

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD
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MEETING

IN THE MATTER OF: :

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Date of Event: January :
31st, 2020 - February 3, :
2020 and February 4th, :
2020 - February 7th, 2020:
Applicant: Seferash D. :
Yegezaw (Climaxx Bar and :
Restaurant) :
Neighborhood: 1414 9th :
Street NW : Temporary License
Size of Event: 149 : Application
Attendees :

Wednesday
January 29th, 2020

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
Donovan W. Anderson, presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member
REMA WAHABZADAH, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

SOLOMON YEGEZAW, APPLICANT

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

2 1:55 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

4 We're back on the record. Our first case is a
5 temporary license application with a fact finding
6 hearing for Climaxx Bar and Restaurant.

7 Would all parties having matters for
8 the Board please appear? You're the licensee for
9 Seferash Yegezaw? I'm sorry.

10 Yegezaw, Y-E-G, Yegezaw. And what's
11 your first name, sir?

12 MR. YEGEZAW: Solomon.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
14 spell?

15 MR. YEGEZAW: Solomon.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: How do you
17 spell that?

18 MR. YEGEZAW: S-O-L-O-M-O-N.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So, who is --
20 why are you here? I'm sorry.

21 MR. YEGEZAW: I'm the business
22 manager.

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But you're not
24 the one, sir, who applied for the temporary
25 license application?

1 MR. YEGEZAW: Yes. That's one of my
2 sister applied for.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But why are you
4 here, all right? Did you apply for any temporary
5 license application?

6 MR. YEGEZAW: No, I didn't. The
7 company did.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But if you
9 didn't apply, why are you here?

10 MR. YEGEZAW: I'm trying to speak on
11 behalf of the company. I am authorized on --

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry,
13 what?

14 MR. YEGEZAW: I was authorized for
15 ABRA to speak behalf of the company. I'm
16 authorized.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Let's get off
18 the record for a minute, okay. We need some
19 clarification.

20 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
21 went off the record at 1:57 p.m. and resumed at
22 2:00 p.m.)

23 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
24 We're back on the record. I'm sorry. What is
25 your name again, sir?

1 MR. YEGEZAW: Solomon Yegezaw.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And have you
3 personally applied for a one day, are you the one
4 who applied for the one day license for Climaxx
5 Restaurant and Bar?

6 MR. YEGEZAW: No, sir.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If you have not
8 applied for the one day, sir, why are you here?

9 MR. YEGEZAW: We applied for --

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir! S-E-F-E-R-
11 A-S-H, D. Yegezaw applied for a series of one day
12 licenses. It is my understanding, and maybe I
13 could be wrong, that said person is applying to
14 the Agency for a license to operate this
15 establishment.

16 And in the interim they have applied
17 for a series of one day licenses. The ABC Board
18 granted to and we decided to have a fact finding
19 hearing because we're, since a license was
20 applied for it was protested.

21 And the Agency did not agree to
22 stipulated liquor license. Our position is that
23 we need to find out some more information because
24 since there's no stipulation why can't this
25 person wait the regular 45 day period before they

1 operate?

2 So, why is it that this Board should
3 grant one day licenses during the process? That
4 was the purpose of this, for this hearing.

5 You are not the person, sir, who
6 applied for one day. You're not the person.
7 You're not on the application.

8 So, because you're not the person who
9 applied for the one day, I can't listen to you
10 because you're not, we requested, we want to get
11 more information from the person who applied for
12 the one day.

13 And since you're not, since the person
14 who confirmed you haven't provided me any, even
15 if you had provided me information to say that
16 I'm representing this person I really don't
17 understand why this, if this individual is
18 requesting that this Board provide them some
19 guidance or provide them an opportunity to
20 operate early rather than wait on the process,
21 why are they not here?

22 The person is not here. There is
23 really no reason to have this hearing today, sir,
24 because you're not on the application. You're
25 not the one who applied.

1 And I don't have anything in front of
2 me saying that you are the attorney or the agent
3 representing the person and the person can't be
4 here.

5 MR. YEGEZAW: I am the agent in ABRA.
6 I am the agent for the company.

7 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I don't know
8 what company, sir. All this is about is one day.
9 All I have, sir, is an application, a temporary,
10 all right.

11 Let me look at one of these
12 applications. All I have here is a temporary
13 application.

14 And the temporary application was
15 filed by Y-E, S-E-F-E-R, Seferash Yegezaw. That
16 is the person who applied for all these one day
17 liquor licenses for this establishment.

18 There is no other name on here. There
19 is no name on these applications to say that this
20 person represents them.

21 So, therefore, sir, since the person
22 is not here there's no reason to have this
23 hearing.

24 MR. YEGEZAW: Okay.

25 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Thank

1 you for being here today, sir. Have a good day.

2 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter

3 went off the record at 2:00 p.m.)

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