

**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22
1:00 p.m.**

The February 2024 meeting was held on February 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairwoman Roberts, Commissioner Tomita, and Commissioner Hamilton were present. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff were the following: Assistant Director Tabatha Blackwell, Counsel Stepp, Legislation, Policy and Communication Director Aaron Rummage, Deputy Chief Brent Clayton, and Chief Law Enforcement Officer Bond Tubbs.

Pursuant to T.C.A. 58-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 25 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

**1. SCOTTS MARKET & LIQUORS
DICKSON, TENNESSEE (DICKSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Westside, LLC
Member(s): Richard Sadler (50%), Tracey Patterson (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2025 Hwy 70 W, Dickson, TN 37055. 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 payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**2. WEST WOOD WINE AND LIQUOR
PARIS, TENNESSEE (HENRY COUNTY)**

Applicant: HARSHI LLC
Member(s): Dharmesh Patel (50%), Harshilaben Patel (50%)

Current licensee: Diya - Disha, LLC d/b/a WEST WOOD WINE AND LIQUORS

Proposed licensee: HARSHI LLC d/b/a WEST WOOD WINE AND LIQUOR

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1220 W Wood St, Paris, TN 38242. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Diya - Disha, 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 payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. LIQUOR MART
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: GURJOT & SUPREET LLC
Member(s): Major Sangha (50%), Charanjit Chahal (50%)

Current licensee: Liquor Mart LLC d/b/a Liquor Mart

Proposed licensee: GURJOT & SUPREET LLC d/b/a Liquor Mart

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2801 S Perkins Rd, Memphis, TN 38118. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by GURJOT & SUPREET 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 payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**4. TIMS FORD LIQUOR AND WINE
WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE (FRANKLIN COUNTY)**

Applicant: Jay Radhe 1 Corporation
Member(s): Linda Patton (100%)

Current licensee: Linda S. Patton d/b/a Tims Ford Package Store

Proposed licensee: Jay Radhe 1 Corporation d/b/a Tims Ford Liquor and Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 845 S College St, Winchester, TN 37398. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Linda S. Patton.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request with Commission Counsel Joshua Stepp, who then walked the Commissioners through the timeline of the entire application where staff had potential concerns about financial viability and disclosure of ownership. Counsel on behalf of the applicant, Eric Evans, followed up on the timeline with updates on financial viability and disclosure of ownership. However, Commissioner Tomita was not comfortable recommending approval of the application due to the timing of the funds and recommended denial of the application and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

1. EAST TENNESSEE DISTILLERY PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant: RMRH Enterprises, LLC
Members: Neil Roberson (74.17%), Gary Melvin (25.83%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer located at 155 + 153 E Weirs Valley Rd, Suite 10 and 11, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. license fee

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

2. COPPERHILL BREWERY DUCKTOWN, TENNESSEE (POLK COUNTY)

Applicant: Copper Basin Enterprises LLC
Members: Colleen Fults (45%), Scott Berry (5%), Randy Fults (5%), Sarah Berry (5%), other 40% among members holding less than 5% interest, each

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer located at 307 Main St, Ducktown, TN 37326. 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 payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

4. WINERY MATTERS

1. **BRISTOW ROAD WINERY
CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)**

Applicant: JGC Investments LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery located at 416 Bristow Rd, Crossville, TN 38571. 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 payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

5. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners all 7 Winery Direct Shipper matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through all 7 at once and approve them together.

1. **DURANT VINEYARDS
DUNDEE, OREGON**

Applicant: Durant Vineyards LLC
Members: Kenneth Durant (100%)
Brands: Durant Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4500 NE Blanchard Ln, Dundee, OR 97115. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**2. SUMMER DREAMS WINES
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Summer Dreams Wines LLC
Members: Craft Wine and Spirit Consultants KFT, LLC (100%)
Brands: Summer Dreams

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1434 Grove St, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**3. VILLA CREEK CELLARS
PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Villa Creek Inc.
Members: Joann Cherry (50%), Robert Cherry (50%)
Brands: Villa Creek, Maha

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 5995 Peachy Canyon Rd, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**4. X NOVO
SALEM, OREGON**

Applicant: X Novo LLC
Members: Craig Williams (50%), Robin Williams (50%)
Brands: X Novo

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 6655 Spring Valley Rd, Salem, OR 97304. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**5. VINEYARD 7&8
SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Steffens Family Wines LLC
Members: John Steffens (100%)
Brands: Vineyard 7 & 8

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4028 Spring Mountain Rd, Saint Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**6. CHOSEN WINES
NEWBERG, OREGON**

Applicant: Chosen Wines LLC
Members: Channing Frye (42.5%), Jacob Gray (21.25%),
Hollings Renton IV (21.25%), Kevin Love (15%),
Brands: Chosen Family Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 18830 NE Williamson Rd, Newberg, OR 97132. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**7. 001 VINTNERS
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: 001 Vintners LLC
Members: Carmine Martignetti (100%)
Brands: 001 Vintners

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 5398 Carneros Hwy, Suite 2, Napa, CA 94559. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the requests for 7 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of the 7 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commissioners on application turnaround improving and provided statistics.

- Law Enforcement Update

Discussion/Action Taken: CLEO Tubbs did a review of recent law enforcement activity including statistics on the number of inspections conducted, citations issued, fine amounts, minor compliance checks and compliance rate, seizures, and personnel news. CLEO Tubbs also sowed in a new agent with the TABC, Elizabeth Quinn.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, March 21 @ 1:00PM CST

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the February 2024 Commission Meeting and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 21st DAY OF MARCH 2024.



Commissioner



Director