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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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MEETING

 IN THE MATTER OF: :
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 Shaw Howard Deli, LLC :
 t/a Shaw Howard Deli :
 1911 7th Street, NW : Roll Call
 License #ABRA-095169 :
 Retailer B - License :
 Renewal :
 Case #18-PRO-00012 :

Monday
March 26, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, Ms. LaVerne Fletcher, Agent, presiding.

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10:02 a.m.

AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Would the parties in the matter of Shaw Howard Deli, please, come forward? The parties in the matter of Shaw Howard Deli. The Applicant will sit on this side and the Protestant on this side.

This is Case No. 18-PRO-00012, Shaw Howard Deli, LLC, 1911 7th Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-095169. This is a Retailer Class B license renewal.

The protest issues are adverse impact on peace, order and quiet; residential parking; and vehicular and pedestrian safety and real property values.

My name is LaVerne Fletcher. I'm conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's Agent.

Introductions beginning with the Applicant, please.

MR. CHURNET: Workneh Churnet for Howard Shaw.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: And could you state
2 your name and spell it for the record, please?

3 MR. CHURNET: What?

4 AGENT FLETCHER: Could you state your
5 name one more time and spell it for the record?

6 MR. CHURNET: Yes. Workneh Churnet.
7 W-O-R-K-N-E-H Churnet, C-H-U-R-N-E-T. Appearing
8 for Shaw Howard Deli, LLC.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: And your name, ma'am?

10 MS. MESKELE: Ashefech Meskele.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: Could you state that
12 slowly and spell it for the record?

13 MS. MESKELE: Ashefech A-S-H-E- --

14 AGENT FLETCHER: A-S-H-E?

15 MS. MESKELE: N-E.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: Did you say A-S-H-E?

17 MR. CHURNET: A-S-H-E.

18 MS. MESKELE: E-F-C-H.

19 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.

20 MS. MESKELE: A-S-H-E-F-E-C-H.

21 MR. CHURNET: F-E-C-H. F, like in
22 Frank.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: And what's the last
2 name?

3 MS. MESKELE: Meskele, M-E --

4 AGENT FLETCHER: M-E?

5 MS. MESKELE: M-E-S-K-E-L --

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Just M-E once?

7 MR. CHURNET: Yeah, just once. M-E-S.

8 MS. MESKELE: K-E-L.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: K-E?

10 MS. MESKELE: E-L.

11 AGENT FLETCHER: And could you write
12 on -- there is a sign-in sheet on the table. If
13 you could, please, write your name, your
14 telephone number.

15 MR. CHURNET: Yes.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: And email address.

17 MR. CHURNET: Yes. Both of us?

18 AGENT FLETCHER: Present on behalf of
19 ANC-1B?

20 MS. NORMAN: Commissioner Norman,
21 Anita Norman.

22 AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Norman, would you

1 spell your name for the record, please?

2 MS. NORMAN: A-N-I-T-A N-O-R-M-A-N.

3 AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you. And, Mr.
4 Churnet, you will need to sign-in also.

5 MR. CHURNET: I'm sorry?

6 AGENT FLETCHER: You will need to
7 sign-in also.

8 MR. CHURNET: Yes, yes, I will.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: You are the attorney
10 for the Applicant?

11 MR. CHURNET: Yes.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: You're going to be
13 representing the Applicant throughout this
14 proceeding?

15 MR. CHURNET: Throughout, throughout.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: You will need to
17 submit a --

18 MR. CHURNET: Authorization form?

19 AGENT FLETCHER: -- designation,
20 attorney designation.

21 MR. CHURNET: Form? You have it. Can
22 I get from him?

1 AGENT FLETCHER: You can get -- yes,
2 when you go to the front desk.

3 MR. CHURNET: Okay. I'll do that.

4 AGENT FLETCHER: ANC-1B has standing
5 as a protestant.

6 Mr. Churnet, how do you pronounce your
7 last name?

8 MR. CHURNET: Churnet.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Churnet, you
10 mentioned earlier that your client needs an
11 interpreter. For which language is that?

12 MR. CHURNET: Amharic, Ethiopian.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: And the Agency will
14 request an interpreter for all upcoming
15 proceedings.

16 Okay. And so, Mr. Churnet, will you--
17 do you intend to accompany Ms. Meskele to future
18 proceedings?

19 MR. CHURNET: Yeah, that's right.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.
21 And, Ms. Meskele, do you have any questions?

22 MR. CHURNET: No.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: And so, Mr. Churnet,
2 are you going to be able to effectively translate
3 for your client today?

4 MR. CHURNET: Yes.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Because we need to
6 schedule some upcoming hearing dates.

7 MR. CHURNET: Okay.

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Some upcoming dates.

9 MR. CHURNET: Okay.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: We have a Status
11 Hearing scheduled for April 25, 2018 at 9:30
12 a.m., that's a Status Hearing.

13 MR. CHURNET: 9:30?

14 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

15 MR. CHURNET: Okay.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: The Protest Hearing
17 is scheduled for May 23, 2018 at 1:30.

18 We need to set a date for a mediation
19 as well.

20 MR. CHURNET: A date for what?

21 AGENT FLETCHER: Mediation.

22 MR. CHURNET: Mediation. Okay.

1 AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hum. Oh and, Ms.
2 Norman, just for the record, the -- you may know
3 this already. Your -- the Board did file the
4 protest --

5 MS. NORMAN: Um-hum.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: -- of the ANC-1B.
7 Just -- I didn't know if you knew the Board had
8 approved that request and, you know, thanks for
9 coming.

10 And what I'm telling Ms. Norman is
11 that this is a re-application.

12 MR. CHURNET: Right.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: The ANC appeared for
14 the previous Roll Call Hearing and they were
15 granted standing then. And if Ms. Norman had not
16 appeared today, they still -- they would have
17 been grandfathered in from the last hearing, but
18 Ms. Norman came today. I'm just letting her know
19 that the Board had received their request to
20 grandfather them in and had granted that request.
21 I was just letting her know that.

22 We need to set a date for mediation.

1 I'll give you the next available day. The next
2 available day for mediation is Thursday, April
3 the 5th, that's the next available day, Thursday,
4 April 5th at 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00.

5 MR. CHURNET: Let me check my cell.

6 The 5th is good.

7 AGENT FLETCHER: Is that okay for you,
8 Ms. Norman?

9 MS. NORMAN: Actually, no.

10 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. We will move
11 to the next week.

12 MS. NORMAN: Okay.

13 AGENT FLETCHER: The next available
14 day is Tuesday, April the 10th.

15 MR. CHURNET: That's good to me.

16 MS. NORMAN: That's good.

17 AGENT FLETCHER: Good for you, Ms.
18 Norman?

19 MS. NORMAN: Yes.

20 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. So mediation
21 will be on Tuesday, April 10. It can be at 9:00,
22 10:00, 11:00, 11:30.

1 MR. CHURNET: 11:30.

2 AGENT FLETCHER: Is 11:30 good for
3 you, too, Ms. Norman?

4 MS. NORMAN: That's fine.

5 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Mediation is
6 set for April 10. It will be --

7 MR. CHURNET: In here?

8 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, just check in at
9 the front. It may very well be in here in this
10 room. If not, it will be in the back.

11 MR. CHURNET: Can I ask -- I don't
12 know your name.

13 MS. NORMAN: Anita Norman.

14 MR. CHURNET: Oh, Ms. Norman, can I
15 have your phone number, so that --

16 MS. NORMAN: Sure. (240) 257-5723.

17 MR. CHURNET: Thank you, Mrs. Norman.

18 AGENT FLETCHER: And if the parties
19 are able to reach an agreement prior to the
20 mediation, then the mediation will be canceled.
21 And if the Board approves an agreement, then the
22 Status Hearing and the Protest Hearing would be

1 canceled also.

2 Ms. Norman?

3 MR. CHURNET: We get some kind of
4 press, some kind of notice, right, if we reach an
5 agreement?

6 AGENT FLETCHER: You would sign an
7 agreement and send it in.

8 MR. CHURNET: Okay.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Norman knows that
10 procedure.

11 MR. CHURNET: Okay.

12 AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, if there is a
13 settlement agreement. I'm saying the ANC is
14 familiar with it --

15 MS. NORMAN: Yes.

16 AGENT FLETCHER: -- if there is a
17 settlement agreement, that if -- you know, the
18 way this works a lot of times, the ANC will
19 provide you with some terms.

20 MR. CHURNET: Right.

21 AGENT FLETCHER: And then you respond
22 to those and if you all can come up with an

1 agreement, then one of you would send it in to
2 the Board for review.

3 And, Ms. Norman, you put your contact
4 information the sheet?

5 MS. NORMAN: Yes.

6 AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Any questions
7 at all? Okay. Thank you.

8 MR. CHURNET: Thank you.

9 AGENT FLETCHER: Uh-huh. We are off
10 the -- the Roll Call Hearing is concluded.

11 MR. CHURNET: Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
13 went off the at 10:13 a.m.)
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