

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Nana Baba, Inc., :
t/a New Neighborhood :
Market :
1611 Rhode Island Ave NE :
Retailer B - ANC 5C :
License #117177 :
Case # 23-CIT-00012 :
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(No ABC Manager on Duty) :
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Wednesday
April 5th, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson
Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
JENI HANSEN, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

FEKADU LEMA, Applicant
BISOLA ONI
JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABRA Staff

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

2 11:05 a.m.

3 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. The next
4 case in our calendar is Case Number 23-CIT-00012,
5 New Neighborhood Market, License Number 117177.

6 Mr. Orellana, can you please elevate
7 the Licensee for this case, please?

8 MR. ORELLANA: Mr. Lema, your access
9 has been elevated.

10 That is all, Chairman.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 MR. LEMA: I'm here.

13 CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. Lema, do you have
14 a camera you can turn on, sir?

15 MR. LEMA: Yes.

16 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, thank you.

17 MR. LEMA: You're welcome.

18 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Ms. Oni,
19 can you please identify yourself for the record,
20 please?

21 MS. ONI: Yes. Bisola Oni, B-I-S-O-L-
22 A, O-N-I, representing the government.

23 CHAIR ANDERSON: Ms. Oni, give me a
24 minute to get -- Ms. Oni, thank you.

25 Mr. Lema, can you please spell and

1 state your name for the record, and your
2 relationship to the establishment, please?

3 MR. LEMA: Fekadu Lema. My first name
4 is Fekadu, F-E-K-A-D-U, last name Lema, L-E-M-A.
5 I'm the owner of the New Neighborhood Market.

6 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, thank you,
7 sir.

8 All right. Ms. Oni, are there any
9 preliminary matters in this case?

10 MS. ONI: No.

11 CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. Lema, from your
12 perspective, are there any preliminary matters in
13 this case?

14 MR. LEMA: No.

15 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Okay,
16 hearing none, this matter then is scheduled for a
17 show cause hearing on May 10, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

18 I just want to remind both parties
19 that seven days before the hearing you are
20 required to disclose documents and witnesses.
21 Meaning that, Mr. Lema, if you're going to
22 contest this matter through a hearing, then you
23 need to -- seven days before the hearing, then
24 you need to send your documents and witnesses
25 that you're going to rely upon at the hearing to

1 the government, and also to our legal office.

2 Failure on either side to disclose
3 documents and witnesses, unless good cause is
4 shown, the Board is empowered to prevent that
5 party from moving forward.

6 Any questions by anyone?

7 MR. LEMA: No.

8 CHAIR ANDERSON: All right, fine.
9 Well, good luck with your negotiations.

10 And if this matter is now settled, we
11 will see you for the show cause hearing on May 10
12 at 1:30 p.m.

13 Thank you very much, sir. Have a
14 great day.

15 MR. LEMA: You too, appreciate it.

16 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
17 went off the record at 11:07 a.m.)

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