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

2 10:39 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right our
4 next case is a Protest Hearing Status or first
5 court desk hearing status. It's case number 21-
6 PRO-00052, Best Way, license number 014405. Ms.
7 Andrews, can you please elevate the rights of the
8 parties in this case, please?

9 MS. ANDREWS: Sure, stand by.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

11 MS. ANDREWS: (Pause.) Mr. or Ms.
12 Harris, your rights have been elevated. (Pause.)
13 Mr. or Ms. Berhane, your rights have been
14 elevated. That's all Mr. Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
16 (Pause.) The Licensee, do you have a camera that
17 you can turn your camera on, please?

18 MR. BERHANE: Yeah, I'm trying to do
19 that right now.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes, we can see
21 you, sir. All right, fine. Good morning,
22 everyone. This is a Protest Hearing status. Mr.
23 Berhane, can you please spell and state your name
24 for the record, please, and your relationship to
25 the establishment.

1 MR. BERHANE: Yes, I'm so sorry. I
2 don't know if you can hear me. (Simultaneous
3 speaking.)

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I can hear you.
5 I can hear you and as long as you keep your phone
6 or whatever equipment that you're using stable,
7 we can't see your face, we can see the
8 establishment, but we -

9 MR. BERHANE: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Cannot see your
11 face. Fine. So can you please spell and state
12 your name for the record, please?

13 MR. BERHANE: Yeah, my name is Yemane
14 Berhane. First name is spelled Y as in yes-E as
15 in Eric-M as in Michael-A-N as in Nancy-E. The
16 last name is Berhane B as in boy-E-R-H-A-N as in
17 Nancy-E.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And what's your
19 relationship to the establishment, sir?

20 MR. BERHANE: I'm the President and
21 co-owner.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

23 MR. BERHANE: Along with my father.

24 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right,
25 thank you. Ms. Harris, can you please spell and

1 state your name for the record, please?

2 MS. HARRIS: Yes, hi. My name is
3 Sabel Harris, that is S-A-B as in boy-E-L H-A-R-
4 R-I-S and I'm Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner
5 for 1B12.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
7 Are there any preliminary matters, anything that
8 needs to be brought to the attention of the
9 Board?

10 MS. HARRIS: Yes, we have reached a
11 settlement agreement and we are just signing and
12 that should be transmitted to you all within the
13 week.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well that is
15 great news. That's great news and I guess I
16 don't have to go. Mr. Berhane, is that your
17 understanding that the parties have reached
18 settlement and the settlement agreement will be
19 transmitted to the Board shortly?

20 MR. BERHANE: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
22 Well that's great news; however, if this matter
23 is not settled, we'll have a Protest Hearing on
24 September 23, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., but I'm glad to
25 hear that the parties have reached settlement.

1 The Board will, as soon as this agreement is
2 transmitted to the Board, the Board will review
3 and cancel the hearing. So, I'm glad to hear
4 that and thank you very much. I thank the
5 parties for working together to brings settlement
6 to this matter, but just as a place holder, we
7 have the hearing scheduled for September 23rd at
8 10 o'clock. Have a great day and thank you very
9 much for your appearance today. All right?
10 Thank you.

11 MS. HARRIS: Thank you so much.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right then,
13 thank you.

14 MR. BERHANE: Thanks.

15 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
16 went off the record at 10:43 a.m.)
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