

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :
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Debebe Addis, :
t/a Mesobe Restaurant and: :
Deli Market :
1853 7th Street, N.W. :
Retailer CR - ANC 1B :
License No. 81030 :
Case #17-251-00159 :
 :
(Operating after Hours, :
Substantial Change in :
Operation Without Board :
Approval, No ABC Manager :
on Duty, Interfered with :
an Investigation) :

Wednesday
February 14, 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
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

YONATHAN AMBAYE, Interpreter

WALTER ADAMS, OAG

ADDIS DEBEBE, Licensee

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

10:51 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on our Show Cause Hearing (Status) Calendar is Case No. 17-251-00159, Mesobe Restaurant and Deli Market, License No. 81030.

Anyone here from Mesobe?

MR. ADAMS: Yes, there is, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry?

INTERPRETER AMBAYE: I'm the interpreter.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you raise your right hand, please, sir?

Do you swear or affirm to faithfully translate these proceedings from, what language, sir?

INTERPRETER AMBAYE: Amharic.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: From Amharic to English and from English to Amharic?

INTERPRETER AMBAYE: Yes, I do.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

1 INTERPRETER AMBAYE: Yonathan Ambaye,
2 Amharic Interpreter.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I
4 didn't hear your name.

5 INTERPRETER AMBAYE: Yonathan Ambaye,
6 Amharic Interpreter.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
8 Thank you, sir. Can you introduce yourself for
9 the record, ma'am?

10 MS. DEBEBE: Addis Debebe.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I didn't hear
12 your last name.

13 MS. DEBEBE: My name is Addis Debebe.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you also
15 spell your name for the record, so he will have a
16 -- yeah.

17 MS. DEBEBE: A-D-D-I-S D-E-B-E-B-E.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. You
19 can have a seat, please.

20 MR. ADAMS: And good morning, Mr. --

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And could I ask
22 everyone to sign-in on the sign-in sheet, too,

1 please?

2 MR. ADAMS: And good morning, Mr.
3 Chairman. Walter Adams representing the District
4 of Columbia.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,
6 Mr. Adams.

7 INTERPRETER AMBAYE: Is there a pen?

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Adams, is
9 there a pen or pencil on your side to have them--

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: There is a pencil
11 there, I believe.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I guess it will
13 write.

14 MR. ADAMS: Apparently the pencil on
15 that side though, the left.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
17 Adams, are there any preliminary matters in this
18 case?

19 MR. ADAMS: Mr. Chairman, I believe
20 the parties have -- there has been some
21 discussion between the parties. However, there
22 are no preliminary matters in the case.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Hearing that,
2 the matter is then scheduled for a Show Cause
3 Hearing on March 14th at 11:00 a.m.

4 MR. ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5 MS. DEBEBE: Will that be today?

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No. March 14th
7 at 11:00.

8 MS. DEBEBE: Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you
10 understand what is going on here, ma'am?

11 MS. DEBEBE: Yes, so for March 14th
12 the -- we have a hearing, but for the appointment
13 today it is no longer going on?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: For today, you
15 just had to show up.

16 MS. DEBEBE: Okay.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And if you had
18 discussed with the Government and if you had come
19 up to an agreement, then the hearing would end.

20 MS. DEBEBE: Yes, I didn't agree with
21 what they were offering, so I would get an
22 attorney and I will fight it.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then you fully
2 understand the proceedings then.

3 MS. DEBEBE: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Fine. So I'll
5 see you on March 14th at 11:00.

6 MS. DEBEBE: That's fine, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, please, if
8 you have an attorney, have your attorney --

9 MS. DEBEBE: Yes, I do have an
10 attorney, but he had an appointment today, that's
11 why he wasn't able to come.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Right. I'm
13 just saying let him contact the Government to say
14 he represents your facility. All right. Thank
15 you very much.

16 MS. DEBEBE: So the 14th?

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, the 14th
18 at 11:00.

19 MS. DEBEBE: Okay. Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)
22 Hearing was concluded at 10:55 a.m.)

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