PRO-00093, C&B Wine Spirits, LLC., trading as  
6 Cork N Bottle, 7445 Georgia Avenue Northwest,  
7 license number ABRA 125746. This is a retailer  
8 class A liquor store. This is a transfer to a  
9 new location. Is anyone present on behalf of Cork  
10 N Bottle?

11 MS. MAHMOUD: Good morning, Ms.  
12 Fletcher, this is Manalle Mahmoud with Mallios  
13 O'Brien & Sandground, M-A-N-A-L-L-E M-A-H-M-O-U-  
14 D.

15 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Mahmoud.  
16 Is anyone present on behalf of ANC4A?

17 MS. EDWARDS: Yes, this is Paula  
18 Edwards, P-A-U-L-A E-D-W-A-R-D-S.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms. Edwards.  
20 Ms. Edwards, I reviewed your protest letter, and  
21 the protest letter does not state a basis upon  
22 which you can file a protest with ABCA. For that  
23 reason, the protest is dismissed, but let me  
24 explain. In your protest letter what you say is  
25 that you are protesting the application because

1 you're concerned about disruption that the change  
2 of hours would cause in the community.

3 But this disruption is not a basis  
4 upon which to file a protest. So, the protest is  
5 dismissed because of the reason I just stated.  
6 But, Ms. Edwards, upon receipt of a board order  
7 dismissing the protest, you'll have an  
8 opportunity to respond to that dismissal in any  
9 way that you choose if you decide to seek  
10 reinstatement of the protest. But do you have any  
11 questions about the dismissal of the protest?

12 MS. EDWARDS: So, it's being dismissed  
13 because we didn't say peace, order, and quiet, is  
14 that correct?

15 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, we can't assume  
16 what you mean, disruption is not --

17 MS. EDWARDS: I know, okay.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yeah, but you could,  
19 there are other bases too, but you meant --

20 MS. EDWARDS: I know, but that was the  
21 basis of it.

22 MS. FLETCHER: But you're correct, Ms.  
23 Edwards, you're correct about what you're saying.

24 MS. EDWARDS: I didn't draft that, so,  
25 I just sent the paperwork --

1 MS. FLETCHER: I appreciate you asking  
2 to clarify that even further. Those are the  
3 words.

4 MS. EDWARDS: All right.

5 MS. FLETCHER: And so, upon receipt of  
6 the order, you can clarify that those are the  
7 words that you meant, the board will decide.

8 MS. EDWARDS: I shall, thank you. And  
9 when will we receive the order, do you think?

10 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you very  
11 much, Ms. Edwards. Because of the dismissal of  
12 the protest, there is no need to schedule any  
13 upcoming dates. But if the board reinstates the  
14 protest, then I will contact the parties and  
15 schedule a date for mediation, a status hearing,  
16 and a protest hearing.

17 MS. EDWARDS: Thank you very much.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Questions anybody?  
19 Okay, all right.

20 MS. MAHMOUD: Thank you so much, Ms.  
21 Fletcher.

22 MS. FLETCHER: Okay, thank you  
23 everybody, sorry for the long wait.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
25 went off the record at 10:42 a.m.)

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