

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE AND CANNABIS BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF:                   :  
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Solo Entertainment, LLC,           :  
t/a Celavi                            :  
1901 9th Street NW                :  
License #126215                    :  
Retailer CT - ANC 1B               :  
Case #23-PRO-00091                :  
  :  
(Application for a New             :  
License)                             :  
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Wednesday  
January 10, 2023

The Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board met via WebEx videoconference, Chairperson Donovan W. Anderson presiding.

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
SILAS GRANT, JR., Member  
JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

ALSO PRESENT:

JOSE ORELLANA, DC ABCA Staff

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

2 10:52 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
4 we're on the record.

5 Good morning, as Chairperson of the  
6 Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board for the  
7 District of Columbia and in accordance with D.C.  
8 Code Section 2571 et sec of the Open Meetings  
9 Act, OMA, I am welcoming you to the regular  
10 scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage and  
11 Cannabis Board.

12 This meeting is being conducted  
13 pursuant to guidance made available by the  
14 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government  
15 regarding electronic meetings held by public  
16 bodies.

17 Electronic meetings by the ABC Board  
18 are authorized pursuant to Section 2577(a) of the  
19 D.C. Code.

20 Pursuant to the OMA requirements,  
21 notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours  
22 in advance of the meeting on ABCA's website and  
23 on the District's Central Meeting Calendar.

24 The notice includes the time, date,  
25 agenda, and call in or log in information for

1 public participation.

2 This electronic meeting is being  
3 hosted by a WebEx account provided by the  
4 District of Columbia Government.

5 Please address any questions or  
6 complaints to the OOG at open gov office at D.C.  
7 dot gov (opengoveoffice@dc.gov).

8 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm  
9 Chairperson of the Board.

10 I would like to introduce here the  
11 members of the ABC Board who are also  
12 participating electronically.

13 Please respond when I announce your  
14 names.

15 Mr. James Short?

16 MEMBER SHORT: James Short, present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silas Grant?

18 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Silas Grant,  
19 present.

20 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has  
21 three members in attendance for the conduct of  
22 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

23 Before we get under way with today's  
24 hearing calendar, I need to make a few  
25 instructions very clear for the conduct of these

1       hearings for everyone.

2                       There are 11 cases scheduled for today  
3       -- this morning's agenda.

4                       Once your case is called, I will take  
5       a moment for IT Specialist to elevate the rights  
6       of each party to enable their camera and  
7       microphone.

8                       Then and only then will you have the  
9       ability to enable your equipment.

10                      If your case is not being heard, you  
11       will remain mute and your camera will be  
12       disabled.

13                      At the conclusion of each case, the  
14       parties will have the option to leave.

15                      If a party chooses to stay, all  
16       cameras and microphones for the concluded case  
17       will be disabled.

18                      Should you have any questions or  
19       require technical assistance during the hearing,  
20       please submit them using the question and answer  
21       feature.

22                      I will now apologize to the public.  
23       I know that we were scheduled to start at 10:30  
24       this morning. It is now 10:54.

25                      As you know, the Board was on winter

1 break since December 15th.

2 We had a significant amount of  
3 administrative work. We have been working since  
4 9:30 this morning.

5 And so, I do apologize that we are  
6 starting late.

7 I did alert our IT to alert the public  
8 that we would start late this morning.

9 But again, I do apologize for our late  
10 start.

11 The first case on our calendar is Case  
12 Number 23-PRO-00091, Celavi, C-E-L-A-V-I, License  
13 Number 126215.

14 This case has been cancelled due to  
15 dismissal of the protest.

16 See Board Order Number 2023-703.

17 The protestant, I believe, had filed  
18 a motion for reconsideration and we have decided  
19 on our -- which I will announce on our legal  
20 agenda, we have -- the Board will vote to deny  
21 that motion for reconsideration on our legal  
22 agenda this morning.

23 So, that case has been dismissed.

24 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
25 went off the record at 10:55 a.m.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>A</b></p> <p>a.m 2:2 5:25  <b>ABC</b> 2:17 3:11  <b>ABCA</b> 1:20  <b>ABCA's</b> 2:22  <b>ability</b> 4:9  <b>above-entitled</b> 5:24  <b>account</b> 3:3  <b>Act</b> 2:9  <b>address</b> 3:5  <b>administrative</b> 5:3  <b>advance</b> 2:22  <b>agenda</b> 2:25 4:3 5:20  5:22  <b>Alcoholic</b> 1:2,13 2:6,10  <b>alert</b> 5:7,7  <b>amount</b> 5:2  <b>ANC</b> 1:8  <b>Anderson</b> 1:14,17 2:3  3:8,17,20  <b>announce</b> 3:13 5:19  <b>answer</b> 4:20  <b>apologize</b> 4:22 5:5,9  <b>Application</b> 1:9  <b>assistance</b> 4:19  <b>attendance</b> 3:21  <b>authorized</b> 2:18  <b>available</b> 2:13</p>	<p><b>Columbia</b> 1:1 2:7 3:4  <b>Columbia's</b> 2:14  <b>complaints</b> 3:6  <b>concluded</b> 4:16  <b>conclusion</b> 4:13  <b>conduct</b> 3:21,25  <b>conducted</b> 2:12  <b>constitutes</b> 3:22  <b>CT</b> 1:8</p>	<p><b>instructions</b> 3:25  <b>introduce</b> 3:10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>J</b></p> <p><b>James</b> 1:18 3:15,16  <b>January</b> 1:12  <b>JOSE</b> 1:20  <b>JR</b> 1:17,18</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>P</b></p> <p><b>P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S</b>  2:1  <b>participating</b> 3:12  <b>participation</b> 3:1  <b>parties</b> 4:14  <b>party</b> 4:6,15  <b>please</b> 3:5,13 4:20  <b>present</b> 1:16,19 3:16,19  <b>presiding</b> 1:14  <b>protest</b> 1:7 5:15  <b>protestant</b> 5:17  <b>provided</b> 2:21 3:3  <b>public</b> 2:15 3:1 4:22 5:7  <b>pursuant</b> 2:13,18,20</p>
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