

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Meskerem Abebe, LLC, :

t/a Right Spot :

1917 9th Street, NW : Show Cause

Retailer CR - ANC 1B : Hearing (Status)

License No. 100631 :

Case #18-CMP-00224 :

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(Operating After Hours, :

Interfered with an :

Investigation, Violation :

of Settlement Agreement) :

Wednesday,  
February 27, 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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

CHRISTOPHER SOUSA, OAG  
MATT DEVENDORF, Licensee's Attorney

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

2 9:47 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The  
4 next case on our calendar is Case No. 18-CMP-  
5 00224, the Right Spot, License No. 100631.

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

8 MR. SOUSA: Christopher Sousa for the  
9 District of Columbia.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Sousa.

11 MR. DEVENDORF: Good morning. Matt  
12 Devendorf representing the Right Spot.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
14 Mr. Devendorf.

15 Are there any preliminary matters in  
16 this case?

17 MR. SOUSA: Yes, we have an Offer in  
18 Compromise to present to the Board.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is  
20 that, sir?

21 MR. SOUSA: As to Charge 1, operation  
22 outside of approved hours, it's going to be

1       \$1,500 payable within 30 days or the license  
2       shall be suspended indefinitely until the fine is  
3       paid.

4               As to Charge 2, interference with an  
5       investigation, that will also be \$1,500 payable  
6       within 30 days or the license shall be suspended  
7       indefinitely until the fine is paid.

8               And as to the final charge, Charge 3,  
9       failure to follow the settlement agreement, it  
10      will be \$350 within 30 days or the license shall  
11      be suspended indefinitely until the fine is paid.

12              CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. It's my  
13      understanding that there is an Offer in  
14      Compromise, sir. And the Offer in Compromise is  
15      that for Charge 1, there is a fine of \$1,500  
16      payable in 30 days. Charge 2, \$1,500 payable in  
17      30 days. And Charge 3, \$350 payable in 30 days.

18              Is this your client's understanding,  
19      you and your client's understanding of the Offer  
20      in Compromise?

21              MR. DEVENDORF: Yes, that's correct.

22              CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Is your client

1 aware that by accepting an Offer in Compromise,  
2 that they are giving up their right to a hearing?

3 MR. DEVENDORF: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And is your  
5 client also aware that by accepting an Offer in  
6 Compromise, that they are giving up their right  
7 to appeal this matter?

8 MR. DEVENDORF: Yes.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.  
10 With that said, I then make a motion that the  
11 Offer in Compromise for Charge 1, \$1,500 payable  
12 in 30 days. Charge 2, \$1,500 payable in 30 days.  
13 And Charge 3, \$350 payable in 30 days. That's a  
14 total fine of \$3,350 if it's not payable in 30  
15 days, the license will be suspended until the  
16 fine has been paid.

17 Is there a second?

18 MEMBER CATO: Second.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Cato has  
20 seconded the motion.

21 All those in favor say aye.

22 ALL: Aye.



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Court Reporter

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