

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION  
ADMINISTRATION BOARD

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ROLL CALL HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF:           :
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Assefa Kidane                :
t/a Manchester Bar & Restaurant :
944 Florida Avenue, N.W.     :
License No. ABRA-75377       :
Retailer CT                   :
License Renewal               :
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Case No. 14-PRO-00037       :
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Monday,  
June 2, 2014

ABRA Meeting Room  
400 South  
Reeves Municipal Center  
Washington, D.C. 20009

The above-entitled matter convened  
at 10:25 a.m. before the District of Columbia  
Alcoholic Beverages Regulation Administration  
Board.

BEFORE:

LAVERNE FLETCHER, Board Agent

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

2 (10:25 a.m.)

3 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Would the  
4 parties in the matter of Manchester Bar and  
5 Restaurant please come forward. This is Case  
6 No. 14-PRO-00037, Assefa Kidane t/a as  
7 Manchester Bar and Restaurant 947 Florida  
8 Avenue, N.W. License No. ABRA-75377.

9 This is a retailer CT license  
10 renewal. The protest issues are adverse  
11 impact on peace, order and quiet, parking and  
12 real property values.

13 My name is LaVerne Fletcher and  
14 I'm conducting the roll call hearing as the  
15 Board's agent pursuant to D.C. Official Code  
16 1601.2. Introductions, beginning with the  
17 licensee.

18 MS. TODD: Good morning, Karen  
19 Todd, attorney on behalf of the licensee.

20 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Ms. Todd,  
21 would you spell your last name?

22 MS. TODD: T-o-d-d.

1                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    Thank you.  
2   Excuse me in the back?    No problem.    Thank  
3   you.   And your name, sir?

4                   MR. KIDANE:    Assefa Kidane.   Last  
5   name is K-i-d-a-n-e.        And first name is  
6   A-s-s-e-f-a.

7                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    Thank you  
8   very much.   And on behalf of ANC 1B?

9                   MR. RILEY:    W. David Riley. R-i-  
10   l-e-y.

11                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    You're  
12   present on behalf of the ANC?

13                   MR. RILEY:    No.

14                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    Present on  
15   behalf of ANC 1B?

16                   MR. RANSELM:    ANC Commissioner  
17   Mark Ranslem for single member district 8 for  
18   ANC 1B.

19                   BOARD AGENT FLETCHER:    Thank you  
20   Mr. Ranslem.   Okay.   Now we can get to the  
21   individual group of protestants.   Your name  
22   sir?

1 MR. RILEY: W. David Riley. R-i-  
2 l-e-y.

3 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Riley.

5 MR. JOHNSON: Jerrold Johnson.  
6 J-e-r-r-o-l-d J-o-h-n-s-o-n.

7 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Mr.  
8 Johnson, how do you spell your first name  
9 again?

10 MR. JOHNSON: J-e-r-r-o-l-d.

11 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

12 MS. POOLE: Josephine Poole.  
13 J-o-s-e-p-h-i-n-e P-o-o-l-e.

14 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you,  
15 Ms. Poole. And if you can just speak into the  
16 microphone and spell your name?

17 MS. BRANNUM: Ella Brannum.  
18 E-l-l-a Brannum B-ra-n-n-u-m.

19 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you,  
20 Mr. Brannum.

21 MS. HURTADO: Eugenia Hurtado.  
22 E-u-g-e-n-i-a Hurtado H-u-r-t-a-d-o.

1 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you.

2 MS. RILEY: Davechia Riley.  
3 D-a-v-e-c-h-i-a. D-a-v as in Victor e-c-h-i-a.  
4 And last name is Riley R-i-l-e-y.

5 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you  
6 very much.

7 MS. MCGRUDER: Joan McGruder.  
8 J-o-a-n M-c-G-r-u-d-e-r.

9 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Thank you,  
10 Ms. McGruder. Did everyone present sign the  
11 protest letter from the group of individuals?

12 MR. RANSLEM: I still need to.  
13 Do I need to sign that?

14 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Actually,  
15 Mr. Ranslem, you're here on behalf of ANC 1B?

16 MR. RANSLEM: Correct.

17 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: And we  
18 accept that you are a representative because  
19 you are an ANC 1B Commissioner. So do you know  
20 if you'll be representing the ANC from this  
21 point forward?

22 MR. RANSLEM: I will not be one

1 of the ones representing.

2 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. But  
3 just for the purpose of Roll Call today you're  
4 here on behalf--

5 MR. RANSLEM: Right, that's  
6 correct.

7 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay.  
8 That's fine. Do you have a question? You  
9 would need to state your name and ask the  
10 question.

11 MS. MCGRUDER: Joan McGruder. I  
12 also have that as a representation, do we do  
13 that now?

14 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: I'll take  
15 that. Yes. And these letters are from  
16 individuals that signed the protest?

17 MS. MCGRUDER: Yes.

18 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: I have a  
19 letter here from Walter Pinkney P-i-n-k-n-e-y  
20 designating Josephine Poole as his  
21 representative. I have a letter from Rich  
22 R-i-c-h last name seems to be Schiff. It's

1 spelled S-c-h-i-f-f designating Jerrold  
2 Johnson as his representative. I have a  
3 letter from Khalil Howard designating  
4 Davechia Riley as his representative. Ms.  
5 Riley?

6 MS. RILEY: Yes?

7 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Could you  
8 please let Mr. Howard know that his letter was  
9 returned to us. I know that he received it  
10 because he knows to come here because you're  
11 here representing him. But his letter was  
12 returned to us by the Post Office. Can you let  
13 him know that?

14 MS. RILEY: Sure.

15 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: It was  
16 returned with a note from the Post Office that  
17 said "Not deliverable as addressed and unable  
18 to forward." So if you could let him know  
19 that just so he knows.

20 MS. RILEY: All right.

21 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So there's  
22 seven of you present today and I have letters

1 of designation from three, so that will be a  
2 Group of Ten. So a Group of Ten is granted  
3 standing as a protestant. So who's going to  
4 be the designated representative for the  
5 group?

6 MR. RILEY: Us two.

7 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So that's  
8 going to be Mr. Riley and Mr. Johnson?

9 MR. RILEY: That's correct

10 BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So Mr.  
11 Riley and Mr. Johnson, the sign-in sheet is  
12 already filled out on the front but if you  
13 just flip it over on the back and put your  
14 daytime phone numbers and your email address.  
15 Is that okay with everyone present that Mr.  
16 Riley and Mr. Johnson are your designated  
17 representatives.

18 And Ms. Todd, you're going to be  
19 submitting a signature on your letter of  
20 designation?

21 MS. TODD: Yes, I was going to  
22 talk to you about that afterwards.



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MR. JOHNSON: 9.

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Is that good for you, Ms. Todd on Thursday, June 19 at 9?

MS. TODD: At 9 a.m.?

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Um-hmm. Is that good?

MS. TODD: Okay. That's good.

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: So mediation is set for Thursday, June 19 at 9. Any questions at all?

(NO RESPONSE)

BOARD AGENT FLETCHER: Okay. See you then. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the roll call hearing in the above-entitled matter having been concluded, went off the record at 10:35 a.m.)

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