

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD  
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MEETING

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IN THE MATTER OF: :  
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1218 Wisconsin Inc., :  
t/a El Centro D.F. :  
1218 Wisconsin Ave. NW : Protest Hearing  
Retailer CR - ANC 2E : (Status)  
License #604 :  
Case #22-PRO-00064 :  
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(Application to Renew :  
the License) :  
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Wednesday  
August 31, 2022

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

PRESENT:

- DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson
- BOBBY CATO, JR., Member
- RAFI ALIYA CROCKETT, Member
- EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member
- JENI HANSEN, Member
- JAMES SHORT, JR., Member

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

2 (10:48 a.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Good morning,  
4 everyone. As Chairperson of the Alcoholic  
5 Beverage Control Board for the District of  
6 Columbia and in accordance with DC Code Section  
7 2577A et seq of the Open Meetings Act, OMA. I'm  
8 welcoming you to the regular scheduled meeting of  
9 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

10 This meeting is being conducted  
11 pursuant to guidance made available by the  
12 District of Columbia's Office of Open Government  
13 regarding electronic meetings held by public  
14 bodies. Electronic meetings by the ABC Board are  
15 also authorized pursuant to Section 2577A of the  
16 DC Code.

17 Pursuant to the OMA requirements,  
18 notice of today's meeting was provided 48 hours  
19 in advance of the meeting on ABRAs website and on  
20 the District's central meeting calendar. The  
21 notice included the time, date, agenda, and call-  
22 in or log-in information for public  
23 participation. This electronic meeting is being  
24 hosted by a Webex account provided by the  
25 District of Columbia Government. Please address

1 any questions or complaints to the OOG at  
2 opengovoffice@dc.go.

3 My name is Donovan Anderson. I'm  
4 Chairman of the Board. I would like to introduce  
5 the other members of the ABC Board who are also  
6 participating electronically. Please respond  
7 when I announce your name. Mr. James Short.

8 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short,  
9 present.

10 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato.

11 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

12 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Rafi  
13 Crockett.

14 MEMBER CROCKETT: Rafi Crockett,  
15 present.

16 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni  
17 Hansen.  
18 Mr. Edward Grandis.

19 MEMBER GRANDIS: Edward Grandis,  
20 present.

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

24 Before we get underway with today's  
25 hearing calendar, I need to make a few

1 instructions very clear so that the conduct of  
2 this hearing is understood by everyone. There  
3 are ten cases on this morning's calendar. Once a  
4 case is called, I will take a moment for IT  
5 specialist to elevate the rights for each party  
6 to enable their camera and microphone. Then and  
7 only then will you have the ability to enable  
8 your equipment. If your case has not been heard,  
9 you will remain mute and your camera will be  
10 disabled. At the conclusion of each case, all  
11 the parties will have the option to leave. If  
12 the party chooses to stay, all camera and  
13 microphones for the concluded case will be  
14 disabled.

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

18           Our first order of business today is  
19 a protest hearing status, Case No. 21-PRO-00064,  
20 El Centro D.F. This case has been rescheduled  
21 to September 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

22           (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
23 went off the record at 10:51 a.m.)  
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In the matter of: El Centro D.F.

Before: DC ABRA

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