

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 Green Island Heaven and Hell Inc.
8 t/a Green Island Cafe/Heaven & Hell:CASE #15-251-
9 00080

10 2327 18th Street Northwest :

11 License #74503 :

12 Retailer CT ANC IC :

13 Monday, March 30, 2016 :

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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:

2 DONOVAN ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

5 NICK ALBERTI

6 JAMES SHORT

7 MIKE SILVERSTEIN

8 RUTHANNE MILLER

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10 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

11 MIKE BRAMSON

12 ALEX LOPEZ

13 KEVIN PUENTE

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

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on
3 our show cause hearing calendar is Case # 15-251-
4 00080, Green Island Café Heaven and Hell, License
5 #74503. Will the parties please approach?

6 MR. RIVERO: Good morning, board members.
7 Fernando Rivero for the District of Columbia
8 standing in for Walter Adams.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning, Mr.
10 Rivero.

11 MR. WELDEMARIAM: Good morning, my name
12 is Mehariw Weldemariam.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, you
14 said your name?

15 MR. WELDEMARIAM: Mehariw Weldemariam.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I still didn't
17 hear, so I'm trying to -- hoping that I don't put
18 your name in --

19 MR. WELDEMARIAM: M-E-H-A-R-I-W.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MR. WELDEMARIAM: W-E-L-D-E-M-A-R-I-A-M.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

1 MR. FARMER: John Farmer, counsel for Mr.
2 Weldemariam.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry, your
4 name, sir?

5 MR. FARMER: John Farmer. F-A-R-M-E-R.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. All right.
7 Are there any preliminary matters in this case?

8 MR. RIVERO: Yes, I'm actually presenting
9 an offer in compromise for Mr. Adams today.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what is that?

11 MR. RIVERO: The parties have agreed to a
12 fine of \$2000 payable in 60 days. If the fine is
13 not paid in 60 days, the license will be
14 suspended until the payment is received. That is
15 the offer in compromise.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. Mr.
17 Farmer, it's my understanding that there's an
18 offer in compromise for \$2000 payable in 60 days.
19 If it's not payable in 60 days, the license will
20 be suspended until your client has come in
21 compliance with the offer in compromise. Is this
22 your understanding of the offer in compromise?

1 MR. WELDEMARIAM: Yes.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And, Mr. Mehariw,
3 I know the representation was also made by your
4 attorney, but this is your understanding of the
5 offer in compromise? Are you aware that by
6 accepting this offer in compromise that you are
7 giving up your rights to a hearing?

8 MR. WELDEMARIAM: Yes, sir.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And are you also
10 aware that you are giving up your right to appeal
11 this matter? You have to vocalize, sir.

12 MR. WELDEMARIAM: Yes I do.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 MR. WELDEMARIAM: You're welcome.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. I'm
16 going to make a motion that this offer in
17 compromise of a \$2000 fine payable in 60 days be
18 approved. If not paid in 60 days, the license
19 will be suspended until the fine is paid. Is
20 there a second?

21 MR. SHORT: Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has

1 seconded the motion. Are there any discussions?

2 MS. MILLER: I'm sorry, I just have a
3 question for Mr. Rivero. Mr. Rivero, is it
4 within the statutory time limits?

5 MR. RIVERO: I believe so, yes.

6 MS. MILLER: Okay, thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Any other
8 questions? Hearing none, all those in favor say
9 aye.

10 [chorus of ayes]

11 Those opposed?

12 MR. ALBERTI: Opposed.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The matter passed
14 4-1 with Mr. Alberti in opposition. Thank you,
15 we'll have some papers for you to sign in a
16 couple of minutes.

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