

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF:

Haile G. Binosai	
t/a Selam Restaurant	Show Cause
1524 U Street, NW	Hearing
Retailer CR - ANC-2B	(Status)
License No. 60080	
Case #14-CMP-00543	

(No ABC Manager on Duty)

April 8, 2015

The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board met in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Hearing Room, Reeves Building, 2000 14th Street, N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009, Chairperson Ruthanne Miller, presiding.

PRESENT:

RUTHANNE MILLER, Chairperson
DONALD BROOKS, Member
MIKE SILVERSTEIN, Member
HECTOR RODRIGUEZ, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

FERNANDO RIVERO, OAG

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

2 9:48 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next case is
4 Case No. 14-CMP-00543, Selam Restaurant located
5 at 1524 U Street, N.W., License No. 60080, in
6 ANC-2B. Good morning.

7 MS. HAILE: Good morning.

8 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Are you here for
9 the Selam case?

10 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Have a
12 seat. Okay. So if you could introduce
13 yourselves for the record?

14 MR. RIVERO: Good morning, Board
15 Members. Fernando Rivero for the District of
16 Columbia.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Ma'am?

18 MS. HAILE: Hello, I'm Betelehem Haile
19 from Selam Restaurant. B-E-T-E-L-E-H-E-M last
20 name is H-A-I-L-E from Selam Restaurant, S-E-L-A-
21 M.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Are you

1 the owner?

2 MS. HAILE: My father is.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Your father is.

4 And so has he authorized you to appear here for
5 him?

6 MS. HAILE: Actually, it is me. What
7 happened I was the one that was there. With my
8 father's condition at the time, may I explain
9 what happened?

10 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Well, no. We are
11 not going to -- this isn't a hearing on what
12 happened really. This is just what we call a
13 Status Hearing and I just have to figure out if
14 you have any authority to --

15 MS. HAILE: Yes, I do.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: What --

17 MS. HAILE: My father is actually at
18 the restaurant right now.

19 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He is in the
20 restroom here?

21 MS. HAILE: No, at the restaurant.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He is at the

1 restaurant. Okay. Did he write anything down
2 that you could represent him?

3 MS. HAILE: He speaks a little bit of
4 English.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: He has been sick?

6 MS. HAILE: We kind of -- yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Mr.
8 Rivero, do you have anything to say about the
9 authorization?

10 MR. RIVERO: Well, if the parties had
11 an agreement to --

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: It would matter.

13 MR. RIVERO: -- present to the Board,
14 I think it would be an issue.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Right. Okay.

16 MR. RIVERO: But since we don't --

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That's
18 true.

19 MR. RIVERO: -- I think that we can--

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Proceed.

21 MR. RIVERO: -- well, with the caveat
22 that we would request --

1 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Then let me ask--

2 MR. RIVERO: -- that the licensee's
3 representative send the Board a letter that she
4 is authorized to be here today. Because no
5 matter which way we cut it, there is still a
6 representation being made from the other side.
7 And since this is neither here nor there, we
8 would be satisfied if the licensee just sent a
9 letter indicating that she was authorized to come
10 here today.

11 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Yes, don't
12 worry. Let me ask you this, do you know anything
13 about whether you received notice of this
14 hearing, your father received notice of this
15 hearing?

16 MS. HAILE: Which I had explained,
17 yes, I did.

18 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Did you read the
19 notice?

20 MS. HAILE: He knows. He knows I'm
21 here. Yes, ma'am.

22 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And okay.

1 He knows you are here?

2 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am.

3 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: And he got the
4 notice about the hearing?

5 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am.

6 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. And did he
7 understand it?

8 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. Okay. So
10 all we are going to do today is give you your
11 hearing date.

12 MS. HAILE: Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Which is May 20,
14 2015 at 11:00.

15 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am.

16 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. That is
17 the day where there would be a hearing about what
18 happened.

19 MS. HAILE: Okay.

20 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. So Mr.
21 Rivero was suggesting, if that's possible, you
22 could just submit -- your father could submit a

1 letter saying the had authorized you to be here
2 today.

3 MS. HAILE: Yes.

4 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay. To
5 represent him. But also, at the next hearing, at
6 the real hearing on the merits, will he be there?

7 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am. I'll bring my
8 father with me.

9 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: You will both be
10 here?

11 MS. HAILE: Yes, ma'am.

12 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

13 MS. HAILE: And also my brother Yosef
14 Haile.

15 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Okay.

16 MS. HAILE: That's my brother.

17 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: All right. Okay.
18 Then that is all we need to do then.

19 MR. RIVERO: There is a next hearing
20 date, right?

21 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: The next hearing
22 date --

1 MS. HAILE: May 20th.

2 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: -- is May 20,
3 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Okay.

4 MS. HAILE: Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON MILLER: Thank you very
6 much.

7 MR. RIVERO: Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)

9 Hearing in the above-entitled matter was
10 concluded at 9:54 a.m.)

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