

IN THE MATTER OF: :

Meskerem Abebe, LLC, :

t/a Right Spot :

1917 9th Street NW : Summary Suspension

Retailer CR - ANC 1B : Hearing

License No. 100631 :

Case #20-CMP-00119 :

(The Alcoholic Beverage : Control Board Closure-

December 16, 2020) :

Wednesday
December 23, 2020

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

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

SIMONE ANDREWS, DC ABRA Staff
THOMAS ABEBE, APPLICANT
WALTER ADAMS, OAG

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

10:37 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the District of Columbia, in accordance with D.C. Official Code Section 25764 of the Open Meetings Act, I am welcoming you to a regular meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. Today is December 23, 2020.

This meeting is being conducted pursuant to guidance made available by the District of Columbia's Office of Open Government regarding electronic meetings held by public bodies during the public health emergency. Pursuant to this guidance, notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting on ABRA's website and on the District's central meeting calendar. The notice included the time, date, agenda, and call-in or log-in information for public participation.

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1 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

2 My name is Donovan Anderson and I am
3 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce
4 the other members of the ABC Board who are also
5 participating electronically, pursuant to Mayor's
6 Order 2020-054. Please respond when I announce
7 your name. Mr. James Short?

8 (No audible response.)

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I did not hear
10 you, Mr. Short.

11 (No audible response.)

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Turn your
13 microphone on, Mr. Short.

14 MEMBER SHORT: I'm having problems with
15 my microphone.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: We can hear
17 you, Mr. Short, now.

18 MEMBER SHORT: Okay. Mr. Short,
19 present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. Mr.
21 Bobby Cato?

22 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi
24 Crockett?

25 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,

1 present.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni
3 Hansen?

4 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Ed Grandis?

6 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,
7 present.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
9 six members in attendance for the conduct of
10 business today, and that constitutes a quorum.

11 Before we get underway with today's
12 hearing calendar, I need to make a few
13 instructions very clear so that the conduct of
14 these hearings is understood by everyone.
15 Today's hearings are being conducted through a
16 Webex account provided by the D.C. Office of Open
17 Government. There are two cases scheduled for
18 today. Once your case is called, I will take a
19 moment for our I.T. specialist to elevate the
20 rights for each party to enable their camera and
21 microphone. Then and only then will you have the
22 ability to enable your equipment.

23 If your case has not been heard, you
24 will remain mute and your camera will be
25 disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the

1 parties will have the option to leave. If the
2 party chooses to stay, all cameras and
3 microphones for the concluded case will be
4 disabled. Should you have any questions or
5 require technical assistance during the hearing,
6 please submit them using the question and answer
7 feature, or email simone.andrews2@dc.gov.

8 Our first order of business today is
9 Case Number 20-CMP-00119, Right Spot, License
10 Number 100631. Ms. Andrews can you please
11 elevate the rights of the Licensee and the
12 Government, please?

13 MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by.

14 (Pause.)

15 MS. ANDREWS: Mr. Adams, your rights
16 have been elevated.

17 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

18 (Pause.)

19 MS. ANDREWS: The Licensee's rights
20 have been elevated. That's all, Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, Mr.
22 Abebe, do you have a camera you can turn on?

23 (Pause.)

24 MR. ABEBE: My camera is on now.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,

1 thank you, sir. All right, let's have the
2 parties introduce themselves for the record,
3 starting with the Government.

4 MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
5 and members of the Board, I am Walter Adams and I
6 am representing the District of Columbia.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
8 sir. Good morning, Mr. Adams. Mr. Abebe, can
9 you please state and spell your name for the
10 record and tell me your relationship to the
11 establishment, please?

12 MR. ABEBE: My name is Thomas Abebe.
13 I --

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I need you to
16 spell your name, sir. And I don't know if you're
17 driving -- if you're driving, sir, I need you to
18 pull over. This is going to take --

19 MR. ABEBE: I'm sitting in my car.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, what
21 sir?

22 MR. ABEBE: I'm not driving at the
23 moment. I'm sitting in my car.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
25 fine, you're fine. So can you please -- I can't

1 hear you well, so I need you to speak up. So --
2 but I also need you to spell your name for the
3 record, please.

4 MR. ABEBE: Okay, my name is Thomas
5 Abebe, T-H-O-M-A-S, Abebe, A-B-E-B-E.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. All
7 right, Mr. Adams, are there any preliminary
8 matters in this case?

9 MR. ADAMS: Yes, there is, Mr.
10 Chairman. There is a preliminary matter in this
11 case. The parties have discussed an settlement
12 and are able to proffer an Offer in Compromise to
13 the Board.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is
15 that Offer in Compromise?

16 MR. ADAMS: Yes, so Mr. Chairman,
17 there is an Offer in Compromise for this summary
18 suspension, and I will read them into the record.
19 First, for this establishment that there will be
20 a suspension -- that the Respondent will serve a
21 30-day suspension of its ABC license with 15 days
22 served and 15 days staid for a period of one
23 year. The date of the 15-day suspension to be
24 served shall be -- shall be Thursday, December 17
25 through -- 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021.

1 Which includes time served during the summer
2 suspension period. The ABC license suspension
3 shall be lifted at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January
4 2, 2021, provided that all other applicable
5 requirements in this OIC have been satisfied by
6 the Respondent. Pardon me. In addition, there
7 is a fine. Respondent shall pay a \$1,000 fine
8 for citation issued in Case Number 20-CIT-00574
9 and a \$1,000 fine for a citation issued in Case
10 Number 20-CIT-00316 within 90 days.

11 Third, masks. Except for when eating
12 or drinking while seated, during the public
13 health emergency, the Respondent shall require
14 that all owners and employees of the
15 establishment wear a mask or face covering while
16 present on the licensed premises, regardless of
17 whether they are on duty. This guidance shall
18 also require patrons during the public health
19 emergency to wear masks or face coverings prior
20 to entering, or while waiting in line outside of
21 the licensed premises, while traveling to use the
22 restrooms or until they are seated and eating or
23 drinking.

24 The fourth provision is music and
25 entertainment. Respondents shall not offer live

1 music or entertainments, including disc jockeys,
2 while the District of Columbia remains subject to
3 Mayor's Order 20-067, Mayor's Order 2020-075,
4 Mayor's Order 2020-080, Mayor's Order 2020-119.

5 In accordance with the Board's Notice of
6 Emergency Rulemaking. The Respondent shall only
7 offer recorded or background music that is played
8 at a conversational level that is not heard in
9 the homes of District residents.

10 The fifth provision is operating
11 hours. The Respondent shall not serve -- sell,
12 serve or permit consumption of alcoholic
13 beverages past 10:00 p.m. but they operate for
14 patrons until midnight during any day of the week
15 while the District of Columbia remains subject to
16 Mayor's Order 2020e -- I guess, for purposes of
17 this we could say the Mayor's Orders, as already
18 stated for provision number four. And the
19 Board's rulemaking.

20 Dining activity. The Respondent shall
21 only serve food and alcoholic beverages to
22 patrons seated at tables while the District
23 remains subject to the Mayor's Orders and the
24 Board's rulemaking. Tables shall be placed so
25 that patrons and different parties are placed at

1 least six feet apart from one another while no
2 more than six patrons while they're -- sorry --
3 from each other while there are no more than six
4 patrons per table. Respondents shall have a menu
5 in use containing a minimum of three prepared
6 food items available for purchase and shall
7 require patrons to purchase one or more prepared
8 food items per table. Patrons shall not be
9 permitted to walk around the establishment with
10 food or alcoholic beverages.

11 Provision number seven, bar
12 activities. Respondents shall not seat patients
13 at indoor or outdoor bars that are being staffed
14 and utilized by a bartender. Patrons shall not
15 be permitted to stand at an indoor or outdoor
16 bar, or order food or alcoholic beverages.

17 Eighth provision, contact tracing
18 system. Respondent shall implement a reservation
19 system by phone, online, or on site keep customer
20 logs to facilitate contact tracing by D.C.
21 Health.

22 Capacity. Respondents shall limit its
23 indoor capacity to no more than 25 percent of the
24 lowest indoor occupancy load or seat capacity on
25 a certificate of occupancy, excluding employees

1 and outdoor seating, while the District of
2 Columbia remains subject -- well, specifically
3 this case, Mayor's Orders 2020-119 or Mayor's
4 Order 2020-075 which applies in accordance with
5 the Board's rulemaking.

6 Tenth provision, social distancing,
7 walk-through. Requires that the suspension of
8 the establishment's alcoholic beverage license an
9 ABRA investigator shall conduct a walk-through of
10 the licensed establishment with Respondent to
11 evaluate the establishment's compliance with the
12 District's social distancing requirements. The
13 evaluation shall include an assessment of
14 Respondent's compliance with the Mayor's Orders
15 and 23 DCMR Section 810-2.

16 Provision eleven, show cause. This
17 matter will be referred to the Office of Attorney
18 General for possible show cause proceedings.

19 Provision number twelve, Mr. Chairman,
20 is temporary dining restrictions. Respondent
21 shall complain -- shall comply with Mayor's Order
22 2020-127 which prohibits indoor dining from 10:00
23 p.m. on December 23 -- which is today -- to 5:00
24 a.m. January 15, 2021.

25 These are the provisions of the Offer

1 in Compromise. I believe that they are
2 consistent with what has been provided in writing
3 to the Board and was signed off on by Mr. Abebe.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good. Is it
5 the position of the Government that, if the Board
6 was to consider an adopt this OIC that it would
7 address the emergency that was created by
8 December suspension that was issued? Regarding
9 this establishment?

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, it does
11 Mr. Chairman, in a couple ways. More or less it
12 addresses the primary issues that are here.
13 Number one being at least making some type of
14 real accountability for the establishment in
15 terms of the music being played and conveying to
16 the establishment what needs to be done to ensure
17 that patrons are -- in terms of being seated, are
18 seated in a socially-distanced manner, in terms
19 of parties that -- it reiterates the fact that
20 all the patrons really need to be wearing masks
21 and ensures that the establishment should be
22 enforcing that insurance of wearing masks.

23 And also it ensured that the
24 establishment is -- it's very explicitly clear
25 that patrons should not be walking around the

1 establishment with alcoholic beverages, that
2 essentially they cannot be having patrons behave
3 as if we're in a pre-pandemic mode in terms of
4 people acting as if there's a nightclub.

5 So we believe that those provisions,
6 along with the suspension and ensuring that
7 they're paying the fine more than adequately
8 ensures that the District is not -- or the
9 establishment is not operating in a manner that
10 causes a public emergency.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, Mr.
12 Adams. And prior to going to Mr. Abebe, are
13 there any questions by any Board member of the
14 Government regarding the terms of the OIC?

15 All right, hearing none. Mr. Abebe,
16 it's my understanding there's an Offer in
17 Compromise that Mr. Adams just read. Are what
18 was read and directed by Mr. Adams, is that your
19 understanding of the Offer in Compromise?

20 MR. ABEBE: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
22 that by accepting an Offer in Compromise that you
23 give up your right for a hearing?

24 MR. ABEBE: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you also

1 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,
2 that you give up your right to appeal this
3 matter?

4 MR. ABEBE: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
6 thank you Mr. Abebe. With that said, then I am
7 going to make a motion that the Offer in
8 Compromise be accepted by the Board. The Offer
9 in Compromise states as follows: for term one of
10 the Offer in Compromise is that there is a --
11 Respondent shall serve a 30-day suspension of its
12 ABC license, with 15 days served and 15 days
13 stayed for one year. The date of the 15-day
14 suspension to be served shall be Thursday,
15 December 17, 2020 through Friday, January 1, 2021
16 which includes time served during the summary
17 suspension period.

18 The ABC license suspension shall be
19 lifted at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2021
20 provided all other applicable requirements in
21 this OIC have been satisfied by the Respondent.
22 Term two, fine -- Respondent shall pay a fine of
23 \$1,000 for a citation issued in Case Number 20-
24 CIT-00574 and a \$1,000 fine for a citation issued
25 in Case Number 20-CIT-00316, and this shall be

1 done within 90 days.

2 Term three, masks, accept when
3 entering or drinking while seated, during the
4 public health emergency, the Respondent shall
5 require that all owners and employees of the
6 establishment wear a mask or face covering while
7 present on the licensed premises regardless of
8 whether they are on duty. The Respondent shall
9 also require patrons during the public health
10 emergency to wear masks or face coverings prior
11 to entering or while waiting in line outside of
12 the licensed premises, while traveling to use the
13 bathroom, or until they are seated and eating or
14 drinking.

15 Term four, music and entertainment.
16 Respondent shall not offer live music or
17 entertainment, including disc jockeys, while the
18 District of Columbia remains to Mayor's Order
19 2020-067, Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order
20 2020-080, Mayor's Order 2020-119 and in
21 accordance with the Board's Notice of Eighth
22 Emergency Rulemaking, which was issued November
23 24, 2020. The Respondent shall only offer
24 recorded or background music that is played at a
25 conversational level, that is not heard in the

1 homes of District residents.

2 Term number five, operating hours,
3 Respondent shall not sell, serve, or permit the
4 consumption of alcoholic beverages past 10:00
5 p.m., but may operate for patrons until midnight
6 during any day of the week while the District of
7 Columbia remains subject to Mayor's Order 2020-
8 067, Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order 2020-
9 080, and Mayor's Order 2020-119, and in
10 accordance with the Board's rulemaking.

11 Term number six, dining activities.
12 Respondent shall only serve food and alcoholic
13 beverages to patrons seated at tables while the
14 District of Columbia remains subject to Mayor's
15 Order 2020-067, Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's
16 Order 2020-119, and in accordance with the
17 Board's rulemakings. Tables shall be placed so
18 that patrons and different parties are placed at
19 least six feet apart from one another with no
20 more than six patrons per table. Respondents
21 shall have a menu in use containing a minimum of
22 three prepared food items available for purchase,
23 and shall require patrons -- patrons to purchase
24 one or more prepared food items per table.
25 Patrons shall not be permitted to walk around the

1 establishment with food and/or alcoholic
2 beverages.

3 Term number seven, bar activities.
4 Respondent shall not seat patrons at indoor or
5 outdoor bars that are being staffed or utilized
6 by a bar tender. Patrons shall not be permitted
7 to stand at an indoor or outdoor bar, or order
8 food or alcoholic beverages. Term number eight,
9 contact -- contact tracing system. Respondent
10 shall implement a reservation system by phone,
11 online or on-site, and keep customer logs, to
12 facilitate contact tracing by D.C. Health.

13 Number nine, capacity -- Respondent
14 shall limit its indoor capacity to no more than
15 25 percent of the lowest indoor occupancy load or
16 seated capacity on its certificate of occupancy,
17 excluding employees and outdoor seating while the
18 District of Columbia remains subject to Mayor's
19 Order 2020-119, or Mayor's Order 2020-075 --
20 whichever applies -- in accordance with the
21 Board's rulemaking.

22 Term number ten, social distancing
23 walk-through -- prior to lifting the suspension
24 of the establishment's alcoholic beverage
25 license, an ABC investigator shall conduct a

1 walk-through of the licensed establishment with
2 Respondent to evaluate the establishment's
3 compliance with the District's social distancing
4 requirements. This evaluation shall include an
5 assessment of the Respondent's compliance with
6 Mayor's Order 2020-075, Mayor's Order 2020-080,
7 and 23 DCMR Section 810.2.

8 Number eleven, show cause. This
9 matter will be referred to the Office of Attorney
10 General for a possible show cause proceeding in
11 case -- point number twelve, which is also very
12 important, it's temporary dining restrictions.
13 Respondent shall comply with Mayor's Order 2020-
14 127, which was issued on December 18, 2020, which
15 prohibits indoor dining from 10:00 p.m. on
16 December 23, 2020 to 5:00 a.m. on January 15,
17 2021. Is there a second?

18 MEMBER CROCKETT: Ms. Crockett
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett
21 has seconded the motion. We will now have a roll
22 call vote on the motion that has been properly
23 seconded by Ms. Crockett. Mr. Short?

24 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I disagree.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato?

1 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, agree.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Crockett?

3 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett, I
4 agree.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Hansen?

6 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, I agree.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grandis?

8 MEMBER GRANDIS: Ed Grandis, I agree.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Anderson,
10 I agree. The matter passes 5 to 1, with Mr.
11 Short in disagreement. I would like to thank the
12 parties for working this matter out -- for having
13 this OIC today. I do hope that Mr. Abebe, you
14 are -- that we do not have the pleasure of seeing
15 you at one of these proceedings again. So I do
16 hope and wish you -- I wish the parties happy
17 holidays. Thank you very much.

18 MR. ADAMS: Thank you very much, Mr.
19 Chairman. I wish you and all the chairpeople --
20 I mean, all the Board members and staff members a
21 happy holidays as well.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, then.
23 Have a great day. Thank you very much.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
25 went off the record at 11:00 a.m.)

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