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2 9:52 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
4 next case on our calendar is Case No. 17-CMP-
5 00680, Mesobe Restaurant and Deli Market, License
6 No. 81030.

7 Would the parties approach and
8 identify themselves for the record, please?

9 MR. SOUSA: Christopher Sousa for the
10 District of Columbia.

11 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Sousa, good
12 morning again.

13 MR. ADEFRISEW: My name is Samuel
14 Adefrisew. Mesobe Restaurant, the owner.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You are who?

16 MR. ADEFRISEW: Samuel Adefrisew. I'm
17 her husband.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Good
19 morning.

20 MS. DEBEBE: My name is Addis Debebe.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you also
22 write and spell your name for the record, too,

1 please?

2 MR. ADEFRISEW: Samuel Adefrisew, S-A-
3 M-U-E-L last name A-D-E-F-R-I-S-E-W.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What's your
5 name, Miss? Who is the interpreter? Is there an
6 interpreter for this matter? Is there someone
7 here to interpret for Ms. Debebe?

8 MR. ADEFRISEW: We don't see nobody.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. We
10 then need to -- and you need an interpreter?

11 MR. ADEFRISEW: If you have an
12 interpreter.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: It's --

14 MR. ADEFRISEW: If you don't have it,
15 I won't have one.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir.

17 MEMBER ALBERTI: Did they request one?

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Did you request
19 an interpreter? Ma'am, did you request an
20 interpreter?

21 MS. DEBEBE: We did, um-hum.

22 MR. ADEFRISEW: It's like we are

1 confused which one, which one. We was here last
2 week and we have another one here today. We
3 don't know.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
5 This is the question I'm asking you. You need an
6 interpreter. Is that correct?

7 MS. DEBEBE: Yeah.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: That's all you
9 have got to say. All right. All right.

10 Let me pass this case. Let me pass
11 this case. I will recall this case once we find
12 out what is going on with the interpreter. Okay?
13 All right. So I will recall this case.

14 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Please, wait.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They
16 understand, Mr. Silverstein.

17 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

19 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
20 went off the record at 9:55 a.m. and resumed at
21 10:07 a.m.)

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The

1 Board will be in recess. We are trying to find
2 out what happened to the interpreter. So the
3 Board will be in recess until we get some
4 clarification on what is going to happen next in
5 this case.

6 Okay. So we will -- once we get
7 further clarification, we will come back here.
8 Okay? All right. Thank you. So stay.

9 MEMBER SILVERSTEIN: Please, wait.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Sousa, can
11 you explain? Tell them to wait around, please.

12 I'm sorry, sir, who owns this
13 restaurant? Well, sir, you have a charge here.
14 You have requested an interpreter. The
15 interpreter is not here.

16 If you are comfortable going forward
17 without an interpreter, then we will. Tell me.
18 If you want the interpreter, we requested one.
19 The person is not here and we are trying to find
20 out why the person is not here.

21 So you tell me. Not you -- sir, you
22 are not the owner of the establishment. The lady

1 sitting next to you, our records state -- I'm
2 sorry, I apologize, sir. I guess our records say
3 that you are part owner of the establishment.

4 So I know that you have things to do,
5 but if you want to go forward without an
6 interpreter, tell me.

7 MR. ADEFRISEW: I asked you is this --
8 we are going to get another date, right? We are
9 going to get a date today?

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, they
11 don't the parties come back? All right. Let me
12 ask a question. Who is the owner of this
13 establishment?

14 MS. DEBEBE: Both of us.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: So is his name
16 on the license?

17 MR. ADEFRISEW: No.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Huh?

19 MR. ADEFRISEW: No.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: If your name is
21 not on the license, sir, then it's only her.

22 MR. ADEFRISEW: Okay, yes.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The issue that
2 I'm asking are you comfortable moving forward
3 without -- in these proceedings without having
4 the interpreter here?

5 MS. DEBEBE: Yes.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
7 let me call this case. I'm recalling Case No.
8 17-CMP-00680, Mesobe Restaurant and Deli Market,
9 License No. 81030.

10 I also want the record to reflect that
11 the licensee had requested an interpreter. The
12 interpreter is not here today. The licensee,
13 however, informed in these proceedings that they
14 are comfortable moving forward without having an
15 interpreter. Is that correct?

16 MR. ADEFRISEW: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
18 Introduce -- would the parties, please, introduce
19 themselves for the record, please?

20 MR. SOUSA: Christopher Sousa for the
21 District of Columbia.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Sousa, good

1 morning.

2 MS. DEBEBE: My name is Addis Debebe.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm sorry,
4 ma'am, I did not hear.

5 MS. DEBEBE: My name is Addis Debebe.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you also
7 spell your name for the record, please, ma'am?

8 MS. DEBEBE: A-D-D-I-S D-E-B-E-B-E.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can could you
10 also write -- have you written your name down on
11 that sheet in front of you?

12 MS. DEBEBE: Yes, I have.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 And, sir, can you also introduce yourself for the
15 record, please?

16 MR. ADEFRISEW: My name is Samuel
17 Adefrisew. I'm the -- of Mesobe Restaurant, the
18 owner's husband.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Can you also
20 spell your name for the record, please?

21 MR. ADEFRISEW: S-A-M-U-E-L, Samuel,
22 last name is A-D-E-F-R-I-S-E-W.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
2 Thank you. Are there any preliminary matters in
3 this case, Mr. Sousa?

4 MR. SOUSA: There are no preliminary
5 matters in this case.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.
7 This matter then is scheduled for a Show Cause
8 Hearing on March 21st at 10:00 a.m.

9 MR. ADEFRISEW: We have another date
10 for March 14. Can you --

11 MS. DEBEBE: We have --

12 MR. ADEFRISEW: -- make it together,
13 so March 14th, please?

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Sousa, can
15 you work with -- I don't know -- that's the date
16 that I have. So can you -- is that -- no, they
17 cannot be.

18 It's my understanding, sir, it's a
19 completely different case and that's a Status
20 Hearing.

21 MR. ADEFRISEW: This -- we -- this is
22 about six months ago and we don't have the

1 witness. We have to contact the witness. We
2 needed more time to contact the witness.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Well, let me
4 ask you a question, sir. Which case you are
5 asking to --

6 MR. ADEFRISEW: All the case. It been
7 six months ago. We don't have no clue and we get
8 these papers.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. All
10 right.

11 MR. ADEFRISEW: And all the peoples
12 work with us they quit, they left and we need to
13 get the witness in to bring it.

14 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: But let me --
15 you are asking for which case to be switched?

16 MR. ADEFRISEW: March 14 and this one,
17 so we need more time.

18 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. The
19 case for March -- this case is scheduled for
20 March 21st. The March 14th case is just to set the
21 date, so that -- all right.

22 This is what you need to do. Are both

1 cases yours, Mr. Sousa?

2 MR. SOUSA: They are not.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: They are not.

4 Can you provide them the name of the attorney?

5 MR. SOUSA: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And you can
7 speak to the Government and ask them to -- that
8 you want to continue the case to another date.

9 MR. ADEFRISEW: Okay.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. So Mr.
11 Sousa will give you the name of the Government's
12 attorney who is handling this case.

13 MR. ADEFRISEW: Okay. March 21st is
14 like 20 days. Now, we needed more time --

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Sir?

16 MR. ADEFRISEW: -- to get the witness.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: This is what --
18 he will tell you what you need to do. Okay. So
19 this case is scheduled for March 21st at 10:00.
20 Okay?

21 MR. ADEFRISEW: Yes, sir.

22 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: He will let you

1 know what is it that you need to do if you want
2 to change the date. Okay?

3 MR. ADEFRISEW: Thank you, sir.

4 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And we will
5 make sure that -- so once you formally -- we have
6 requested -- I'm aware that you have requested a
7 continuance, but you also have to talk to the
8 Government. And if the Government and you
9 request a continuance, then we will grant it.

10 But they will let you know what you
11 need to do to do that formally. Okay?

12 MR. ADEFRISEW: Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Yes. We will
14 provide an interpreter. Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. ADEFRISEW: Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the Show Cause (Status)
17 Hearing was concluded at 10:15 a.m.)
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