## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 14A**

#### (RULE 14a-101)

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

## SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)

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Check the appropriate box:

□ Preliminary Proxy Statement

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# **Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

## (Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if Other Than The Registrant)

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⊠ No fee required.

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#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR

# CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC.

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2023

#### **Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders**

#### WHEN AND WHERE IS THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING?

The 2023 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc. will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time, in an online-only format, with attendance via the internet, at http://www.cesonlineservices.com/cbrl23\_vm. There will be no physical location for inperson attendance at the Annual Meeting.

#### WHAT IS BEING VOTED ON AT THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING?

- Election of ten Directors: Thomas H. Barr, Carl T. Berquist, Jody L. Bilney, Sandra B. Cochran, Meg G. Crofton, Gilbert R. Dávila, Julie Masino, William M. Moreton, Gisel Ruiz, and Darryl L. Wade.
- To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
- To approve, on an advisory basis, the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
- To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2024 fiscal year.

#### WHAT DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMEND?

The Board of Directors recommends that shareholders vote FOR ALL of the nominees, FOR approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, for every ONE YEAR as the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers and FOR ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the 2024 fiscal year.

#### HOW CAN I GET A COMPLETE SET OF PROXY MATERIALS?

# This is not a proxy card. If you wish to cast your vote on a traditional proxy card, you must request a paper copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions below.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

The following documents can be viewed at: www.viewourmaterial.com/CBRL

- · Annual Report
- · Proxy Statement

# If you want to receive a paper or email copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before November 2, 2023 to facilitate timely delivery.

You may request a paper or email copy of the proxy materials by following the instructions below. You will be asked to provide the control number (located by the arrow in the box below).

- 1. Call the toll-free telephone number 1-800-516-1564 and follow the instructions provided, or
- 2. Access the website, www.SendMaterial.com, and follow the instructions provided, or
- 3. Send us an email at papercopy@SendMaterial.com with your control number in the subject line. Unless you instruct us otherwise, we will reply to your email with a copy of the proxy materials in PDF format for this meeting only.

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To vote your shares, you can attend the virtual Annual Meeting of Shareholders and vote or you can:

- 1. Go to www.viewourmaterial.com/CBRL
- 2. Click on the icon to vote your shares.
- 3. Enter the 11-digit Control Number (located by the arrow in the box above).
- 4. Follow the instructions to record your vote.



INC. 2023 Annual Meeting

Vote by November 15, 2023 11:59 PM ET



# You invested in CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the shareholder meeting to be held on November 16, 2023.

# Get informed before you vote

View the Form 10-K, Proxy Statement online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to November 02, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future shareholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



\*If you choose to vote these shares in person at the meeting, you must request a "legal proxy." To do so, please follow the instructions at www.ProxyVote.com or request a paper copy of the materials, which will contain the appropriate instructions. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

# THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming shareholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

# CRACKER BARREL OLD COUNTRY STORE, INC. 2023 Annual Meeting Vote by November 15, 2023 11:59 PM ET

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1.	Election of Directors														
	Nominees:														
	01	Thomas H. Barr	05	Meg G. Crofton	09	Gisel Ruiz	<b>⊘</b> For								
	02 03 04	Carl T. Berquist Jody L. Bilney Sandra B. Cochran	06 07 08	Gilbert R. Davila Julie Masino William M. Moreton	10	Darryl L. Wade									
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