

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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SOL Mexican Grill :
Two, LLC :
t/a SOL Mexican Grill :
4220 Fessenden Street NW : Show Cause
Retailer CR - ANC 3E : Hearing (Status)
License No. 121362 :
Case #23-CMP-00074 :
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(No ABC Manager on Duty, :
Failed to Post Pregnancy :
Sign, Failed to Post Name, :
Class and License Number :
on the Front Window or :
Front Door, Failed to :
Make a Copy of Settlement:
Agreement Immediately :
Accessible, Failed to :
Maintain Books and :
Records on Premises) :
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Wednesday
January 31, 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
CHRIS SOUTHCOTT, DC OAG

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

2 10:39 a.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.

4 We are 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 2-571, et seq, of the Open Meetings
9 Act, OMA, I am welcoming you to the regularly
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. Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are
17 authorized pursuant to Section 2-577(a) of the
18 D.C. Code.

19 Pursuant to the OMA requirements, notice of
20 today's meeting was provided 48 hours in advance
21 of the meeting on ABCA's website and on the
22 District Central Meeting Calendar. The notice
23 included the time, date, agenda and call in or
24 login information for public participation.

25 This electronic meeting has been

1 hosted by a Webex account provided by the
2 District of Columbia government. Please address
3 any questions or complaints to the OOG at
4 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

5 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm
6 Chairperson of the Board. I would like to
7 introduce the other members of the ABCA Board who
8 are also participating electronically.

9 Please respond when I announce your
10 names. Mr. James Short?

11 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,
12 present.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silas
14 Grant?

15 MEMBER GRANT: Good morning. Mr.
16 Silas Grant, present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: The Board has
18 three members in attendance for the conduct of
19 business today and that constitutes a quorum.

20 Before we get underway with today's
21 hearing calendar, I need to make a few
22 instructions very clear so that the conduct of
23 this hearing is understood by everyone.

24 There are five cases scheduled for
25 this morning's calendar. Once your case is

1 called, it will take a moment for IT specialist
2 to elevate the rights for each party to enable
3 their camera and microphone. Then and only then
4 will you have the ability to enable your
5 equipment.

6 If your case is not being heard, you
7 will remain mute, and your camera will be
8 disabled. At the conclusion of each case, the
9 parties will have the option to leave.

10 If the party chooses to stay, all
11 cameras and microphones for the concluded case
12 will be disabled.

13 Should you have any questions or
14 require technical assistance during the hearing,
15 please submit them using the question and answer
16 feature.

17 Our first case this morning on our
18 show cause hearing status calendar is Case Number
19 23-CMP-00074, SOL Mexican Grill, License Number
20 121362.

21 Good morning, Mr. Orellana. Can you
22 please elevate the rights of the Government and
23 the licensee in this case?

24 MR. ORELLANA: Good morning, Mr.
25 Chairman. Chris Southcott, your access has been

1 elevated. That is all, Chairman.

2 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Thank you.
3 Good morning, Mr. Southcott. Can you please
4 spell and state your name for the record, please?

5 MR. SOUTHCOTT: Sure. My name is
6 Chris Southcott, first name, C-H-R-I-S, last name
7 S-O-U-T-H-C-O-T-T. I am from DC's Office of the
8 Attorney General representing the District.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning.
10 And I see that the licensee is not here. This
11 matter then is scheduled for -- this matter moves
12 to a show cause hearing. It is then scheduled
13 for a show cause hearing on February 28 at 10:30
14 a.m. Do you have a question, Mr. Grant?

15 MEMBER GRANT: No, my apologies.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Okay. And so
17 the Government -- I don't know if this matter
18 will be settled. But if the matter is settled
19 then the parties can -- if this matter is not
20 going to go to a hearing, the parties are welcome
21 to submit a written offer in compromise to the
22 Board, and the Board can move this matter to its
23 legal agenda.

24 And just another reminder, sir, if
25 this matter goes to a show cause hearing, the

1 parties are required to disclose documents and
2 witnesses seven days prior to the hearing.
3 Failure by either side to disclose documents or
4 witnesses to each other and to the opposing party
5 seven days before the hearing unless reasonable
6 cause is shown, the Board is empowered to prevent
7 that side from moving forward. Any questions,
8 sir?

9 MR. SOUTHCOTT: None from the
10 Government.

11 (Whereupon, the above-entitled portion
12 of the hearing went off the record at 10:44 a.m.)
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