

1 GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
2 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE REGULATION ADMINISTRATION  
3 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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6 IN THE MATTER OF: :  
7 Café Dallul, LLC, : CASE #15-CMP-00589  
8 t/a Rendezvous Lounge :  
9 2226 18th Street Northwest  
10 License #14272

11 Retailer CT ANC IC :

12 Wednesday, March 2, 2016 :

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17 Whereupon, the above referenced matter  
18 came on for hearing at the Alcoholic Beverage  
19 Control Board, Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street,  
20 N.W., Suite 400S, Washington, D.C. 20009.

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1 CHAIRPERSON:

2 DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Presiding

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4 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

5 NICK ALBERTI, BOARD MEMBER

6 RUTHANNE MILLER, BOARD MEMBER

7 JAMES SHORT, BOARD MEMBER

8 MIKE SILVERSTEIN, BOARD MEMBER

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10 OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

11 FERNANDO RIVERO, ESQ

12 PEARL KENG

13 BELAMESH KEBEDE

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

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The next case on  
3 our show cause hearing calendar is the Rendezvous  
4 Lounge, license #14272. Would the parties please  
5 approach?

6 MR. RIVERO: Good morning, board members,  
7 Fernando Rivero and Pearl Keng for the District  
8 of Columbia.

9 MS. KENG: Good morning.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are you?

11 MR. RIVERO: Pro bono counsel for the  
12 District of Columbia.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Pro bono. Explain  
14 that to me, please.

15 MR. RIVERO: The office of the attorney  
16 general has a pro bono counsel program. And we  
17 have attorneys who appear on a pro bono basis  
18 with the office.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And so what's the  
20 role today?

21 MR. RIVERO: She is counsel on this case  
22 along with me.

1           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I'm just -- for my  
2 -- you know, when -- when the government springs  
3 something on me, I just want to make sure I quite  
4 know what is going on. Yes, ma'am. Introduce  
5 yourself please.

6           MS. KEBEDE: My name is Belamesh Kebede.  
7 Last name, K--

8           CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: I did not hear  
9 anything.

10          MR. KEBEDE: My name is Belamesh Kebede.

11          CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And who are you  
12 ma'am?

13          MS. KEBEDE: I'm the treasurer of  
14 Rendezvous Lounge.

15          CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: You're the what?

16          MS. KEBEDE: The treasurer.

17          CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Treasurer?

18          MS. KEBEDE: Yes.

19          CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Are you the owner  
20 also?

21          MS. KEBEDE: Yes.

22          CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay.

1 MR. RIVERO: There's no

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, this  
3 matter is set for April 20th, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

4 MS. KEBEDE: Yes.

5 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right, so  
6 we'll see you on 4/20/2016 at 10:00

7 MS. KEBEDE: Okay.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. Can you  
9 also write your name on that sheet, please? All  
10 right are there any preliminary matters?

11 MR. RIVERO: There are no preliminary  
12 matters, but the parties do not have an offer in  
13 compromise to present to the board at this time  
14 and the government is ready to proceed to the  
15 patient to the show cause hearing.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. This  
17 matter is scheduled for a show cause hearing on  
18 April 20, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. Do you understand,  
19 ma'am?

20 MS. KEBEDE: Yes.

21 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right we'll  
22 see you then, unless there's some agreement with

1 the government, then we'll see you on April 20,  
2 at 10:00 for a hearing. Okay?

3 MS. KEBEDE: Yes.

4 MR. RIVERO: If there's any change we'll  
5 ask for an earlier different date.

6 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right.

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8 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter was  
9 concluded.)

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