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2 2:29 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. We are
4 back on the record. Our next case is Case No.
5 18-CMP-00121, Betty's Gojo, License No. 102500.

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

8 Hold on one minute, please, sir. Sir,
9 can you -- you are a translator?

10 INTERPRETER ZEWDE: Yes, the
11 interpreter.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Interpreter,
13 okay.

14 INTERPRETER ZEWDE: My name is
15 Sofonmos Zewde.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what
17 language is this, sir?

18 INTERPRETER ZEWDE: Tigrinya.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
20 Hold on one minute. All right. Can you raise
21 your right hand, please?

22 Do you solemnly affirm that you will

1 faithfully and accurately interpret these
2 proceedings in the matter from English to
3 Tigrinya and from Tigrinya into English to the
4 best of your ability?

5 INTERPRETER ZEWDE: I do.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7 Have a seat, sir. You are the interpreter and so
8 I need you not to have a conversation, but to
9 interpret everything that is being said. Okay?

10 INTERPRETER ZEWDE: All right.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you. So
12 can we have the Government introduce itself?

13 MS. PHILLIPS: Louise Phillips,
14 Assistant Attorney General, for the District of
15 Columbia.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Phillips.
17 Can I have her introduce herself, please?

18 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: My name is Abeba
19 Weldegebrel. Weldegebrel the last name.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon,
21 ma'am, Weldegebrel.

22 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: Weldegebrel.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hopefully
2 before the hearing is over, I'll be able to
3 pronounce it, but there is a sign-in sheet, so if
4 you haven't signed in your name, please sign-in
5 on the sheet.

6 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the
8 interpreter should also sign-in on the sheet.

9 All right. Okay. This is a Show
10 Cause Hearing. Are there any preliminary matters
11 in this case?

12 MS. PHILLIPS: Yes, indeed, there are,
13 Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is the
15 preliminary matter?

16 MS. PHILLIPS: The preliminary matter
17 is that the parties have an Offer in Compromise
18 that they wish to present to the Board. I want
19 to put some more information on the record.

20 The interpreter and I and one of the
21 owners that is present, managing members, have
22 had an extensive period of time speaking about

1 the investigative report and going over the
2 charges.

3 So that the managing member or owner,
4 Ms. Weldegebrel, understands what is going on
5 and what the charges are.

6 We have also discussed fairly
7 extensively during the time that we were all
8 here, and the Board came back which was good
9 because we needed the time, ways that the owners
10 could improve their management of their
11 establishment, so that they are more closely
12 aligned with the rules and regulations that ABRA
13 enforces and which they are responsible to
14 pursue.

15 With that on the record, the OIC would
16 be a fine of \$2,500 to be paid within 90 days or
17 the license will be suspended indefinitely.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And that's it?

19 MS. PHILLIPS: That's it.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

21 Ma'am, it is my understanding that there is an
22 Offer in Compromise. And the Offer in Compromise

1 is that there is a fine of \$2,500 payable in 90
2 days. If the fine is not payable in 90 days, the
3 license will be suspended until the fine has been
4 paid.

5 Is this your understanding of the
6 Offer in Compromise?

7 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: So we will be
8 suspended if we don't pay within 90 days?

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. So is
10 this your understanding of the Offer in
11 Compromise?

12 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
14 that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that
15 you are giving up your right to a hearing?

16 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: Yes.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you aware
18 that by accepting an Offer in Compromise, that
19 you are giving up your right to appeal this
20 matter?

21 MS. WELDEGEBREIL: Yes.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 Thank you. With that said, I make a motion that
2 the Offer in Compromise of a fine of \$2,500
3 payable in 90 days be accepted. If the fine is
4 not payable in 90 days, the license will be
5 suspended until the fine has been paid.

6 Is there a second?

7 MEMBER CATO: Second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has
9 seconded the motion.

10 All those in favor say aye.

11 ALL: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?
13 The matter passes 4-0-0.

14 I would like to -- we will have you
15 sign-off on this paperwork, ma'am.

16 I would like to thank the parties for
17 taking the time to come to an agreement on this
18 matter. And thank you and have a good day. All
19 right. Thank you. We are off the record.

20 (Whereupon, the Show Cause Hearing was
21 concluded at 2:36 p.m.)

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