

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:                         :  
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Deset Ethiopian                                :  
Restaurant, LLC,                             : Protest  
t/a Deset Ethiopian                         : Hearing  
Restaurant                                     : (Status)  
6128 Georgia Ave NW,                       :  
Retailer CR - ANC 4A                       :  
License No. 98818                           :  
Case #19-PRO-00037                         :  
  :  
(Application to Renew                       :  
the License)                                   :

Wednesday,  
July 10, 2019

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  
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member  
JAMES SHORT, Member

**ALSO PRESENT:**

CANDACE NELSON, ANC 4A

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

2 9:43 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Our next case  
4 is Case No. 19-PRO-00037, Deset Ethiopian  
5 Restaurant, License No. 98818.

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

8 MS. NELSON: Sign in here?

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, ma'am.  
10 Can you introduce yourself for the record,  
11 please?

12 MS. NELSON: Good morning. My name is  
13 Candace Nelson, Advisory Neighborhood  
14 Commissioner for 4A, specifically Single Member  
15 District 4A06.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

17 MS. NELSON: Representing the ANC this  
18 morning.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I  
20 see that the licensee is not here.

21 What I will do is, which is what I  
22 normally do, I will recall this case at 10:00.

1 If the licensee is not here, I will dismiss their  
2 license. And I'll dismiss their renewal  
3 application. Okay?

4 MS. NELSON: Okay.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So I will  
6 recall.

7 MS. NELSON: I'm off today, as you can  
8 see, so I can just go sit and wait.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, I'll  
10 recall. This is what I do in all cases. I give  
11 them half an hour. The matter was scheduled for  
12 a 9:30 hearing and I give everyone a reasonable  
13 opportunity to be here by 10:00.

14 If they are not here at 10:00, I'll  
15 recall the case and I will dismiss their license  
16 renewal application.

17 MS. NELSON: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Have a  
19 seat. I'll recall it, ma'am. Thank you.

20 MS. NELSON: No problem.

21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
22 went off the record at 9:46 a.m. and resumed at

1 10:00 a.m.)

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. It  
3 is 10:00 a.m. and I'm recalling Case No. 19-PRO-  
4 00037, Deset Ethiopian Restaurant, License No.  
5 98818.

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

8 MS. NELSON: Hi, good morning.  
9 Candace Tiana Nelson, Advisory Neighborhood  
10 Commissioner for 4A, specifically Single Member  
11 District 4A06.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning  
13 again, Ms. Nelson.

14 This matter was scheduled for a -- it  
15 was an application to -- a Protest Hearing for an  
16 application to renew a license. This matter was  
17 scheduled for a Protest Hearing (Status) at 9:30  
18 a.m. This case was called at approximately 9:40.  
19 The ANC was here. The applicant was not here.

20 The Board decided to recall the case  
21 at 10:00 a.m. to give the licensee a reasonable  
22 period of time to show up. It is now 10:01 and

1 the licensee is not here.

2 With that said, I then make a motion  
3 that we dismiss the license renewal application.  
4 Is there a second?

5 MEMBER SHORT: Second.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has  
7 seconded the motion.

8 All those in favor say aye.

9 ALL: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Those opposed?  
11 The matter passes 4-0-0.

12 What this means, Ms. Nelson, is that  
13 we will give them 10 days to provide us with  
14 reasonable notice -- reasonable cause why they  
15 did not show up this morning. If that's not  
16 done, then we will renew -- we will dismiss the  
17 renewal.

18 And what that means is that they would  
19 have to reapply to renew their license. So I  
20 think the process is that if they don't do that,  
21 the Board will issue a cease & desist to prevent  
22 them from operating, unless they start the

1 process back over and reapply to renew their  
2 license.

3 But the ANC will be informed what has  
4 occurred. Okay? So they will have 10 days to --  
5 we will send them the order and they have 10 days  
6 to respond why they did not show up here this  
7 morning. Okay?

8 MS. NELSON: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you for  
10 being here. Have a great day.

11 MS. NELSON: And after that, it just  
12 starts all over again? It's the same process if  
13 they reapply?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

15 MS. NELSON: Okay.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes.

17 MS. NELSON: All right.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And the period  
19 will start, but we will -- I don't know what, but  
20 we will see what happens.

21 MS. NELSON: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you will be

1 notified.

2 MS. NELSON: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

4 MS. NELSON: All right. Thank you  
5 very much.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Have a great  
7 day.

8 MS. NELSON: You, too.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board then  
10 is in recess until our 11:00 hearing.

11 (Whereupon, the Protest (Status)

12 Hearing was concluded at 10:01 a.m.)

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