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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF: :
Debebe Addis t/a Mesobe :
Restaurant and Deli Market :
1853 7th Street NW : Case #15-CMP-00219
License #81030 : Show Cause Hearing
Retailer CR : (Status)
ANC-1B :
No ABC Manager on Duty, :
Operating After Hours :

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Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Whereupon, the above-referenced matter
came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage
Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,
N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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2 CHAIRPERSON:

3 RUTHANNE MILLER, Presiding

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5 BOARD MEMBERS:

6 DONALD BROOKS

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

9 HERMAN JONES

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11 ALSO PRESENT:

12 MAUREEN ZANIEL, ESQ.,

13 on behalf of District of Columbia

14 CHARLES O'BANION, ESQ.

15 on behalf of the Licensee

16 MYSTO SEBO [ph], Floor Manager,

17 Mesobe Restaurant and Deli Market

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

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next case is
3 15-CMP-00219, Mesobe Restaurant and Deli Market
4 located at 1853 7th Street, N.W., License No.
5 81030 in ANC-1B.

6 Good morning.

7 MR. O'BANION: [Speaking off mic.]

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: So the microphone is
9 on the table. It was hard to catch your name.
10 If you could say it again?

11 MR. O'BANION: Charles O'Banion, O,
12 apostrophe, capital B-a-n-i-o-n, counsel for the
13 Respondent.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

15 Sir?

16 MR. SEBO: Mysto Sebo [ph], the floor
17 manager.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Manager? Okay.
19 Okay. And for the Government again?

20 MS. ZANIEL: Good morning again. Maureen
21 Zaniel on behalf of the District of Columbia.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So are there

1 any preliminary matters in this case?

2 MS. ZANIEL: Yeah. Mr. O'Banion asked
3 this morning whether we could convert the pending
4 show cause date of November 4 to another status,
5 so there's an opportunity to talk about a
6 compromise with Ms. Phillips. And I'm agreeable
7 to that.

8 MR. O'BANION: Let me just say this for
9 the record. I have spoken with Ms. Phillips on
10 several occasions regarding compromise. The
11 compromise currently on the table is pay a fine
12 of \$2,600 for the two violations operating
13 without a manager, a licensed manager on duty and
14 serving drinks after 2 a.m. It was on a
15 Thursday.

16 She has made the offer of \$2,600, payable
17 in 30 days and --

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay, wait. If you
19 don't have an offer to present to us, we don't
20 want to hear your negotiations, if that's what
21 you're doing. We're not going to decide that.

22 The way it works here is if you agree to

1 something, the parties, you can present it to us,
2 but we're not going to listen to, you know, what
3 each side wants or anything. That's not what we
4 do.

5 So, if you want, we can look for another
6 date on the calendar, and you two can talk
7 further.

8 MR. O'BANION: Very well. Well, I'd ask
9 November 4th trial date be converted to a status
10 date.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Converted to status?
12 Okay, we'll do that.

13 MR. O'BANION: Thank you very much.

14 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Our counsel says
15 that that will work.

16 The Board members have no objection.

17 MS. ZANIEL: And would the Board like to
18 set a show cause date at this time or not until
19 then?

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Not until we
21 have a chance to look at the calendar, so our
22 counsel will get back to you.

1 MS. ZANIEL: Very well. Thank you.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very much.

3 MR. O'BANION: Thank you.

4 [Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
5 concluded.]

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