

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION

ADMINISTRATION BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

Terfneh Kahsay t/a Salina License Renewal
Restaurant

1936 9th Street, N.W.

License #ABRA-082969

Retailer CT

Case #13-PRO-00183

Monday,

December 30, 2013

ABRA Hearing Room, 400 South

Reeves Municipal Center

2000 14th Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20009

The above-entitled matter convened at
10:16 a.m., before the District of Columbia
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
Board.

BEFORE:

LA VERNE FLETCHER, Board Mediator

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

2 [10:16 a.m.]

3 MS. FLETCHER: Will the parties in
4 the matter of Salina Restaurant please come
5 forward. The parties in the matter of Salina
6 Restaurant.

7 This is Case No. 13-PRO-00183,
8 Terfuch Kahsay trading as Salina Restaurant,
9 1936 9th Street, N.W., License No. ABRA-
10 082969. This is a Retailer CT license renewal.

11 My name is LaVerne Fletcher and
12 I'm conducting the roll call hearing as the
13 Board's agent, pursuant to D.C. Official Code
14 1601.2.

15 Introductions, beginning with the
16 Applicant, please.

17 MR. KAHSAY: My name is Terfneh
18 Kahsay. T-e-r-f-n-e-h.

19 MS. FLETCHER: T-e-r...?

20 MR. KAHSAY: f-n-e-h. K-a-h--

21 MS. FLETCHER: Is it--did you say
22 the letter A as in apple? The last name again?

1 MR. KAHSAY: K like king, apple,
2 Henry, Sam, apple again.

3 MS. FLETCHER: The last--what's the
4 last letter?

5 MR. KAHSAY: Y.

6 MS. FLETCHER: Y. Okay. Thank you.
7 Okay.

8 MR. KAHSAY: I'm the owner of
9 Salina Restaurant.

10 MS. FLETCHER: I see. Thank you.
11 Your name, sir.

12 MR. MELES: Good morning, Your
13 Honor. I'm Kilfom Meles, attorney for the
14 Applicant. That's K-i-l-f-o-m. Last name is M-
15 e-l-e-s.

16 MS. FLETCHER: I'm sorry. What's
17 the last name again.

18 MR. KAHSAY: M-e-l-e-s.

19 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you. And
20 you're the attorney for the Applicant?

21 MR. KAHSAY: Yes, ma'am.

22 MS. FLETCHER: And Mr. Meles, will

1 you be--you'll need to enter your appearance
2 for the Applicant, for our record, and--

3 MR. KAHSAY: I did. I've been his
4 attorney for the last couple years.

5 MS. FLETCHER: You've entered your
6 appearance?

7 MR. KAHSAY: Yes.

8 MS. FLETCHER: I don't see an
9 entered appearance for, in the file that I
10 have, but if you've done that already, I'm
11 assuming it was done at the application, the
12 point of the application. I don't see it in
13 our--

14 MR. KAHSAY: Okay. I'll do it on
15 the way out.

16 MS. FLETCHER: No. That's fine.
17 I'll take your word for that. I'm assuming
18 that you did it at the outset.

19 MR. KAHSAY: Yes.

20 MS. FLETCHER: But it's not in the
21 file that I'm looking at.

22 MR. KAHSAY: Okay.

1 MS. FLETCHER: But you put your
2 contact information on this sheet. Or do you
3 have a card handy?

4 COMMISSIONER REINOSO: I'd love a
5 card.

6 MS. FLETCHER: I'll take the card.
7 And present on behalf of ANC 1B.

8 COMMISSIONER REINOSO: Yes. My
9 name is Commissioner Ricardo R-i-c-a-r-d-o,
10 Reinoso, R-e-i-n-o-s-o.

11 MS. FLETCHER: Thank you, Mr.
12 Reinoso.

13 The protest filed by ANC 1B is
14 based on the presentation of a security plan.
15 According to the protest letter, the ANC filed
16 this protest contingent upon presentation of
17 a security plan. That is not a basis upon
18 which you may file a protest.

19 So the protest is dismissed.
20 However, if that's something that you would
21 like to pursue outside of ABRA, you may do
22 that. A security plan is not a requirement for

1 a tavern license. But if that's something that
2 you want to pursue, you can. That's--it will
3 be between you, on the outside of ABRA.

4 For the purpose of roll call, the
5 protest is dismissed. ANC 1B has the right to
6 seek reinstatement as a protestant. You're
7 going to receive an order from the ANC Board
8 dismissing the protest for the reason that I
9 just stated. And you'll receive a copy of the
10 order as well. And Mr. Reinoso, if ANC 1B
11 does decide to seek reinstatement as a
12 protestant, after receiving the Board order,
13 you'll need to send a copy of that request to
14 Mr. Meles.

15 So Mr. Meles, could you please
16 give Mr. Reinoso a copy of your card.

17 MR. KAHSAY: Will do.

18 MS. FLETCHER: Yes. If you decide
19 to seek reinstatement, they need to know, so
20 that they can oppose it, or support it.

21 MR. KAHSAY: Your Honor, we went to
22 the hearing of the ANC. I think it was on the

1 16th, last Monday, and the basis of their
2 protest was not a security plan, but because
3 of the citations my client received over, you
4 know, the last three years or so.

5 And I got a copy of the
6 investigative issue. There is no--any
7 violation or citation to--

8 MS. FLETCHER: Yes.

9 MR. KAHSAY: --the effect of, you
10 know, peace and quiet in the neighborhood, and
11 as to the security plan, we have installed
12 cameras inside and outside the premises, and
13 I did show him a receipt of the purchase.

14 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, and for the
15 purpose of roll call, the only issue is that
16 you cannot file a protest contingent upon
17 presentation of a security plan. And I
18 understand what you're saying, but that's not--
19 we don't even need to take that in to
20 consideration at this stage.

21 MR. KAHSAY: Thank you. That's
22 something for us to discuss.

1 MS. FLETCHER: Yes, and as I said,
2 that's something you can discuss, if you want.
3 This is a license renewal, and if the parties
4 want to discuss a security plan, they can.
5 But it's not--for a tavern, it's not a
6 requirement for us. I don't know what's
7 happening out there at the establishment. You
8 all can work it out, if you want.

9 COMMISSIONER REINOSO: Thank you.

10 MS. FLETCHER: Any questions at
11 all?

12 MR. KAHSAY: No, Your Honor.

13 MS. FLETCHER: The roll call in
14 this matter is concluded.

15 COMMISSIONER REINOSO: Thank you.

16 [Whereupon, at 10:21 a.m., the
17 roll call hearing was concluded.]

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