

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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La Casita Partners DC,               :  
LLC, t/a La Casita                   :  
Pupuseria & Comedor               :  
1280 4th Street NE                 : Show Cause  
Retailer CR - AND 5D               : Hearing (Status)  
License #114565                     :  
Case #23-CIT-00204                 :  
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(No ABC Manager on Duty)         :  
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Wednesday  
September 27, 2023

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

PRESENT:

DONOVAN W. ANDERSON, Chairperson  
BOBBY CATO, JR., Member  
EDWARD S. GRANDIS, Member  
JENI HANSEN, 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 10:45 a.m.

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

5 Good morning, as Chairperson of the  
6 Alcohol Beverage and Cannabis Board for the  
7 District of Columbia, and in accordance with D.C.  
8 Code, Section 2571 et. seq., of the Open Meetings  
9 Act OMA, I am welcoming you to the regular  
10 scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage  
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 has been  
3 posted by a WebEx account, provided by the  
4 District of Columbia government.

5 Please address any questions or  
6 complaints to the OOG at [opengovoffice@dc.gov](mailto:opengovoffice@dc.gov).

7 My name is Donovan Anderson, I'm  
8 Chairman, Chairperson of the Board. I would like  
9 to introduce the other members of the ABC Board,  
10 who are also participating electronically.

11 Please respond when I announce your  
12 name. Mr. James Short?

13 MEMBER SHORT: Mr. James Short, is  
14 present.

15 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Bobby Cato?

16 MEMBER CATO: Bobby Cato, present.

17 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Ms. Jeni Hansen?

18 MEMBER HANSEN: Jeni Hansen, present.

19 CHAIRPERSON ANDERSON: Mr. Edward

20 Grandis?

21 MEMBER GRANDIS: (No audible response.)

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

25 Before we get underway with today's

1 hearing calendar, I need to make a few  
2 instructions very clear so that the conduct of  
3 these hearings is understood by everyone.

4           There are five cases on this morning's  
5 calendar. Once your case is called, I will take  
6 a moment for IT specialist to elevate the rights  
7 of each party to enable their camera and  
8 microphone.

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

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

14           At the conclusion of each case, the  
15 parties will have the option to leave. If a  
16 party chooses to stay, all cameras and  
17 microphones for the concluded case will be  
18 disabled.

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

23           The first case on our calendar today  
24 is case, is a show cause hearing status, Case  
25 Number 23-CIT-00204, Casita Pupuseria & Comedor.

1 License Number 114565.

2 This hearing has been cancelled. The  
3 Board approved an Offer in Compromise on  
4 September 20, 2023. See Board Order Number 2023-  
5 474.

6 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
7 went off the record at 10:48 a.m.)  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>B</b></p> <p><b>Beverage</b> 1:2,13 2:6,10  <b>Board</b> 1:2,14 2:6,11,17  3:8,9,22 5:3,4  <b>Bobby</b> 1:17 3:15,16  <b>bodies</b> 2:16  <b>business</b> 3:24</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>D</b></p> <p><b>D.C</b> 2:7,19  <b>date</b> 2:24  <b>DC</b> 1:6,21  <b>disabled</b> 4:13,18  <b>District</b> 1:1 2:7,14 3:4  <b>District's</b> 2:23  <b>Donovan</b> 1:14,17 3:7  <b>Duty</b> 1:10</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>M</b></p> <p><b>Manager</b> 1:10  <b>matter</b> 1:5 5:6  <b>meeting</b> 1:3 2:10,12,21  2:22,23 3:2  <b>meetings</b> 2:8,15,17  <b>Member</b> 1:17,18,18,19  3:13,16,18,21  <b>members</b> 3:9,23  <b>met</b> 1:14  <b>microphone</b> 4:8  <b>microphones</b> 4:17  <b>moment</b> 4:6  <b>morning</b> 2:3,5  <b>morning's</b> 4:4  <b>mute</b> 4:12</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q</b></p> <p><b>question</b> 4:21  <b>questions</b> 3:5 4:19  <b>quorum</b> 3:24</p>
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Court Reporter

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