

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 Meskerem Abebe :

7 t/a Gebena Restaurant :

8 1917 9th Street Northwest: Case #15-PRO-00120

9 License #ABRA-100631 :

10 Retailer Class CR: :

11 New Application :

12 December 18, 2015 :

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14 Friday, December 28, 2015

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

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1 CHAIRPERSON: LAVERNE FLETCHER, MEDIATOR

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3 TAMERY ZEMENFES, ESQ.,

4 on behalf of Meskerem Abebe, trading as

5 Gebena Restaurant

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7 BRIAN FOOTER, ESQ.,

8 On behalf of ANC 1B

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10 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

11 Meskerem Abebe

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

2 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Would the parties in
3 the matter of Gebena Restaurant please come
4 forward? This is case #15-PRO-00120. Meskerem
5 Abebe trading as Gebena Restaurant, 1917 9th
6 Street Northwest. License ABRA-100631. This is
7 a Retailer Class CR New Application. The protest
8 issues are adverse impact on peace, order and
9 quiet. My name is Laverne Fletcher. I'm
10 conducting the Roll Call Hearing as the Board's
11 agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code 1601.2.
12 Introductions beginning with the applicant
13 please. Your name?

14 SPEAKER: Meskerem Abebe.

15 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Could you state that
16 one more time and spell it for the record?

17 SPEAKER: M-E-S-K-E-R-E-M, last name is
18 A-B-E-B-E.

19 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Can you spell the
20 last name once more? Oh -- A-B --

21 MS. ABEBE: A-B-E-B-E.

22 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Thank you. And your

1 name, sir?

2 SPEAKER: Tameru Zemenfes.

3 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: First name Tom?

4 MR. ZEMENFES: Tameru, T-A-M-E-R-U, last
5 name Z-E--

6 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: B as in boy?

7 MR. ZEMENFES: Yeah. Z-E-M-E-N-F-E-S.

8 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay, so what's the
9 last name?

10 MR. ZEMENFES: Zemenfes.

11 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: B is your middle
12 initial? Did you say B?

13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: Z.

14 MR. ZEMENFES: First name Tameru.

15 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: And what's the last
16 name?

17 MR. ZEMENFES: T-A-M-E-R-U.

18 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Uh huh.

19 MR. ZEMENFES: Last name Zemenfes, Z-E-M-
20 E-N-F - like Frank - E-S. Zemenfes.

21 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Thank you very much.

22 MR. ZEMENFES: Sorry. Thank you.

1 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: And present on behalf
2 of ANC 1B?

3 SPEAKER: Brian Footer. Last name is
4 spelled F as in Frank, O-O-T-E-R.

5 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: And, Mr. Footer, is
6 that -- how do you spell Brian?

7 MR. FOOTER: With an I.

8 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: With an I? ANC 1B
9 does have standing as a protestant. We need to
10 set a date for a status hearing, a protest
11 hearing and also a mediation, but I am going to
12 give you the dates for the status and protest
13 hearings first. The date for the status hearing
14 is January the 27th, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. That's
15 January 27 at 9:30. The date for the protest
16 hearing is February 24. February 24 at 1:30 p.m.
17 Ms. Abebe, how do you pronounce your last name?

18 MS. ABEBE: Abebe.

19 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Abebe. That is
20 correct? Are you putting your contact
21 information on that sheet? There's a contact
22 information sheet, if you would just fill that

1 out. Thank you. Are you going to be the contact
2 person? Are you going to be the contact person?

3 MS. ABEBE: No, Mr. Tamerud is going to
4 be the contact.

5 MR. ZEMENFES: Can I put the ?

6 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Yes, then it should
7 be you instead.

8 MR. ZEMENFES: Okay.

9 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: We just need the name
10 of the -- and you could -- and you're going to be
11 the designated representative for Ms. Abebe.

12 MS. ABEBE: Yes.

13 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay, thank you. We
14 need to set a date for mediation. I'll give you
15 the next date that is available. Tuesday,
16 January 5, at 11:30 is available. Tuesday,
17 January 5.

18 MR. FOOTER: I think we're going to need
19 a little bit more time than that just with the
20 holidays and everything. So, we're going to look
21 towards either the week following or the week
22 after that, sometime definitely before the 27th.

1 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay.

2 MR. FOOTER: That's fine.

3 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: We can do Monday,
4 January 11 at 1:00 or Thursday, January 14 at
5 1:00, or if you prefer the morning we woill move
6 to the following week.

7 MR. ZEMENFES: January 14th at this time
8 would work for us.

9 MS. ABEBE: January 14?

10 MR. ZEMENFES: 14th.

11 MS. ABEBE: At 1:00 p.m.?

12 MR. ZEMENFES: At 1:00 p.m.?

13 MS. ABEBE: Yes.

14 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay, so the
15 mediation is set for Thursday, January 14, at
16 1:00. Mr. Zemenfes, my card is on the table if
17 you need to call me, if you have any questions
18 beyond today.

19 MR. ZEMENFES: Thank you.

20 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: So when you -- you're
21 going to receive an official hearing notice of
22 these dates --.

1 MR. ZEMENFES: Thank you.

2 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: -- also, and that's
3 why we need your e-mail address so you will
4 receive all further communication from us via
5 that e-mail address.

6 MR. ZEMENFES: Thank you.

7 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: And if you have any
8 questions let us know. Any questions today?

9 MR. MENEFES: No questions.

10 MEDIATOR FLETCHER: Okay, the Roll Call
11 Hearing is concluded.