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IN THE MATTER OF:	:
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Solo Entertainment, LLC,	:
t/a Celavi	:
1901 9th Street NW	: Protest Hearing
License #126215	: (Status)
Retailer CT - ANC 1B	:
Case #23-PRO-00091	:
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(Application for a New	:
License)	:
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Wednesday
January 10, 2024

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.)

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