

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Meseret Ali & Yonas Chere t/a
Merkato Ethiopian Restaurant Show Cause
1909 9th Street, NW Hearing
Retailer CR - ANC-1B (Status)
License No. 89013
Case #14-251-00018
(Operating After Legal Hours)

May 7, 2014

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 Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
NICK ALBERTI, Member
DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member
JAMES SHORT, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

LOUISE PHILLIPS, OAG

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(10:03 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. The next case is Case No. 12-CMP-00018, Merkato Ethiopian Restaurant located at 1909 9th Street, N.W., License No. 89013, in ANC-1B.

Is anyone here from Merkato Ethiopian Restaurant? Okay.

MS. PHILLIPS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Ms. Phillips, do you want --

MS. PHILLIPS: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You are here.

MS. PHILLIPS: This is Louise Phillips, Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

MS. PHILLIPS: This is another books and records case and so even though the parties are not here, I think it might be wise and include judicial economy to just have the District dismiss Charge 2 and have a warning

1 for Charge 1.

2 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Merkato?

3 MEMBER ALBERTI: Can we pause for
4 a second --

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So --

6 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- on this one,
7 Madam Chair?

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, I just
9 want to -- according to my facts, Charge 1 is
10 after hours. Is that --

11 MEMBER ALBERTI: Well, that --
12 yeah, that was my --

13 MS. PHILLIPS: Oh, I'm sorry.
14 Just a second. I'm sorry.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

16 MEMBER ALBERTI: -- reason.

17 MS. PHILLIPS: Good thing you are
18 paying attention.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: We're paying
20 attention.

21 MEMBER ALBERTI: We do
22 occasionally.

1 MS. PHILLIPS: Yeah. It's just
2 hard when you have nine, you know what I mean?

3 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

4 MS. PHILLIPS: So we won't be able
5 to do that.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, so --

7 MEMBER ALBERTI: We certainly
8 won't.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- I want to
10 note that we do have in our records that
11 notice of the hearing was served on April 4,
12 2014.

13 MS. PHILLIPS: You know what, I'm
14 looking at the wrong case.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So why
16 don't we just go ahead and schedule it for
17 hearing June 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

18 MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: June 11th.

19 MS. PHILLIPS: Right. I
20 apologize. I was looking --

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: That's okay.

22 MS. PHILLIPS: -- at the wrong

1 case, the one that wasn't called.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The one that
3 wasn't called?

4 MS. PHILLIPS: Right. Justin's
5 Cafe. We skipped over it.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: No, Mr. Ross
7 was here.

8 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Mr. Ross just
9 left now.

10 MEMBER ALBERTI: We just dealt
11 with it.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You skipped
13 over it. I don't know. Okay. All right.

14 MS. PHILLIPS: It happens every
15 now and then, right?

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It does. All
17 right.

18 (Whereupon, the Show Cause
19 (Status) Hearing in the above-entitled matter
20 was concluded at 10:06 a.m.)

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