DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Romyo, LLC, :

t/a Ambassador Restaurant:

1907 9th Street NW, : Show Cause Retailer CR - ANC 1B : Hearing

License No. 90422 : Case #17-251-00250 :

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(Operating after Hours, : Failed to Follow Security: Plan) :

Wednesday
June 13, 2018

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson NICK ALBERTI, Member BOBBY CATO, JR., Member DONALD ISAAC, SR., Member MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member JAMES SHORT, Member REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

ROMESEGHED KIDANE, Licensee AMY SCHMIDT, DC OAG

1	P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S
2	10:02 a.m.
3	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4	next case on our calendar is Case No. 17-251-
5	00250, Ambassador Restaurant.
6	MS. SCHMIDT: Good morning. Amy
7	Schmidt, Assistant Attorney General, on behalf of
8	the District of Columbia.
9	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
10	Ms. Schmidt. Your name, sir, please.
11	MR. KIDANE: Romeseghed Kidane.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry? I
13	did not hear your name, sir.
14	MR. KIDANE: Romeseghed, R-O-M-E-S-E-
15	G-H-E-D, Romeseghed Kidane.
16	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Homesel
17	MR. KIDANE: Rome, R-O-M-E-S-E-G-H-E-
18	D, Kidane.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Don? What's
20	your last name?
21	MR. KIDANE: Kidane, K-I-D-A-N-E.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Kidane.

1	MR. KIDANE: Yes.
2	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
3	You can have a seat, sir.
4	All right. Are there any preliminary
5	matters in this case?
6	MS. SCHMIDT: Yes, there are. This
7	matter is going to there is an Offer in
8	Compromise in this case, which I will now
9	present.
10	And the Offer in Compromise is on
11	Charge 1 there will be a \$1,500 fine to be paid
12	within 60 days or the license will be suspended
13	indefinitely until the fine is paid.
14	And on Charge 2 a \$1,500 to be paid
15	within 60 days or the license shall be suspended
16	indefinitely.
17	And so that's a total of \$3,000 to be
18	paid within 60 days.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
20	Kidane, it's my understanding that there is an
21	Offer in Compromise and the Offer in Compromise

is that for Charge 1 there is a \$1,500 fine and

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1	for Charge 2 there is a \$1,500 fine. There is a
2	total fine of \$3,000 and these fines will be paid
3	within 60 days.
4	Is this your understanding, sir, of
5	the Offer in Compromise?
6	MR. KIDANE: Yes.
7	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
8	that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that
9	you are giving up your right to a hearing?
10	MR. KIDANE: (No audible answer.)
11	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can't hear
12	you, sir.
13	MR. KIDANE: Yes.
14	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And are you
15	also aware that by accepting an Offer in
16	Compromise, that you are giving up your right to
17	appeal this matter?
18	MR. KIDANE: I would say.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you saying
20	yes?
21	MR. KIDANE: Yes.
22	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

	with that said, I make a motion that the Offer in
2	Compromise of a fine of \$1,500 for Charge 1, a
3	fine of \$1,500 for Charge 2 for a total fine of
4	\$3,000, that if the fine is not payable in 60
5	days, the offer the license will be suspended
6	until the fine has been paid. Is there a second?
7	MEMBER SHORT: Second.
8	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
9	seconded the motion.
10	All those in favor say aye.
11	ALL: Aye.
12	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All those
13	opposed? The matter passes 6-0-0.
14	We will issue a Board Order and so the
15	time line, once you receive the Board Order,
16	that's when the time line will the 60 days
17	will start. Okay?
18	MR. KIDANE: Okay.
19	CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.
20	Have a good day.
21	(Whereupon, the Show Cause Hearing was
22	concluded at 10:05 a.m.)

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