

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Quara Ethiopian Fusion :  
 Restaurant, LLC, :  
 t/a Quara Ethiopian :  
 Fusion Restaurant :  
 818 H Street NE : Show Cause  
 Retailer CR - ANC 6A : Hearing (Status)  
 License No. 105042 :  
 Case #19-AUD-00018 :  
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 (Failed to File Quarterly:  
 Statement) :

Wednesday  
 March 11, 2020

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  
 RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member  
 EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member  
 JENI HANSEN, Member  
 JAMES SHORT, JR., Member  
 REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

MERCHAW SENSHAW, Applicant  
 JASON FACCI, DC OAG

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

2 10:18 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, we  
4 now move to a Show Cause Hearing Status calendar.

5 The first case in our Show Cause  
6 Hearing Status Calendar is Case No. 19-AUD-00018,  
7 Quara Ethiopian Fusion Restaurant, License No.  
8 105042.

9 Will the parties please approach and  
10 identify themselves for the record, please?

11 MR. FACCI: Good morning, Mr. Chairman  
12 and members of the Board. Jason Facci on behalf  
13 of the District of Columbia.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
15 Mr. Facci.

16 MR. SENSHAW: Good morning, Your  
17 Honor. Merchaw Senshaw from Quara.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mister what's  
19 your last name?

20 MR. SENSHAW: Merchaw, M-E-R-C-H-A-W,  
21 first name, and last name, S-E-N-S-H-A-W.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
23 Mr. Senshaw.

24 MR. SENSHAW: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Senshaw?

1 MR. SENSHAW: Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Make sure that  
3 you signing on your -- the sign in sheet, sir, so  
4 for the transcript we will know exactly the  
5 proper spelling of your name.

6 MR. FACCI: Mr. Chairman, the parties  
7 are still negotiating an offer in compromise in  
8 this case.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Do you want me  
10 to recall the case or give you some time, or what  
11 do you want me to do?

12 MR. FACCI: No, sir. I think the  
13 establishment would like a little bit more time  
14 to consider this. We'd ask that the Board just  
15 go ahead and continue this for the Show Cause  
16 hearing with the hopes of setting a Status  
17 Hearing before then if an offer in compromise is  
18 reached.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, well  
20 this matter then is scheduled, will be scheduled  
21 for Show Cause Hearing on April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

22 You heard, sir? April 8 at 10:00 a.m.

23 MR. SENSHAW: Yes, sir.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, have  
25 a good day. Thank you.

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MR. SENSRAW: Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
went off the record at 10:19 a.m.)

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| <b>a.m</b> 2:2 3:21,22 4:3<br><b>above-entitled</b> 4:2<br><b>ahead</b> 3:15<br><b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,14,15<br><b>ALIYA</b> 1:20<br><b>ANC</b> 1:8<br><b>Anderson</b> 1:16,19 2:3<br>2:14,18,22,25 3:2,9<br>3:19,24<br><b>Applicant</b> 1:24<br><b>approach</b> 2:9<br><b>April</b> 3:21,22   | <b>G</b>   | <b>Quara</b> 1:6,7 2:7,17<br><b>Quarterly</b> 1:10  | <b>Y</b>   |
| <b>B</b>   | <b>H</b>   | <b>R</b>  | <b>Z</b>   |
| <b>behalf</b> 2:12<br><b>Beverage</b> 1:2,14,15<br><b>bit</b> 3:13<br><b>Board</b> 1:2,14 2:12 3:14<br><b>BOBBY</b> 1:19<br><b>Building</b> 1:15   | <b>H</b> 1:8<br><b>HANSEN</b> 1:21<br><b>heard</b> 3:22<br><b>hearing</b> 1:8,15 2:4,6<br>3:16,17,21<br><b>Honor</b> 2:17<br><b>hopes</b> 3:16   | <b>RAFI</b> 1:20<br><b>reached</b> 3:18<br><b>recall</b> 3:10<br><b>record</b> 2:10 4:3<br><b>Reeves</b> 1:15<br><b>REMA</b> 1:22<br><b>Restaurant</b> 1:6,7 2:7<br><b>Retailer</b> 1:8<br><b>Room</b> 1:15   | <b>0</b>   |
| <b>C</b>   | <b>I</b>   | <b>S</b>  | <b>1</b>   |
| <b>calendar</b> 2:4,6<br><b>case</b> 1:9 2:5,6 3:8,10<br><b>CATO</b> 1:19<br><b>Cause</b> 1:8 2:4,5 3:15,21<br><b>Chairman</b> 2:11 3:6<br><b>Chairperson</b> 1:16,19<br>2:3,14,18,22,25 3:2,9<br>3:19,24<br><b>Columbia</b> 1:1 2:13<br><b>compromise</b> 3:7,17<br><b>consider</b> 3:14<br><b>continue</b> 3:15<br><b>Control</b> 1:2,14,15<br><b>CR</b> 1:8<br><b>CROCKETT</b> 1:20 | <b>I</b><br><b>identify</b> 2:10   | <b>S</b> 1:20<br><b>S-E-N-S-H-A-W</b> 2:21<br><b>scheduled</b> 3:20,20<br><b>Senshaw</b> 1:24 2:16,17<br>2:20,23,24,25 3:1,23<br>4:1<br><b>setting</b> 3:16<br><b>sheet</b> 3:3<br><b>SHORT</b> 1:21<br><b>Show</b> 1:8 2:4,5 3:15,21<br><b>sign</b> 3:3<br><b>signing</b> 3:3<br><b>sir</b> 2:24 3:1,3,12,22,23<br><b>spelling</b> 3:5<br><b>Statement</b> 1:11<br><b>Status</b> 1:8 2:4,6 3:16<br><b>Street</b> 1:8,15<br><b>Suite</b> 1:16 | <b>10:00</b> 3:21,22<br><b>10:18</b> 2:2<br><b>10:19</b> 4:3<br><b>105042</b> 1:9 2:8<br><b>11</b> 1:13<br><b>14th</b> 1:15<br><b>19-AUD-00018</b> 1:9 2:6 |
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| <b>D.C</b> 1:16<br><b>day</b> 3:25<br><b>DC</b> 1:24<br><b>District</b> 1:1 2:13<br><b>Donovan</b> 1:16,19   | <b>JAMES</b> 1:21<br><b>Jason</b> 1:24 2:12<br><b>JENI</b> 1:21<br><b>JR</b> 1:19,21   | <b>t/a</b> 1:7<br><b>Thank</b> 3:25 4:1<br><b>transcript</b> 3:4  | <b>2000</b> 1:15<br><b>20009</b> 1:16<br><b>2020</b> 1:13  |
| <b>E</b>   | <b>K</b>   | <b>U</b>  | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>EDWARD</b> 1:20<br><b>establishment</b> 3:13<br><b>Ethiopian</b> 1:6,7 2:7<br><b>exactly</b> 3:4  | <b>K</b><br><b>License</b> 1:9 2:7<br><b>little</b> 3:13<br><b>LLC</b> 1:6   | <b>U</b>  | <b>4</b>   |
| <b>F</b>   | <b>L</b>   | <b>V</b>  | <b>400S</b> 1:16   |
| <b>Facci</b> 1:24 2:11,12,15<br>3:6,12<br><b>Failed</b> 1:10<br><b>File</b> 1:10   | <b>L</b><br><b>members</b> 2:12<br><b>Merchaw</b> 1:24 2:17,20<br><b>met</b> 1:15<br><b>Mister</b> 2:18<br><b>morning</b> 2:11,14,16,22<br><b>move</b> 2:4   | <b>W</b>  | <b>5</b>   |
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|  | <b>OAG</b> 1:24<br><b>offer</b> 3:7,17   |   |  |
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Before: DCABRA

Date: 03-11-20

Place: Washington, DC

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*Neal R Gross*

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Court Reporter

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