

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

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6 IN THE MATTER OF: :
 7 Lucky 7, LLC :
 8 t/a Lucky 7 Liquors :
 9 2314 Rhode Island Avenue NW : Case #15-CMP-00272
 10 License #90270, Retailer A : Show Cause Hearing
 11 ANC-5C : (status)
 12 No ABC Manager on Duty, :
 13 Failed to Post Window :
 14 Lettering :

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17 Wednesday, November 18, 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 DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS:

5 RUTHANNE MILLER

6 NICK ALBERTI

7 MICHAEL SILVERSTEIN

8 JAMES SHORT

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10 ALSO PRESENT:

11 WALTER ADAMS, on behalf of District of Columbia

12 WENDALL ROBINSON ESQ.,

13 on behalf of the Applicant

14 TSEGAYE TADASSE

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

2 [9:47 a.m.]

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And just what I need
4 for my first day. Everything is supposed to be
5 in order, but now I'm being asked to change the
6 order. So we're going to change up the order a
7 little bit on the agenda as a professional
8 courtesy to one of the attorneys.

9 So the next case we'll call is Lucky 7
10 Liquors, License No. 90270.

11 MR. ROBINSON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
12 and members of the Board. Thank you very much
13 for taking it out of order. I spoke to counsel
14 for the --

15 MR. SILVERSTEIN: Please be seated, so we
16 can hear you, sir.

17 MR. ROBINSON: Oh, I'm sorry. Thank you
18 very much, Mr. Chairman and members of the Board
19 for taking our case out of order. I appreciate
20 it.

21 Just as a matter, I represent an
22 80-year-old lady whose money was seized from a

1 bank account in which she says it was not her.
2 Set a hearing. The quickest date I could get was
3 today. It was at 10:30.

4 Of course, I told her I would be here.
5 She is kind of upset, but I appreciate you taking
6 it out of order so I can take care of that and
7 not have to --

8 MR. ADAMS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman
9 and members of the Board. Walter Adams
10 representing the District of Columbia.

11 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Yes. Can you
12 introduce the person with you, please?

13 MR. TADASSE: My name is Tsegaye Tadasse.

14 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And your role, sir?

15 MR. TADASSE: Excuse me?

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: And your role at the
17 facility?

18 MR. TADASSE: That is my wife, and I paid
19 one time as a manager.

20 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: I'm sorry. I didn't
21 hear you. You said you're what?

22 MR. TADASSE: I paid one time as a

1 manager. Manager. My wife authorized me to
2 speak.

3 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right. Okay.
4 That's fine.

5 Are there any preliminary matters?

6 MR. ADAMS: There are no preliminary
7 matters, Mr. Chairman.

8 MR. ROBINSON: There are no preliminary
9 matters. We attempted to resolve it, and we just
10 rejected a recent offer yesterday, and I just
11 advised Mr. Adams. I spoke with Ms. Phillips
12 yesterday that we were going to go forward for a
13 hearing on the matter, although we will continue
14 to try to negotiate. But, at this particular
15 point, we are really after a hearing date.

16 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: All right.

17 MS. MILLER: I'm sorry. I missed your
18 name for the record, sir. Counsel.

19 MR. ROBINSON: Wendell Robinson --

20 MS. MILLER: Okay, thank you.

21 MR. ROBINSON: -- for Lucky 7.

22 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Let's take -- I don't

1 have a hearing date for you right now. I'm not
2 sure if one was disclosed, but I don't have it in
3 front of me.

4 MR. ROBINSON: That's correct, Mr.
5 Chairman. The hearing date was not set because I
6 had anticipated during the interim of our last
7 hearing and the day the matter would be settled
8 because Ms. Phillips was out of the office, and
9 she didn't get an opportunity to timely respond
10 to our counteroffer. She responded to our
11 counteroffer only yesterday, and that's where we
12 are, United States. A counteroffer was rejected,
13 and the agency maintained its position, what I
14 advised Mr. Adams.

15 MR. ADAMS: That's fine, and I don't
16 think we have to get into any more settlements.

17 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Our General Counsel
18 will contact you and provide you with a hearing
19 date.

20 Also, the hearing date is January 13th at
21 1:30.

22 MR. ROBINSON: Indulgence for a moment,

1 please. Did you say January 13th?

2 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: 13th at 1:30.

3 MR. ROBINSON: That's not a good date for
4 me. I have a full hearing before the auditor
5 master.

6 CHAIRMAN ANDERSON: Our General Counsel
7 will contact you and provide you with the date of
8 the hearing.

9 MR. ROBINSON: Thank you very much, and
10 again, I appreciate you taking me out of order.
11 Good luck to you. Thank you.

12 [Whereupon, at 9:52 a.m., the
13 above-entitled matter concluded.]

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