

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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5 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
6 Yetenbi, Inc. :  
7 t/a Noble Lounge :  
8 1915 9th Street NW : Case #15-CMP-00414  
9 License #85258 : Show Cause Hearing  
10 Retailer CT : (Status)  
11 ANC-1B :  
12 No ABC Manager on Duty, :  
13 Substantial Change Without :  
14 Board's Approval :

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17 Wednesday, October 14, 2015

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

1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 RUTHANNE MILLER, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 DONALD BROOKS

6 HECTOR RODRIGUEZ

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 MAUREEN ZANIEL, ESQ.

12 On behalf of the District of Columbia

13 DEE SELASSIE, Owner of Noble Lounge

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

2 [10:09 a.m.]

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Next case is  
4 15-CMP-00414, Noble Lounge located at 1915 9th  
5 Street, Northwest, License No. 85258, in ANC-1B.  
6 Good morning.

7 MR. SELASSIE: Dee Selassie representing  
8 pretty much the owner of Noble Lounge.

9 MS. ZANIEL: And Maureen Zaniel on behalf  
10 of the District of Columbia.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Can you tell  
12 me -- I'm sorry. I didn't hear your name.

13 MR. SELASSIE: I am the owner of Noble  
14 Lounge.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You're the owner?  
16 And what's your last name?

17 MR. SELASSIE: Selassie, S-e-l-a-s-s-i-e.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. All right.  
19 Are there any preliminary issues in this case?

20 MS. ZANIEL: No. I conveyed an offer to  
21 Mr. Selassie this morning, but he's unable to  
22 take it at this time.

1           CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So I'm going  
2 to set this for a show cause hearing, November  
3 18th, 2015, at 11 a.m. In the meantime, you're  
4 welcome to continue any conversations.

5           MR. SELASSIE: Well, what I was telling  
6 her about the occupancy, she was telling me 73  
7 people was in our establishment.

8           CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. We can't get  
9 into the merits today here, okay? So I don't  
10 want you to waste your time on that.

11          MR. SELASSIE: Okay.

12          CHAIRPERSON MILLER: But if there's  
13 anything -- you have that opportunity to work  
14 anything out if you want to. Otherwise, you have  
15 your opportunity for a hearing, and that's been  
16 set. Okay.

17           Did you sign in? Did you sign?

18          MR. SELASSIE: Thank you.

19          CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you.

20           [Whereupon, at 10:10 a.m., the  
21 above-entitled matter concluded.]

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