

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

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 (Status)  
 License No. 90422                       :  
 Case #17-251-00250                     :  
   :  
 (Operating after Hours,                 :  
 Failed to Follow Security:               :  
 Plan)   :

Wednesday  
 May 2, 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**

**LOUISE PHILLIPS, OAG**

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

2 9:43 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case  
4 on our calendar is Case No. 17-251-00250,  
5 Ambassador Restaurant, License No. 90422.

6 Will the parties, please, approach and  
7 identify themselves for the record, please?

8 MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips,  
9 Assistant Attorney General for the District of  
10 Columbia. And with me is Kimberly Berry, also an  
11 assistant.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
13 Ms. Phillips, Ms. Berry.

14 I don't see the -- is there someone  
15 here from Ambassador Restaurant?

16 Can you come, sir, and identify  
17 yourself for the record and sign-in your name?  
18 Sign and identify your name, yourself for the  
19 record, sir. What is your name, sir?

20 MR. KIDANE: My name is Romeseghed  
21 Kidane.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you -- Mr.

1 -- I didn't even hear -- I did not hear your last  
2 name, sir.

3 MR. KIDANE: Romeseghed.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Romeseghed?

5 MR. KIDANE: Romeseghed.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Romeseghed?

7 MR. KIDANE: Yes.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I know I'm  
9 butchering your name, so, can you just spell it  
10 for the record, please, so they will record it  
11 properly?

12 MR. KIDANE: My name is Romeseghed.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Spell your  
14 name, sir.

15 MR. KIDANE: R-O-M-E-S-E-G-H-E-D.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are  
17 you, sir?

18 MR. KIDANE: I'm the owner of  
19 Ambassador Restaurant.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank  
21 you.

22 Are there any preliminary matters in

1 this case?

2 MS. PHILLIPS: No, Mr. Chair, there  
3 are not.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then this  
5 matter then is scheduled for a Show Cause Hearing  
6 on June 6th at 1:30.

7 MR. KIDANE: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you  
9 understand? So I'll see you on June 6th at 1:30.

10 MR. KIDANE: Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

12 Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)  
14 Hearing was concluded at 9:45 a.m.)

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Court Reporter

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