

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION  
ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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 A and A, LLC :  
 Georgia Line Convenience Store :  
 5125 Georgia Avenue, NW :  
 License No. ABRA-091196 :  
 Retailer Class B :  
 License Renewal :  
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 Case No. 14-PRO-00099 :  
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Monday,  
December 29, 2015

ABRA Meeting Room  
400 South  
Reeves Municipal Center  
2000 14th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20009

The above-entitled matter convened at  
10:00 a.m. before the District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverages Regulation Administration  
Board.

BEFORE:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, Board Agent

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(10:08 a.m.)

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Would the parties in the matter of Georgia Line Convenience Store please come forward. The parties in the matter of Georgia Line Convenience Store. Protestants on this side and the applicant on this side.

MR. ANTONSON: I'm a supporter. Is this the side? I submitted a letter.

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: I received your letter and actually you may have a seat right there. The supporter won't need to step forward so you may just have a chair.

MR. ANTONSON: Okay. And I do request time to speak if that's possible.

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: We'll address that after we get started. Thank you very much.

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: This is Case No. 14-PRO-00099, A and A, LLC t/a Georgia Line Convenience Store, 5125 Georgia Avenue N.W., License No. ABRA-091196. This is a Retailer Class

1 B license renewal.

2 The protest issues are adverse impact  
3 on peace, order and quiet.

4 My name is LaVerne Fletcher and I'm  
5 conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's  
6 agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1601.2.  
7 Introductions beginning with the applicant. Is  
8 the applicant present in the matter of Georgia  
9 Line Convenience Store? Thank you.

10 Present on behalf of the protestants?

11 MR. SHEON: Do you want me to come  
12 there?

13 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: No, you can  
14 just have a chair at the table and you can pull  
15 up two chairs, an additional chair. There's one  
16 there already, for the other protestants. Thank  
17 you. So present on behalf of the Group of Six?

18 MS. WRIGHT: Good morning, yes.  
19 Jerrett C. Wright.

20 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: And Ms.  
21 Wright, would you spell that for the record  
22 please?

1 MS. WRIGHT: Yes. J-e-r-r-e-t-t W-  
2 r-i-g-h-t.

3 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank  
4 you, and your name ma'am?

5 MS. WALLACE: Annie A-n-n-i-e and  
6 Wallace W-a-l-l-a-c-e.

7 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you, Ms.  
8 Wallace.

9 MR. SHEON: And I'm David Sheon.  
10 S-h-e-o-n.

11 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Mr. Sheon, you  
12 have some letters of designation?

13 MR. SHEON: I do. And I believe also  
14 you've received a couple of emails.

15 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, from Ms.  
16 Waugh.

17 MR. SHEON: Yes, from Ms. Waugh-  
18 Elliott and then actually Annie Wallace is here  
19 with me as well but she signed this. But this is  
20 also Barbara Thompkins, and then you also will  
21 have received or just received from Donna  
22 Brockington a letter also designating me to

1 represent her personally and the ANC.

2 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Yes, I did.

3 MR. SHEON: Okay. Thank you.

4 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: And I will  
5 spell some names for the record. Annie Wallace is  
6 here and she's spelled her name already. Tawana  
7 Waugh-Elliott. Her first name is  
8 T-a-w-a-n-a and her last name is W-a-u-g-h and  
9 Elliott E-l-l-i-o-t-t.

10 And I have a letter of designation  
11 from Barbara Thompkins and her last name is  
12 spelled T-h-o-m-p-k-i-n-e-s. And Donna  
13 Brockington sending an email designating you, Mr.  
14 Sheon, as her representative, last name spelled  
15 B-r-o-c-k-i-n-g-t-o-n.

16 Mr. Sheon, your Group of Six has  
17 conditional standing as protestants and what that  
18 means is that at the status hearing, and I'm  
19 going to give you a date for that in a moment,  
20 two additional people need to show up for the  
21 status hearing but for the purpose of Roll Call  
22 you are granted conditional standing today.

1                   And you're with Georgia Line  
2 Convenience? And your name please?

3                   MS. TASSEW: Alemtsehay Tassew.

4                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Could you  
5 speak a little bit louder and spell it for the  
6 court reporter please?

7                   MS. TASSEW: Alemtsehay Tassew.

8                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: And how do you  
9 spell the first name?

10                  MS. TASSEW: A-l-e-m-t-s-e-h-a-y.

11                  BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: And your last  
12 name?

13                  MS. TASSEW: T-a-s-s-e-w.

14                  BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: T-a-s-s-e-w?

15 Thank you very much. And you're the applicant  
16 for Georgia Line Convenience?

17                  MS. TASSEW: Yes, I am.

18                  BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: And so you're  
19 the owner?

20                  MS. TASSEW: Yes.

21                  BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

22 And, sir, you mentioned that you're a supporter

1 of the application. This is not the time for you  
2 to actually speak but since you're here you may  
3 go ahead and state your name for the record.

4 MR. ANTONSON: Ms. Fletcher, my name  
5 is Ross Antonson. First name R-o-s-s and last  
6 name A-n-t-o-n-s-o-n and I'm a resident. I  
7 submitted a letter of support and I would like to  
8 be heard.

9 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank  
10 you. Today is not the time for you to be heard  
11 but because you're here I've allowed you to state  
12 your name for the record and if there's a protest  
13 hearing I'm sure that you'll provide testimony in  
14 support for Georgia Line Convenience at that  
15 time. Thank you for coming.

16 MR. ANTONSON: Thank you.

17 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: We need to set  
18 a date for a mediation, a status hearing and a  
19 protest hearing. Ms. Tassew, how do you  
20 pronounce it?

21 MS. TASSEW: Tas-sew.

22 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Would you

1 please put your contact information on that sheet  
2 please. Thank you.

3 I'll give you a date for the status  
4 and protest hearing first. The date for the  
5 status hearing is February 11th. February 11,  
6 2015 at 9:30 a.m. And the date for the protest  
7 hearing is March 25, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

8 MR. SHEON: Is there a time for the  
9 status hearing?

10 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: 9:30 a.m., on  
11 February 11th.

12 MR. SHEON: Thank you.

13 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: We need to set  
14 a date for mediation to occur prior to February  
15 11th and I'll give you the next available date  
16 which is January--

17 MS. TASSEW: I would like to know the  
18 March date.

19 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Who's  
20 speaking? Just state your name so that the  
21 record will reflect who's speaking.

22 MS. TASSEW: Alemtsehay Tassew.

1 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. And  
2 what were you saying?

3 MS. TASSEW: I would like to know the  
4 March date.

5 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Oh yes. The  
6 March date is March 25 at 1:30 p.m. That's the  
7 protest hearing. And you'll receive a notice by  
8 email of these dates that I'm giving you so if  
9 you'll make sure also that your email address is  
10 written clearly.

11 MS. TASSEW: Sure.

12 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So now we're  
13 setting a date for the mediation to occur prior  
14 to February 11th. And the first available date  
15 for the mediation is Thursday, January 8th.  
16 Thursday, January 8th is the first available day  
17 at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m., if that's good. Mr. Sheon,  
18 I'm looking at you since you're representing the  
19 group.

20 MR. SHEON: It's actually not. I mean  
21 later in the afternoon that day would be fine but  
22 -- actually, I'm sorry, that date's not good.

1 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. The  
2 next available date is Thursday, January 15th at  
3 9, 10 or 11.

4 MR. SHEON: That's fine. Any time.

5 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Any time? So  
6 11?

7 MS. TASSEW: 11?

8 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. SHEON: Is 11 okay?

10 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Yes.

11 MS. TASSEW: Yes.

12 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So that's for  
13 the license renewal.

14 MR. SHEON: And for the mediation we  
15 also need a total of 3?

16 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: No, just you.

17 MR. SHEON: That's fine.

18 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. Thank  
19 you. And because you're the designated  
20 representative for the entire group, if you're  
21 available and you can come that's good for us.

22 MR. SHEON: That's fine,

1 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So the  
2 mediation is set for 11 o'clock on January 15th  
3 and this is related to the license renewal. Any  
4 questions at all about the license renewal?

5 MR. ANTONSON: Ms. Fletcher, if I may  
6 rise?

7 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Excuse me?

8 MR. ANTONSON: Ross Antonson, a point  
9 of clarification. You mentioned I'd have an  
10 opportunity to speak and we talked about three  
11 subsequent dates. At which of these would I have  
12 an opportunity to speak? I just want to be clear.

13 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Well, what's  
14 going to have to happen is Ms. Tassew will have  
15 to designate you as a witness on her behalf, and  
16 so if she does that then you may speak at the  
17 protest hearing as her witness. But you would  
18 you have to be designated as a witness.

19 MR. ANTONSON: As a witness. So I  
20 would not have an opportunity to participate  
21 January 15th at the mediation nor at the status  
22 on February 11th?

1                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    No, only the  
2 party to the protest.  If this matter is not  
3 resolved in mediation and there's a protest  
4 hearing then the licensee would designate you as  
5 one of her witnesses to speak on her behalf at  
6 that time.

7                   MR. ANTONSON:    I see.  Thank you for  
8 clarifying that, I appreciate it.

9                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    You're  
10 welcome.  So this Roll Call Hearing is concluded.  
11 And you may stay at the table because the next  
12 case is yours as well.  And we're off the record.

13                               (Whereupon, the hearing in the above-  
14 entitled matter having been concluded, went off  
15 the record at 10:21 a.m.)

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