



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019**  
**10:00 AM CST**

The August 2019 meeting was held on August 29, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairman Skiles, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Tomita were present. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff were the following: Director Thomas, Assistant Director Blackwell, Commission Counsel Stepp, Commission Counsel Hollingshead-Cook, CLEO Tubbs, Deputy Chief Brent Clayton, Aaron Rummage, Nancy Townsend, Chris Dowell, and Scott Wolfe.

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**1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE JULY 30, 2019, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Commissioner Tomita moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**2. RETAIL MATTERS**

**1. HIGHWAY 41 LIQUORS  
CEDAR HILL (ROBERTSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Shanaya Inc.  
Shareholder: Vishal Patel, 100%

On March 28, 2019, The Commission conditionally approved Shanaya Inc. for a retail package store license at 6513 N. Highway 41, Cedar Hill, TN 37032. In June, Applicant requested and received an initial 30 day extension that was approved by Director Thomas. The applicant is now before the Commission to request an extension of conditional approval through Wednesday, January 22, 2020, (an additional 180 days) and expects construction to be completed in early January 2020. The TABC staff recommends the conditional approval be extended to January 22, 2020.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval be extended to January 22, 2020. Commissioner Roberts moved approval to be extended and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**2. PORT ROYAL LIQUORS  
SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE (MAURY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Ashraf Girgies  
Current location: 4910 Port Royal Rd., Suite E, Spring Hill, TN 37174  
Proposed location: 4920 A Port Royal Rd., Spring Hill, TN 37174

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRRPS-MAU-1824605 is requesting approval to transfer its location to 4920A Port Royal Rd., Spring Hill, TN 37174. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the change. Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the change and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. CLIFTON LIQUORS INC.  
CLIFTON, TENNESSEE (WAYNE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Clifton Liquors Inc.  
Shareholder: Brian Bates, 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store to be located at 2301 Billy Nance Hwy., Clifton, TN 38425. In November 2018 the City of Clifton passed a retail package store referendum. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to receipt of the following items:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. agent report
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection, agent report, and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the inspection, agent report, and license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**4. MAJOR DISCOUNT LIQUORS  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**



Applicant: Nashville Package Store, Inc.  
Shareholders: Tina K. Sam (33.33%); Amir Abaskhron (33.33%); Jouseph Iskandar (33.33%)

Current licensee: MMMC, LLC d/b/a Major Discount Liquors<sup>1</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Nashville Package Store Inc. d/b/a Major Discount Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2913B Dickerson Rd., Nashville, TN 37207. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and will lease the premises from landlord, Tennessee Operations, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to receipt of the following:

- a. agent report
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the agent report and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the agent report and license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **5. PICKWICK PACKAGE SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE (HARDIN COUNTY)**

Applicant: OM Sainath Inc. d/b/a Pickwick Package  
Shareholders: Sandip Patel, 100%

Current licensee: Julie Fohn d/b/a Pickwick Package Store, 380 Pickwick Street, Savannah, TN 3837<sup>2</sup>

Proposed licensee: Om Sainath Inc. d/b/a Pickwick Package, 930 Florence Rd., Savannah, TN 38372

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 930 Florence Rd., Savannah, TN. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at 380 Pickwick Street and moving the store to 930 Florence Street, Savannah, TN. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

<sup>1</sup> License no. RTLRPS-DAV-1818427

<sup>2</sup> License no. RTLRPS-HAR-1907299



- a. ~~agent report~~ received prior to meeting
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Director Thomas noted the agent report had been received. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**6. AAA PACKAGE STORE  
JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE (WASHINGTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Shridutt, Inc.  
Shareholders: Nilamben Patel, 100%

Current licensee: H&S Liquor Inc. d/b/a AAA Package Store<sup>3</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Shridutt, Inc. d/b/a AAA Package Store

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 910 W. Market St., Johnson City, TN 37604. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and has been assigned the current owner's lease. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**7. SIMPLY WINE & SPIRITS  
MADISONVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONROE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Southern Liquor Inc.  
Shareholder(s): Jigarkumar Patel, 100%

Current licensee: Simply Wine & Spirits, LLC<sup>4</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Southern Liquor Inc.

<sup>3</sup> License no. RTLPS-WAS-1904555

<sup>4</sup> License no. RTLPS-MON-1826482



Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3926 Hwy., 411, Madisonville, TN 37354. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and will lease the premises from Southern Investment Property, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. deed after closing
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the receiving the deed after closing and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **8. ROYAL LIQUORS SPARTA, TENNESSEE (WHITE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Royal Liquor and Wine, LLC  
Member(s): Priyanka R. Bhakta, 100%

Current licensee: Royal Liquors, LLC d/b/a Royal Liquors<sup>5</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Royal Liquor and Wine, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 229 Mose Dr. Sparta, TN 38583. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by her father, Ramesh Bhakta. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **9. A TO Z SPIRITS LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE (LAWRENCE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Deborah Hill & Delana Taylor

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<sup>5</sup> License no. RTLRRS-WHI-1923743





Before the Commission is a request for approval of a farm winery licensee to be located at 2018 Les Robinson Rd., Columbia, TN. The applicant has a "Custom Crush" agreement with Big Creek Winery in Pulaski, TN. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval subject to payment of the licensee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the licensee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to inspection and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## 5. SATELLITE FACILITY MATTERS

### 1. MORRIS VINEYARD AND TENNESSEE MOUNTAINVIEW WINERY, LLC SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant: Morris Vineyard and Tennessee Mountainview Winery, LLC  
Members: Carolyn Morris, 90%, Nathan Morris, 10%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a satellite facility license to be located at 3204 Line Springs Rd., Sevierville, TN 37862. The applicant's winery is located at 346 Union Grove Rd., Charleston, TN 37130.<sup>8</sup> The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the satellite facility license subject to the following:

- a. TABC inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations inspection completed
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and noted that the inspection was completed. Director Thomas recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 2. PARIS WINERY OF CHATTANOOGA CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)

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<sup>8</sup> License no. SUPWIN-BRA-1810565



Applicant: Paris Winery Inc. (Lisa Ciarrocchi, 50% & Roger Ciarrocchi, 50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a satellite facility license to be located at 6940 Lee Hwy. Dr., Unit 103, Chattanooga, TN 37421. The licensee already has a satellite facility license in Paris, TN and the winery is located at 701 E. Spring St., Cookeville, TN 38501. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of this satellite facility license subject to the following:

- a. TABC inspection which includes an acknowledgment of rules & regulations
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to inspection and the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to inspection and receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## 6. WHOLESALER MATTERS

### 1. VIGNOBLES SULLIVAN, LLC LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE (LAWRENCE COUNTY)

Applicant: Vignobles Sullivan, LLC  
Member: Thomas D. Sullivan, 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 99 Motivation Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. The applicant will lease the premises from F9 Properties, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 2. GIVE A DAMN WINE, LLC NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Give a Damn Wine, LLC





Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new wholesaler to be located at 478 Allied Drive, Suite 105, Nashville, TN 37211. Applicant, a not-for-profit entity is sub-leasing the premises from Mother to Mother Inc., a not-for-profit entity. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to the following:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. certificate of occupancy
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas recommended deferral of the application indefinitely. Commissioner Tomita moved to defer the review of the application indefinitely the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## 7. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

### 1. TENN SOUTH DISTILLERY, LLC LYNNVILLE, TENNESSEE (GILES COUNTY)

Applicant: Tenn South Distillery, LLC  
Member(s): Tenn Nine Eight Distilleries, LLC, 100%

Current d/b/a name: Tenn South Distillery  
Proposed d/b/a name: Big Machine Distillery

The manufacturer licensee<sup>9</sup> located at 1800 Abernathy Rd., Lynnville, TN 38472 is constructing an addition to the existing premises and is requesting approval of the expansion. The applicant is also requesting to change the d/b/a name to Big Machine Distillery. The TABC staff recommends approval of the d/b/a name change and conditional approval of the expansion subject to the following:

- a. certificate of occupancy after build-out
- b. TABC inspection of expanded area

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the requests and recommended conditional approval subject to receipt of the certificate of occupancy after build-out and inspection of expanded area. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject receipt of the certificate of occupancy after build-

<sup>9</sup> License no. SUPMFR-GIL-1901358



out and inspection of expanded area and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **2. BIG MACHINE DISTILLERY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Tenn Nine Eight Distilleries, LLC<sup>10</sup>

Members: Scott Borchetta (97%) and Platinum Edition, LLC (3%) (Newman Arndt, 100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer licensee at 2824 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204. The applicant will lease the premises from Super 98 Holdings, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules and regulations
- b. certificate of occupancy
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to inspection, certificate of occupancy, and the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to inspection, certificate of occupancy, and receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **3. JUNCTION 35 PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Junction 35, LLC

Members: Maurice Guigui, 95.01%, Edward Hunter, 4.99%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 2655 Teaster Lane, Suite 280, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. The applicant will lease the premises from Pigeon River Crossings, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations

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<sup>10</sup> Tenn Nine Eight Distilleries, LLC is also the 100% owner of Tenn South Distillery, LLC, TABC manufacturer license no. SUPMFR-GIL-1901358 at 1800 Abernathy Rd., Lynnville, TN. Tenn Nine Eight Distilleries, LLC also holds manufacturer license no. SUPMFR-DAV-1900432 at 122 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Nashville, TN 37210.



- b. certificate of occupancy
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to inspection, certificate of occupancy, and the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to inspection, certificate of occupancy, and receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### **4. NEAREST GREEN DISTILLERY AT SAND CREEK FARMS SHELBYVILLE, TENNESSEE (BEDFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant: Nearest Green Distillery, Inc.  
Shareholder(s): Fawn Weaver, 100%<sup>11</sup>

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 3125 N. US 231 Shelbyville, TN 37160. The applicant will lease the premises from Keith Weaver & Fawn Weaver. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to receipt of the following:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules and regulations
- c. ~~agent report~~ agent report completed
- d. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection, and the license fee. Director Thomas confirmed that the agent report was completed. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection, and the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### **5. GUTTER BOUND DISTILLERY HURRICANE MILLS, TENNESSEE (HUMPHREYS COUNTY)**

Applicant: Gutter Bound Distillery, LLC  
Members: Sanford Markham, 100%

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<sup>11</sup> Fawn Weaver is also an owner of Uncle Nearest Inc., non-manufacturing non-resident seller license no. SUPNMN-BED-1923120 located at 3125 US-231 Hwy, Shelbyville, TN 37160.



Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 15370 TN-13 Rd., Hurricane Mills, TN 37078. The applicant is leasing the premises from The Ranch Inc. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS

### - Director's Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas updated the Commission on staffing and reported that the agency is almost fully staffed after hiring/in the process of hiring employees since last month's Commission meeting. Director Thomas noted that Hayward Reed, after being with the TABC for 23 years, is retiring and that a retirement party will be held the following day. Director Thomas also noted that Kathy Ware celebrated her 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary and Virginia Stooksbury her 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the TABC. Director Thomas also mentioned completion of the agency's fiscal year thanks to Administrative Services Director Nancy Townsend; expenditures were below budget. Director Thomas informed the Commission that a detailed report of the fiscal year and analysis will be provided soon.

### - Law Enforcement Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** CLEO Tubbs updated the Commission on enforcement activity since the last meeting including statistics on the number of inspections conducted, citations issued, fine amounts, minor compliance checks and compliance rate, seizures, and personnel news. A brief discussion was held on agents being sent to human trafficking school. CLEO Tubbs and the Commission discussed the schooling and in relation to the TABC.

## 9. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 10:00AM CST

## 10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 10:00AM CST
- Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 10:00AM CST



- Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10:00AM CST

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
COMMISSION THIS THE 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.**

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**Commissioner**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature appears to read "Robert J. Thomas".

**Director**