

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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LICENSING AGENDA :
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Wednesday
February 1, 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 1:31 p.m.

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good afternoon.

4 We're on the record. Good afternoon. As
5 Chairperson of the Alcoholic Beverage and
6 Cannabis Board for the District of Columbia, and
7 in accordance with D.C. Code Section 2-571, et
8 seq, of the Open Meetings Act, OMA, I am
9 welcoming you to the regularly scheduled meeting
10 of the Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Board.

11 This meeting is being conducted
12 pursuant to guidance made available by the
13 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government
14 regarding electronic meetings held by public
15 bodies. Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are
16 authorized pursuant to Section 2-577(a) of the
17 D.C. Code.

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

24 This electronic meeting has been
25 hosted by a Webex account provided by the

1 District of Columbia government. Please address
2 any questions or complaints to the OOG at
3 opengovoffice@dc.gov.

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

8 Please respond when I announce your
9 name. Mr. James Short?

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

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Silas
13 Grant?

14 MEMBER GRANT: Good afternoon. Mr.
15 Silas Grant, present.

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

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

23 There are currently just one case
24 scheduled on our calendar for today.

25 MR. ORELLANA: I muted you.

1 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: What was the
2 last portion did you guys hear since I got on
3 mute, since I got muted?

4 MEMBER GRANT: You gave a quick
5 overview, which you were getting ready to do.
6 And then when you started to read, which you were
7 getting ready to do, it went off.

8 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: All right. So
9 before we get underway with today's hearing
10 calendar, I need to make a few instructions very
11 clear so that the conduct of this hearing is
12 understood by everyone.

13 There is one case on our calendar
14 today. Once your case is called, it will take a
15 moment for IT specialist to elevate the rights
16 for each party to enable their camera and
17 microphone. Then and only then will you have the
18 ability to enable your equipment.

19 Should you have any questions or
20 require technical assistance during the hearing,
21 please submit them using the question and answer
22 period. I'm sorry. Please use the question and
23 answer feature.

24 Prior to calling our first case, I
25 want to do an agenda, the license administrative

1 docket agenda, for Thursday, February 1, 2024.

2 There are two applicants on the
3 license administrative docket. And so without
4 objection, I make a motion that ABCA Board
5 approve the two applicants on our licensing
6 administrative docket for Thursday the 1st, 2024.
7 Is there a second?

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I second.

9 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Short has
10 seconded the motion. We'll have a roll call
11 vote. Mr. Short?

12 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. Short, I agree.

13 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Grant?

14 MEMBER GRANT: Mr. Grant, I agree.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: And Mr.
16 Anderson, I agree. The matter passes 3-0.

17 (Whereupon, the above portion of the
18 hearing went off the record at 1:35 p.m.)

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<p style="text-align: center;">A</p> <p>ABC 2:15 ABCA 1:16 3:6 5:4 ABCA's 2:20 ability 4:18 account 2:25 Act 2:8 address 3:1 administrative 4:25 5:3 5:6 advance 2:19 afternoon 2:3,4 3:14 agenda 1:6 2:22 4:25 5:1 agree 5:12,14,16 Alcoholic 1:2,10 2:5,10 Anderson 1:11,13 2:3 3:4,12,16 4:1,8 5:9,13 5:15,16 announce 3:8 answer 4:21,23 applicants 5:2,5 approve 5:5 assistance 4:20 attendance 3:17 authorized 2:16 available 2:12</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">B</p> <p>Beverage 1:2,10 2:5,10 board 1:2,10 2:6,10,15 3:5,6,16 5:4 bodies 2:15 business 3:18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">C</p> <p>calendar 2:21 3:20,24 4:10,13 call 2:22 5:10 called 4:14 calling 4:24 camera 4:16 Cannabis 1:2,10 2:6,10 case 3:23 4:13,14,24 Central 2:21 Chairperson 1:10,13 2:3,5 3:5,12,16 4:1,8 5:9,13,15 clear 3:21 4:11 Code 2:7,17 Columbia 1:1 2:6 3:1 Columbia's 2:13 complaints 3:2 conduct 3:17,21 4:11 conducted 2:11 constitutes 3:18 currently 3:23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">D</p> <p>D.C 2:7,17 date 2:22 DC 1:16 District 1:1 2:6,13,21 3:1 docket 5:1,3,6 Donovan 1:11,13 3:4</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">E</p> <p>electronic 2:14,15,24 electronically 3:7 elevate 4:15 enable 4:16,18 equipment 4:18 et 2:7</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">F</p> <p>feature 4:23 February 1:8 5:1 first 4:24</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">G</p> <p>getting 4:5,7 Good 2:3,4 3:14 government 2:13 3:1 Grant 1:14 3:13,14,15 4:4 5:13,14,14 guidance 2:12 guys 4:2</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">H</p> <p>hear 4:2 hearing 3:20,22 4:9,11 4:20 5:18 held 2:14 hosted 2:25 hours 2:19</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">I</p> <p>included 2:22 information 2:23 instructions 3:21 4:10 introduce 3:6</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">J</p> <p>James 1:14 3:9,10 JOSE 1:16 JR 1:14,14</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">K</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">L</p> <p>license 4:25 5:3 licensing 1:6 5:5 login 2:23</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">M</p> <p>matter 1:5 5:16 meeting 1:3 2:9,11,19 2:20,21,24 meetings 2:8,14,15 Member 1:14,14 3:10 3:14 4:4 5:8,12,14 members 3:6,17 met 1:10 microphone 4:17 moment 4:15 motion 5:4,10 mute 4:3 muted 3:25 4:3</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">N</p> <p>name 3:4,9 need 3:20 4:10 notice 2:18,21</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">O</p> <p>objection 5:4 Office 2:13 OMA 2:8,18 Once 4:14 OOG 3:2 Open 2:8,13 opengovoffice@dc.g... 3:3 ORELLANA 1:16 3:25 overview 4:5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">P</p> <p>P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S 2:1 p.m 2:2 5:18 participating 3:7 participation 2:23 party 4:16 passes 5:16 period 4:22 please 3:1,8 4:21,22 portion 4:2 5:17 present 1:12,15 3:11,15 presiding 1:11 Prior 4:24 provided 2:19,25 public 2:14,23 pursuant 2:12,16,18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Q</p> <p>question 4:21,22 questions 3:2 4:19 quick 4:4 quorum 3:18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">R</p>	<p>read 4:6 ready 4:5,7 record 2:4 5:18 regarding 2:14 regularly 2:9 require 4:20 requirements 2:18 respond 3:8 right 4:8 rights 4:15 roll 5:10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">S</p> <p>scheduled 2:9 3:24 second 5:7,8 seconded 5:10 Section 2:7,16 seq 2:8 Short 1:14 3:9,10,10 5:8,8,9,11,12,12 Silas 1:14 3:12,15 sorry 4:22 specialist 4:15 Staff 1:16 started 4:6 submit 4:21</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">T</p> <p>take 4:14 technical 4:20 three 3:17 Thursday 5:1,6 time 2:22 today 3:18,24 4:14 today's 2:19 3:19 4:9 two 5:2,5</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">U</p> <p>understood 3:22 4:12 underway 3:19 4:9 use 4:22</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">V</p> <p>videoconference 1:10 vote 5:11</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">W</p> <p>W 1:11,13 want 4:25 We'll 5:10 We're 2:4 Webex 1:10 2:25 website 2:20 Wednesday 1:8 welcoming 2:9 went 4:7 5:18</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">X</p>
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