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The Regular Public Hearing of the District of Columbia Foreign Missions Board of Zoning Adjustment convened via Videoconference, pursuant to notice at 11:57 a.m., Michelle Pourciau, Chairperson, presiding.

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS PRESENT:

MICHELLE POURCIAU, Chairperson
PAUL GOLDSTEIN, Vice-Chairperson
MELISSA LINDSJO, NCPC Designee
ROBYN JACKSON WELLS, District Resident Appointee

FOREIGN MISSIONS BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS
PRESENT:

DIANE SULLIVAN, NCPC Designee
TAMMY STIDHAM, NPS Designee

OFFICE OF ZONING STAFF PRESENT:

KEARA MEHLERT, Secretary
PAUL YOUNG, A/V Production Specialist

OFFICE OF PLANNING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW STAFF PRESENT:

CRYSTAL MYERS

1 OFFICE OF ZONING ATTORNEY ADVISORS PRESENT:

2 SARAH BAJAJ, ESQ.
3 JORDANE WONG, ESQ.

4 The transcript constitutes the minutes from
5 the Regular Public Hearing held on October 7, 2026.

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(11:57 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Looks like we're all here and ready to reconvene. Ms. Mehlert, would you please read case number 21515 into the record? Right before you do that, I do want to say that this is -- we're -- we have a pretty new BZA, and this will be our first time seeing a foreign mission case. And so there are different procedures, and so we will do our best to follow the procedures as laid out for this type of case, and we'll lean on staff to assist us if we sway away from the requirements. And so thank you for that. Ms. Mehlert, please proceed.

MS. MEHLERT: Yes. Did you want to read the --

CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Opening statement?

MS. MEHLERT: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Yes. Thank you.

All right. Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Today is October 7th, 2026, and this is the public hearing of the Board of Zoning Adjustment. We're convening to act on a chancery application pursuant to the Foreign Missions Act number 22 U.S.C. 4301-4316 and Subtitle X, Chapter 2, of the zoning regulations. My name is Michelle Pourciau, Chair, and I'm joined today by board members: Vice Chair Goldstein, Board Member Wells, and board member from NCPC,

1 Sullivan, as well as from the Zoning Commission,
2 Commissioner Stidham. So -- and once again, that would be
3 the federal representative, Ms. Sullivan, and the
4 executive director representing the National Capital
5 Planning Commission, Ms. Stidham. And Ms. Stidham
6 representing the National Park Service U.S. Department of
7 Interior.

8 Today's agenda is available on the Office of
9 Zoning's website. Please be advised that this proceeding
10 is being recorded by a court reporter and is also webcast
11 live via Webex and YouTube Live. The video of the webcast
12 will be available on the Office of Zoning's website after
13 today's meeting or hearing. Accordingly, everyone who is
14 listening on Webex or by telephone will be muted during
15 the hearing. If you experience difficulty accessing Webex
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17 hotline number at 202-727-5471 to receive Webex login or
18 call-in instructions. All persons planning to testify
19 either in favor or in opposition should have signed up in
20 advance. They will be called by name to testify. By
21 signing up to testify, all participants completed the oath
22 of affirmation as required by Subtitle Y, Section 408.7.
23 Please state your name and home address before providing
24 oral testimony or your presentation. All chancery
25 proceedings shall be of a rulemaking nature, and the order

1 of procedure for a chancery application is pursuant to
2 Subtitle Y410.

3 The following time constraints will be
4 maintained. The applicant, including witnesses, will be
5 permitted 60 minutes to present its case. Persons
6 testifying, whether in support or opposition, will be
7 permitted three minutes each, except an ANC. Since this
8 is a rulemaking proceeding and there are no parties, there
9 is no cross-examination. At the conclusion of each case,
10 an individual who was unable to testify because of
11 technical issues may file a request for leave to file a
12 written version of the planned testimony to the record
13 within 24 hours following the conclusion of the public
14 testimony in the hearing. If additional written testimony
15 is accepted, then parties will be allowed a reasonable
16 time to respond as determined by the board. The board
17 will then make its decision at its next meeting session,
18 but no earlier than 48 hours after the hearing.

19 Finally, the District of Columbia Administrative
20 Procedure Act requires that the public hearing on each
21 case be held in open before the public. However, pursuant
22 to Sections 405B and 406 of the Act, the board may,
23 consistent with its rules or procedures in the Act, enter
24 into a closed meeting on a case for purposes of seeking
25 legal counsel on a case pursuant to D.C. Official Code

1 Section 2-575B4 and/or deliberating on a case pursuant to
2 D.C. Official Code Section 2-575B13, but only after
3 providing the necessary public notice, and in the case of
4 an emergency closed meeting after taking a roll call vote.

5 And so with that, I'd like to ask Secretary
6 Mehlert to read the case into the record.

7 MS. MEHLERT: Thank you. The FMBZA case before
8 today, the application number 21515 of Royal Embassy of
9 Saudi Arabia is an application pursuant to Subtitle X,
10 Chapter 2, to allow expansion of an existing chancery
11 security screening facilities and perimeter security
12 fence. These security screening facilities replace
13 existing guardhouses, including the necessary structure,
14 side addition, and new security fence located in the MV2
15 (sic) zone at 601 New Hampshire Avenue Northwest, Square
16 19, Lot 823.

17 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you. And I believe
18 we are joined today by the agent, Ms. Oliveira, and Mr.
19 Stokes.

20 Ms. Oliveira, I hope I pronounced correctly.
21 And let me extend our apologies for the time. The
22 previous case took longer than anticipated. But thank you
23 for being here now.

24 MS. OLIVEIRA: Our pleasure to be here in this --
25 and good afternoon to everyone. My name is Francesca

1 Rosano Oliveira. I'm the technical principal for HOK and
2 the architect of record for this project. And our office
3 is located at 3223 Grace Street, Northwest. And I'm
4 joined by the project manager, Emillio Stokes.

5 MR. STOKES: Hello, everyone. I'm Emillio
6 Stokes. I am also involved on the behalf of our client.
7 Our office location is 3223 Grace Street, Northwest,
8 Washington, D.C.

9 MS. OLIVEIRA: And so we're joining you today to
10 go through the testimony and the applicant for the Kingdom
11 of Saudi Arabia's expansion of their chancery as described
12 and presented. We are -- given the nature of the
13 chancery, we are going to be referencing the exhibits that
14 we have submitted with this application, most notably
15 Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 16, but have not prepared a separate
16 presentation as the exhibits do represent the work. With
17 that, may I proceed to go through the key points as
18 represented in the exhibits?

19 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Yes, please. Thank you.

20 MS. OLIVEIRA: Wonderful.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Madam Chair, if you
22 don't mind me, I'm so sorry to interrupt really quickly.
23 I apologize. I think there's a preliminary matter about
24 posting of the notice for the application. I'm just
25 wondering if the applicant could just start with

1 explaining what kind of notice has been given of this
2 hearing today and how it's been sufficient for us to
3 proceed. Thank you. Sorry, Madam Chair.

4 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: No, thank you, Vice Chair
5 Goldstein.

6 MS. OLIVEIRA: Thank you. Yes. Happy to address
7 that matter. So pursuant of the requirements to post
8 notification of this hearing, we were not given permission
9 by the embassy to post a physical sign at the site of the
10 embassy. And so as such, we reached out to the ANC and
11 the Chair to make sure that there was notification given
12 to the folks that were around the surrounding properties.

13 For those that are not familiar with the location where
14 we are on 25th Street, we are actually very much sided by
15 roads on all locations and really only have one major
16 property adjacent to us, which is the Watergate building,
17 which we understand that HOA is aware of the construction
18 that we are doing. And I believe the board did receive an
19 email from the commissioner of the ANC that they
20 acknowledged that they were aware of this hearing and that
21 the neighbors are aware of the property and the
22 renovations that we are presenting. As such, we submitted
23 an affidavit that I personally signed as the AOR,
24 indicating that this was the procedure that we had taken,
25 and it was notified and submitted to the board for record.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Thank you. Has that
2 affidavit -- has it made it into the record? I'm just
3 curious.

4 MS. OLIVEIRA: We submitted it as part of our
5 application portal. Did the board receive it?

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Okay. Okay.

7 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Ms. Mehlert, can you --

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Thank you very much.

9 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Ms. Mehlert, can you
10 confirm if it's in the record?

11 MS. MEHLERT: Yes, it is. It's in Exhibit 31. I
12 think it was improperly titled, unfortunately, but I
13 believe what they're referring to is in Exhibit 31.

14 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you for that.

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Excellent. Please
17 proceed.

18 MS. OLIVEIRA: Thank you. So the scope of the
19 work as represented in the exhibits is both a full
20 renovation of the existing chancellery building, as well
21 as two very modest additions to the main chancellery and
22 then two screening facilities along the property
23 perimeter. These extents of this work are all within
24 compliance, we believe, of the MU-2 zoning regulations,
25 and we are actually not seeking relief at this time. We

1 believe we're in compliance and would just like to walk
2 you through what renovations are being done to the
3 chancellery for awareness of the board.

4 So to date, in terms of the work as represented,
5 we have gone out to the community and the agencies
6 associated with this for engagement. We have received a
7 letter from the Department of State and their Office of
8 Foreign Missions approving the security improvements
9 requested by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. We -- there are
10 two minor modifications in the public realm to the curb
11 cuts, and so we will be pursuing a work with DDOT, and
12 that has not been submitted yet, to cover those minor
13 adjustments of curb cuts in order to get vehicular
14 screening and increased safety along that street, which is
15 particularly on 25th Street. We are also then adding an
16 accessible entrance, which does not currently exist on the
17 property along the New Hampshire Avenue entrance. So
18 those are -- those will be presented to DDOT shortly.

19 For the Commission of Fine Arts, we have gone
20 through the concept preliminary review and received very
21 insightful and thoughtful feedback on how to handle the
22 perimeter fence that we are adding within the property
23 line to provide security to the property. Unfortunately,
24 the chancery has had a couple of incidences of folks
25 coming onto the property that were not meant to be there,

1 and it has posed concern to their staff. And so we have
2 worked with CFA to really craft the fencing so that it's -
3 - while it is both secure, it is also within the aesthetic
4 of the region and the neighbor -- and the neighborhood.
5 And so we've responded to that feedback and are going to
6 be submitting for the finals reviews with them shortly.

7 As I noted, we have been in contact with the ANC
8 chair and presented at the 2A meetings. That was on May
9 20th. We received no comments from that group. There --
10 and as I had mentioned, the neighbors have been notified,
11 and it's notably within the 200-foot radius. It really is
12 only the Watergate Homeowners Association.

13 Please note that the location of the chancellery
14 is not in a historic district and it was not deemed a
15 historic landmark according to the D.C. Inventory of
16 Historic Sites in the National Registry of Historic
17 Places. So consequently, this evaluation criteria does
18 not apply to the work that we are looking at. Just to
19 review with you three notable changes. I started to
20 allude to them based on our community engagement to date.

21 But what we are particularly doing that is within site of
22 the public as well as in the public realm is as follows.
23 So on the -- and within the public realm, particularly, as
24 I've mentioned, there are two major modifications that are
25 occurring. So first on 25th Street, there is modification

1 of the two existing curb cuts to add security screening.
2 So we're trying to adjust this so that the vehicles can be
3 screened on our property and don't have to be screened off
4 property. There is no modifications to F Street as
5 currently built. And on the New Hampshire Avenue, again,
6 we are modifying the existing granite staircase to be able
7 to add an accessible lift to provide accessible entrance
8 into the building, which doesn't currently exist. In this
9 regard, I just want to make a note to you, on the parking
10 -- excuse me. On the parking currently on site, there's a
11 requirement by zoning of 29 spaces, to which we provide 31
12 spaces at the surface level accessed off of 25th Street.

13 Please note to the board that this is a reduction
14 of the current extent of parking built by 17 spaces
15 because we were previously at 48. These spaces are being
16 removed to be able to provide location for the security
17 screening as forementioned, as well as providing
18 accessible parking spots that don't currently exist.
19 Within the parking garage itself, below the embassy, we
20 actually have 19 parking spaces, and this is for the staff
21 and the security. This is reduced by three parking spaces
22 to provide a fire pump because the building is currently
23 not sprinklered. And so that is part of our major
24 improvements to the building to provide more safety
25 within. As such, though, we are reducing the parking, we

1 feel that we are within the zoning regulations given of
2 our proximity to mass transit, as noted in the brief that
3 was submitted in the exhibits.

4 The two entrances on both New Hampshire Street
5 and 25th Street are being modified with minor additions
6 that are adding security screening to both entrances.
7 Currently, the chancellery doesn't have -- the formal
8 screening process is happening within the building, which
9 doesn't provide enough security and safety to the
10 occupants above. And so we're actually adding very minor
11 additions at the entrances to provide those screening
12 components, as well as trying to add vestibules to improve
13 the thermal performance of the facilities. And so those
14 are the additions that we are adding there.

15 And then last but not least, the chancery is
16 providing a site security fence around its property line.

17 This was approved, as I mentioned, by the Department of
18 State. We've adjusted its character so that it is
19 vertical pickets with stone piers to reflect the historic
20 nature of the building as guided by CFA. These fences
21 will be anti-climb in nature and consist of steel rails
22 and pickets that are black coated with granite veneer
23 posts. They're spaced approximately 10 feet on center.
24 The overall height of the fence is approximately 10 feet.

25 The location of the fence post is intentionally crafted

1 so that we are not impacting the heritage trees that are
2 surrounding this very road-driven site. And so we're
3 making sure that all the trees are maintained, and we have
4 walked the site with the D.C. arborist as well as the
5 arborist that is supplied by the project so we can make
6 sure we can protect those elements within the public
7 realm. And so that is a brief summary of the exhibits
8 that we've presented to you, and we'd welcome any
9 discussion and questions from the board.

10 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you for your brief
11 presentation. I'd like to ask board members if they have
12 questions at this time. I'll start with Vice Chair
13 Goldstein.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Thank you for your
15 presentation. I -- just curious about the fencing. So
16 currently there's none on the property and this is going -
17 - this is entirely new? Okay.

18 MS. OLIVEIRA: Yeah. Unfortunately, this -- the
19 property obviously was -- it was originally built in 1960s
20 as an insurance company, and they didn't need a fence,
21 obviously, at that time. And when the chancery purchased
22 the property, I believe in the 80s -- Emillio, correct me
23 if I'm wrong. They didn't add it at the time. They did
24 some renovations, but right now you can actually freely
25 walk across the parking lot. And unfortunately, Vice

1 Chair, there has been some incidents, and that's partly
2 why the embassy is looking to see if they could put a
3 level of protection within their property lines.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Yeah. And I'm just
5 curious, is 10 feet, is that somehow reached through
6 discussions with the State Department and assessment of
7 security needs more generally? I -- I'm curious how you
8 land at 10 feet?

9 MS. OLIVEIRA: The 10 foot allows us to establish
10 an anti-climb requirement, right? And so yes, this was
11 done in collaboration with the State Department and met
12 the requirements as represented.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: I really appreciated
14 you mentioning that you're being sensitive to the trees on
15 the property. I could see from some images that there are
16 mature trees. And the fence will remain entirely within
17 private space; is that right?

18 MS. OLIVEIRA: That is correct. Yeah.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Okay.

20 MS. OLIVEIRA: The only thing within the public
21 realm is the adjustment to the two curb cuts on 25th
22 Street and then the ADA lift at the staircase in New
23 Hampshire, because we are going to try to reuse this and
24 as -- repurpose as much of that existing staircase as we
25 can. Some of it is in good condition, some of it needs

1 repair.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: And I just want to
3 make a comment: is I just think the design of the facade
4 that you're proposing looks lovely, and I think it's a
5 nice improvement to the building.

6 MS. OLIVEIRA: Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Thank you for your
8 work.

9 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you, Vice Chair.
10 Board Member Wells, do you have questions?

11 MEMBER WELLS: I don't have questions. Again,
12 thank you for your presentation. It was very thorough.
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Board Member Sullivan, do
15 you have questions for the applicant?

16 MEMBER SULLIVAN: I do not have any questions.
17 Is this the right time to make comments though, or do we
18 circle back for that?

19 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: I think we'll circle back
20 for that, unless there are comments you want to make right
21 now, but --

22 MEMBER SULLIVAN: No. Oh, no. I was just going
23 to thank you very much for the presentation. I'll just go
24 ahead and save my comments.

25 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Okay.

1 MEMBER SULLIVAN: I think it's actually very well
2 done. I really appreciate the design elements that have
3 been added to the windows. They match the, I don't know,
4 basement subfloor windows very nicely. And then the
5 fencing, actually, as someone who reviews a lot of
6 security fencing, I think has -- is also -- you struck a
7 very nice balance between protecting the public realm,
8 keeping it in the building yard, and also in the context
9 of the building design itself. So well done.

10 MS. OLIVEIRA: Thank you very much. And it was a
11 great collaboration with CFA. They were good partners in
12 this, and we appreciated their input.

13 MEMBER SULLIVAN: Great. Yeah. Glad to hear it.

14 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you for adding those
15 comments.

16 Commissioner Stidham, do you have questions or
17 comments at this time?

18 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: I don't have any
19 questions, and I do agree with Board Member Sullivan's
20 comments. I think it was very nicely done and appreciate
21 you walking us through what you intend to do.

22 MS. OLIVEIRA: Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you. We'll hear the
24 Office of Planning's report now. And thank you, Ms.
25 Myers, for being here.

1 MS. MYERS: Good afternoon. Crystal Myers for
2 the Office of Planning. The Office of Planning recommends
3 that the FMBZA not disapprove of this application. And we
4 can stand on the record of the staff report, but of course
5 we're here for questions. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you. Does anyone
7 have questions for Ms. Myers from OP? No, I'm not seeing
8 any. Thank you, Ms. Myers. We appreciate your staff
9 work.

10 They -- DDOT is not present, but they did provide
11 comments that are in the record. We see the comments from
12 the ANC, including the additional documentation that was
13 provided due to the concern for posting. Thank you for
14 bringing that to our attention at the beginning of this
15 hearing. There are no individuals in support or
16 opposition at this point. It looks like it -- we don't
17 officially have to do this, but I think we should ask the
18 applicant if you have any closing remarks, and then we'll
19 just take any additional questions or comments after that.

20 MR. YOUNG: Madam Chair?

21 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Yes.

22 MR. YOUNG: I think there's a representative of
23 the U.S. Department of State to testify.

24 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you for that. I see
25 there's a Ms. Ward here.

1 Ms. Ward, would you like to provide comments on
2 this application?

3 MS. WARD: Yes. We have submitted an official
4 comment in writing. However, I'm happy to summarize that
5 for the group. And the Department of State has determined
6 that a favorable BZA action on this present application
7 would fulfill the international obligation of the United
8 States to facilitate the provision of adequate and secure
9 premises for the government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
10 in Washington, D.C. We have also determined that there
11 exist no special security requirements related to parking
12 in this case, as we heard, and that the site and the area
13 are capable of being adequately protected.

14 And finally, there is a federal interest in this
15 project. The government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
16 has been helpful in addressing the United States' land use
17 and security needs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Such
18 cooperation was essential for successfully achieving the
19 federal government's mission of providing safe, secure,
20 and functional facilities for the conduct of U.S.
21 diplomacy and the promotion of U.S. interest worldwide.
22 Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

23 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you.

24 Did anyone want to ask Ms. Ward any questions at
25 this time?

1 Seeing none, I want to thank you again, Ms. Ward,
2 for being here and providing those helpful comments. And
3 so I think we've heard all the presentations.

4 Ms. Oliveira -- Oliveria -- how do I say that
5 properly?

6 MS. OLIVEIRA: Oliveira, in English.

7 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Oliveira. Thank you.

8 MS. OLIVEIRA: Yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Are there any closing
10 remarks you'd like to make at this time?

11 MS. OLIVEIRA: I wanted to thank the board and
12 all of the advisors that have joined us today to review
13 the work of this important chancery. And we feel that we
14 -- it's been our honor and privilege to be able to help
15 continue diplomacy between our two nations. And we
16 respectfully request that under the Foreign Missions Board
17 of Zoning Approvals that we not disapprove the proposed
18 expansion to the chancellery as presented.

19 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you so much.

20 MS. OLIVEIRA: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: With that, I believe we
22 are finished with the presentations and the board is ready
23 to deliberate on this case. The case can be closed so
24 that we can deliberate and vote. Thank you all again for
25 being present, and we appreciate your work. Thank you all

1 for being here.

2 Is there any -- in this case, I just -- I want to
3 state for the record that we're looking at six criteria
4 that's in accordance with the Foreign Missions Act. It's
5 the international obligation of the United States to
6 facilitate foreign missions in the nation's capital,
7 historic preservation requirements that are determined by
8 this board, the adequacy of parking and public
9 transportation, the extent to which the area is capable of
10 being adequately protected. I think that's paramount in
11 this application. The municipal interest of the mayor of
12 the District of Columbia as determined by the mayor of the
13 District of Columbia, and the federal interest as
14 determined by the Secretary of State.

15 When we vote on this, we will vote -- the motion
16 should either be to not disapprove or to disapprove.
17 Having said that, is there further deliberation by the
18 board? I'll start with Vice Chair Goldstein.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Thank you, Madam
20 Chair. I view the applicant as having met their burden
21 under the criteria of 201.8. You listed the criteria just
22 a moment ago, but I think that, you know, with the State
23 Department testimony and submission, we've got the CFA
24 submission, the Office of Planning submission, and the
25 applicant's submission as well. I think the record is

1 rather robust in how they meet or exceed the requirements,
2 and I would be supportive of a motion to not disapprove of
3 their application.

4 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you.

5 Board Member Wells?

6 MEMBER WELLS: I would align my comments to Vice
7 Chair Goldstein. I'm in agreement. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you.

9 Board Member Sullivan?

10 MEMBER SULLIVAN: I also align my comments with
11 Vice Chair Goldstein. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: I appreciate that.

13 And Commissioner Stidham?

14 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: I also align with Vice
15 Chair Goldstein.

16 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Very good. Really
17 appreciate that.

18 And so Vice Chair Goldstein, would you like to
19 make a motion? I am also aligned, for the record.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: And I -- I'll ask
21 Ms. Mehlert as well to make sure that I get this correct
22 since it's the FMBZA. I would -- I'm making a motion to
23 not disapprove application number 21515 from the Royal
24 Embassy of Saudi Arabia.

25 Have I got that correct as captioned and read by

1 the secretary?

2 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Second.

3 MS. MEHLERT: Please respond to the vice chair's
4 motion to not disapprove the application.

5 Chair Pourciau?

6 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Oh, not disapprove. Yes.

7 MS. MEHLERT: Vice Chair Goldstein?

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON GOLDSTEIN: Yes.

9 MS. MEHLERT: Board Member Wells?

10 MEMBER WELLS: Yes.

11 MS. MEHLERT: Commissioner Stidham?

12 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Yes.

13 MS. MEHLERT: And Director Sullivan?

14 MEMBER SULLIVAN: Yes.

15 MS. MEHLERT: Staff would report the vote 5 to 0
16 to 0 to not disapprove. Application number 21515 on the
17 motion made by Vice Chair Goldstein and seconded by Chair
18 Pourciau.

19 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you so much. Thank
20 you all for being here. Appreciate your work.

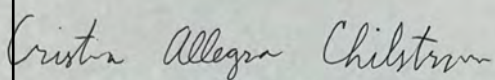
21 COMMISSIONER STIDHAM: Thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON POURCIAU: Thank you. Have a good
23 day.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off
25 the record at 12:28 p.m.)

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