DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA + + + + + ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD + + + + + MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: : Yeshimebet, LLC

t/a Y Bar and Lounge :
5503 Georgia Ave NW : Fact Finding
Retailer CT - ANC 4D : Hearing
License No. 131228 :

(Review of Ownership :

Structure)

Wednesday June 11, 2025

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson RYAN JONES, Member DAVID MEADOWS, Member TERI JANINE QUINN, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff MS. BIFA, Applicant

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:59 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case
4	on our calendar is a fact finding hearing. It's
5	Y Bar and Lounge, License Number 131228, which is
6	the review of ownership structure.
7	Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
8	please elevate the parties in this case.
9	MR. ORELLANA: I see a calling agent
10	(audio interference).
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you find
12	out who? For this case its supposed to be I
13	don't know who the oh, the last name is Bifa,
14	B-I-F-A.
15	MS. BIFA: Yes.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you Do
17	you have a camera, ma'am, to turn on?
18	MS. BIFA: Yeah.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I Hold on.
20	MS. BIFA: Oh.
21	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Just hold on
22	one minute, ma'am.
23	Ma'am, there is somebody talking to
24	you in the background and if there is someone
25	speaking to you in the background they either

1	need to be on camera, but I can't have anyone
2	speaking to you in the background, ma'am.
3	MS. BIFA: Okay. I need translator.
4	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have you
5	Did you request a translator, ma'am?
6	Did you formally request a translator
7	from the Agency, ma'am?
8	MS. BIFA: I need translator. I'm
9	speak
10	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, I asked
11	you a question. Did you ask the Agency to
12	provide you a translator?
13	MS. BIFA: Okay. I don't have no.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We're going to
15	reschedule this hearing ma'am. What language
16	you need a translator and you need it in what
17	language, ma'am?
18	MS. BIFA: Amharic language.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So you need an
20	Amharic language translator?
21	MS. BIFA: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ma'am, if you
23	need translation services you need to formally
24	request that from our Agency when this hearing is
25	scheduled, okay.

1	All right. So we're going to
2	reschedule this hearing, ma'am, okay. We'll
3	reschedule this hearing.
4	MS. BIFA: Okay.
5	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And we'll have
6	an Amharic translator to assist you, okay.
7	MS. BIFA: Okay. Thank you.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're
9	welcome.
10	(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
11	went off the record at 11:02 a.m.)
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2	This is to certify that the foregoing transcript				
3	was duly recorded and accurately transcribed				
4	under my direction; further, that said transcript				
5	is a true and accurate record of the proceedings;				
6	and that I am neither counsel for, related to,				
7	nor employed by any of the parties to this action				
8	in which this matter was taken; and further that				
9	I am not a relative nor an employee of any of the				
10	parties nor counsel employed by the parties, and				
11	I am not financially or otherwise interested in				
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