

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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5 IN THE MATTER OF:

6 Beletesh LTD, : CASE #15-PRO-00115

7 t/a Serv-U-Liquors :

8 1935 9th Street Northwest :

9 Retailer Class A :

10 License Renewal :

11 License #ABRA-60026 :

12 December 14, 2015 :

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14 Monday, December 14, 2015

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16 Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
17 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
18 Regulation Administration, Reeves Center, 2000
19 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400 S, Washington, D.C.
20 20009.

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

MEDIATOR :

LAVERNE FLETCHER, Presiding

ALSO PRESENT :

ELLEN SULLIVAN, Commissioner

BELETESH OGBE

AREFAINE MOAONNEN

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

2 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Would the parties in
3 the matter of Serv-U-Liquors please come forward?
4 The parties in the matter of Serv-U-Liquors.
5 This is case #15-PRO-00115, Beletesh LTD, t/a
6 Serv-U-Liquors, 1935 9th Street Northwest
7 ABRA-060026. This is a retailer class A License
8 Renewal. The protest issues are adverse impact
9 on peace, order and quiet. My name is Laverne
10 Fletcher. I am conducting the Roll Call Hearing
11 as the Board's Agent pursuant to D.C. Official
12 Code 1601.2. Introductions beginning with the
13 applicant please. Your name?

14 SPEAKER: My names is Beletesh Ogbe.

15 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Could you state -- uh
16 spell it?

17 MS. BELETESH: B-E-L-E-T-E-S-H.

18 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: B-E-L, Oh, okay,
19 thank you. And what's the last name?

20 MS. BELETESH: O-G-B-E alphabet.

21 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: O-G--

22 MS. BELETESH: B-E.

1 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: V like Victor?

2 MS. BELETESH: B like boy. M

3 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay. O-G-B

4 MS. BELETESH: O like in Oscar, G like in
5 George.

6 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Uh huh.

7 MS. BELETESH: B like in boy.

8 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay. Thank you.

9 And your name, sir?

10 SPEAKER: My name is Arefaine Moaonnen.

11 Last name M-O-A-O-N-N-E-N.

12 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: That's the last name?

13 MR. MOAONNEN: Yes.

14 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: What's the first?

15 MR. MOAONNEN: The first name is A-R-E-F,
16 F like Frank - M-O-A-O-N-N-E-N.

17 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Got it. Thank you.

18 And present on behalf of ANC 1B?

19 SPEAKER: Ellen Sullivan, ANC

20 Commissioner for 1B-02.

21 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Thank you Ms.

22 Sullivan. ANC 1B has standing as a protestant.

1 We need to set a date for mediation, a status
2 hearing and a protest hearing.

3 MS. SULLIVAN: I would like to ask that
4 we just set the date for the status hearing at
5 this point, because this protest was not ever
6 directly about Serv-U-Liquors it was about a
7 larger issue with ANC 1B where we're considering
8 looking at all Class A licenses more carefully.

9 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Mm hmm.

10 MS. SULLIVAN: The Commissioner who
11 requested this protest -- um, which I strongly
12 opposed as the representative Commissioner, has
13 since visited the establishment and now
14 recognizes that they should not be put under
15 greater scrutiny but instead should be held up as
16 an example as we move forward with looking at
17 other Class A licenses. He now understands that
18 this establishment has been in the neighborhood
19 for an extremely long time --

20 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Mm hmm --

21 MS. SULLIVAN: -- a good apple --

22 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Right.

1 MS. SULLIVAN: -- and we need to
2 recognize that and so we fully expect to have a
3 formal vote at our meeting the beginning of
4 January --

5 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Mm hmm.

6 MS. SULLIVAN: -- to dismiss this protest
7 and so I would like the record to show that we --
8 the ANC has no reason to believe that we will
9 need anything beyond possibly a status hearing,
10 if even that.

11 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay then, well, I'll
12 go -- thanks, Ms. Sullivan. What I'll do -- I
13 won't set mediation, I'll just give you the
14 status and protest hearing dates and when you let
15 us know that the ANC has withdrawn the protest,
16 we'll cancel those.

17 MS. SULLIVAN: Perfect, thank you.

18 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Thank you. Uh -- and
19 so the date for status hearing is set for January
20 20 at 9:30.

21 MS. SULLIVAN: January 20th?

22 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Uh huh. And the date

1 for the --

2 MS. SULLIVAN: I'm sorry, what time was
3 that?

4 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: At 9:30.

5 MS. SULLIVAN: 9:30?

6 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Uh huh, January 20 at
7 9:30 for the status hearing, and for the protest
8 hearing February 24 at 1:30. February 24 at
9 1:30. Which -- which hearing will also be
10 cancelled once we hear from Ms. Sullivan that the
11 ANC is withdrawing the protest. We'll cancel the
12 status hearing and the protest hearing. Well,
13 Ms. Sullivan, thanks for that and I'll report
14 that and we'll hold up on mediation and we'll
15 just wait to hear from you.

16 MS. SULLIVAN: Okay. Thank you for
17 letting us reflect as to the situation in the
18 record. We just want to make sure that there's
19 no blemish --

20 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Exactly.

21 MS. SULLIVAN: -- on this establishment.
22 They're a good neighbor and we want to have it

1 reflected.

2 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Ms. Sullivan, did you
3 put your contact information on this sheet?

4 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes ma'am.

5 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: I have it elsewhere so that I
6 have it handy. Thank you very much. The Roll
7 Call Hearing is concluded.