

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**

In the Matter of: )  
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Unlicensed Premises )  
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Order to Cease and Desist )  
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1853 7th Street, N.W. )  
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Washington, D.C. 20001 )  
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Case No.: N/A

License No.: N/A

Order No: 2019-202

**BEFORE:** Donovan Anderson, Chairperson  
Nick Alberti, Member  
Mike Silverstein, Member  
James Short, Member  
Bobby Cato, Member

**PARTIES:** Gladys M. Weatherspoon, Esq., Counsel, on behalf of Respondent, Addis Debebe  
Johnny M. Howard, Esq., Counsel, on behalf of Respondent, Stella R. Johnson

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**ORDER AFFIRMING BOARD ORDER NO. 2019-033**

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**INTRODUCTION**

In Board Order No. 2019-033, which the Board issued on January 16, 2019, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board found compelling evidence that the former ownership of Mesobe Restaurant and Deli Market engaged in or permitted the illegal service and consumption of alcohol at 1853 7th Street, N.W., on January 6, 2019, in violation of D.C. Official Code § 25-102. In addition, the Board was presented with compelling evidence that this activity constituted a nuisance under D.C. Official Code § 25-805. Therefore, under the authority granted by D.C. Official Code § 25-791, the Board ordered the prior owner of Mesobe and the landlord to cease the sale, service, distribution, and consumption of alcohol at the premises and barred the issuance of temporary and one-day substantial change licenses at the premises. After a request for a hearing was received, the Board held a hearing on April 10, 2019, to review the Order and hear objections. Nevertheless, none of the arguments and evidence presented at the hearing persuaded the Board that its prior Order was inappropriate or unreasonable.

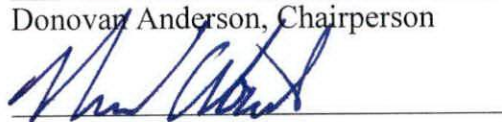
## **ORDER**

Therefore, the Board, on this 24th day of April 2019, hereby **AFFIRMS** Board Order No. 2019-033, which shall remain in full force and effect. A copy of this Order shall be provided to the Parties.

District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board



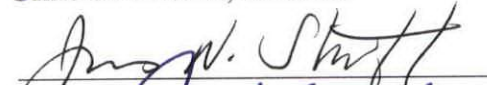
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Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 25-433(d)(1), any party adversely affected may file a Motion for Reconsideration of this decision within ten (10) days of service of this Order with the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration, 2000 14<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, DC 20009.

Also, pursuant to section 11 of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, Pub. L. 90-614, 82 Stat. 1209, D.C. Official Code §2-510 (2001), and Rule 15 of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, any party adversely affected has the right to appeal this Order by filing a petition for review, within thirty (30) days of the date of service of this Order, with the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001; (202/879-1010). However, the timely filing of a Motion for Reconsideration pursuant to 23 DCMR §1719.1 (2008) stays the time for filing a petition for review in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals until the Board rules on the motion. See D.C. App. Rule 15(b) (2004).