

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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 MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Queen of Sheba, Inc., :

t/a Queen of Sheba :

1503 9th Street NW : Show Cause

Retailer CR - ANC 6E : Hearing (Status)

License No. 73644 :

Case #18-CMP-00202 :

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(Operating After Hours, :

Interfered with an : :

Investigation) :

Wednesday,
 January 30, 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
 NICK ALBERTI, Member
 BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
 JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

WALTER ADAMS, OAG

SAMUEL BERAKI, Licensee

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

9:56 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The next case on our calendar is Case No. 18-CMP-00202, Queen of Sheba, License No. 73644.

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

MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Walter Adams representing the District of Columbia.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr. Adams. And who are you, sir?

MR. BERAKI: Samuel Beraki.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I can't hear your name, sir.

MR. BERAKI: Samuel Beraki.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are you, Mr. -- what's your last name?

MR. BERAKI: Beraki.

CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Beraki. Who are you, sir?

MR. BERAKI: I'm the new owner.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the
2 what?

3 MR. BERAKI: New owner.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, I don't
5 have your name in front of me, sir, so as of --
6 does -- and when I do these things, I have a
7 piece of paper that tells me who the parties are.
8 If your name doesn't --

9 MR. BERAKI: So we are in the process
10 of transferring the license.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So but it
12 hasn't been transferred as yet, so therefore --

13 MR. BERAKI: Yes.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: -- has the
15 Agency approved the transfer?

16 MR. BERAKI: We have papers, so it's
17 in the process.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: No, no, no.
19 Has this Agency approved the transfer?

20 MR. BERAKI: Not yet.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Then if the
22 Agency hasn't approved the transfer, then you are

1 not the owner of the establishment, sir.

2 MR. BERAKI: Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So it's the
4 previous owner is still the owner of the
5 establishment. So until and I'll say this to
6 you, sir, for you not to get yourself in any
7 trouble, you cannot publicly state that you are
8 the owner of the establishment.

9 MR. BERAKI: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are not the
11 owner of the establishment. Although you might
12 sign a contract, you might give your money away,
13 but until ABRA has approved the transfer, you are
14 not the owner, because if we come to the
15 establishment and we meet you and if you say that
16 you are the owner of the establishment and then
17 when the Investigator goes back and checks our
18 records and your name is not there, then you are
19 in trouble.

20 MR. BERAKI: Okay.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So all
22 right. Are there any preliminary matters in this

1 case, Mr. Adams?

2 MR. ADAMS: There are no preliminary
3 matters, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
5 this matter then is scheduled for a Show Cause
6 Hearing on February 27th at 2:30.

7 Mister, I'm sorry, your name again,
8 sir?

9 MR. BERAKI: Samuel Beraki.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Beraki, you
11 need to make sure that -- and the General Counsel
12 will speak to you, but I'm not sure when this
13 infraction occurred, but the person that we are
14 holding accountable until the transfer, it's the
15 owner, who is the current owner, Mr. Misgina,
16 that's the name that is on our records as the
17 owner of the establishment.

18 So you can talk to our General Counsel
19 about what needs to occur in the sense of
20 representation.

21 MR. BERAKI: Okay.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But since this

1 matter is going to Show Cause Hearing also, I'm
2 advising both parties that six days prior --
3 seven days prior to the hearing, you need to
4 exchange documents and witnesses with each side
5 and also to the Agency.

6 But you can talk to our General
7 Counsel and she will provide you some further
8 instructions, sir. Okay? All right. Thank you.

9 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)
10 Hearing was concluded at 10:00 a.m.)

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