

**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
1:00 p.m.**

The August 2023 meeting was held on October 26, 2023 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 SEPTEMBER 21 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

**1. SKYLIGHT LIQUORS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: SWARAN, LLC
Member(s): Gursimranjit Singh (50%), Arjan Singh (50%)

Current licensee: SKYCO, INC. d/b/a Skylite Liquor

Proposed licensee: SWARAN, LLC d/b/a Skylight Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 5300 Winchester Rd, Memphis, TN 38118. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by SKYCO, INC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed after closing
- b. license fee

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

**2. LIQUOR WORLD
HIXSON, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: HWY 153 CORPORATION
Member(s): Heet Patel (60%), Nareshkumar Patel (40%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 5230 Highway 153, Suite 140, Hixson, TN 37343. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. license fee

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



**3. HONEY BEE LIQUOR & WINE
MILAN, TENNESSEE (GIBSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: BIG OAK, INC.
Member(s): Girish Patel (100%)

Current licensee: MILAN SPIRITS CORPORATION d/b/a HONEY BEE LIQUOR

Proposed licensee: BIG OAK, INC. d/b/a HONEY BEE LIQUOR & WINE

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 6070 S 1st St, Suite D, Milan, TN 38358. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by MILAN SPIRITS CORPORATION.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and Commission Counsel Stepp informed the Commissioners of financial concerns with the application, which is why there was no recommendation listed on the agenda. After counsel for the applicant, Danielle Elks, and the TABC answered numerous questions from the Commissioners on the financials, Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**4. DICKSON SPIRITS
DICKSON, TENNESSEE (DICKSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Dickson Local Spirits LLC
Member(s): Raul Leon (50%), Jacqueline Onate (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 107 W Christi Dr, 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 brought up the certificate of compliance not being issued and how the agency sees both sides of the argument for the completion of the application for a certificate of compliance with the city. Counsel for the applicant, Eric Evans, presented the Commissioners documentation showing they tried to reach out to the city to resolve the matter in showing that the application was complete. But the city recorder still insisted that their application for a certificate of compliance was still incomplete. After reviewing the documents and statements from Eric Evans, Commissioner Tomita motioned for 60 days having passed since the application for the certificate of compliance was submitted and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes. Then, Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**5. MIDTOWN WINE & SPIRITS
JACKSON, TENNESSEE (MADISON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Jax Midtown LLC
Member(s): Rushil Choksi (100%)

Current licensee: LL & RC, LLC d/b/a Mid-Town Wine & Spirits

Proposed licensee: Jax Midtown LLC d/b/a MIDTOWN WINE & SPIRITS

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 930 Campbell St, Jackson, TN 38301. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by LL & RC, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. agent review
- c. license fee

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

**6. WEST SIDE LIQUOR
LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE (MARSHALL COUNTY)**

Applicant: Vihaan 4 Inc
Member(s): Hirenkumar Patel (100%)

Current licensee: A & R SPIRITS INC d/b/a West Side Liquor

Proposed licensee: Vihaan 4 Inc d/b/a West Side Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 445 W Commerce St, Lewisburg, TN 37091. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by A & R SPIRITS INC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. agent report
- b. license fee

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



**7. BIG STEVE'S BEVERAGES
LORETTO, TENNESSEE (LEWIS COUNTY)**

Applicant: Big Steves LLC
Member(s): Steve Modas Sr. (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 119 S Military St, Loretto, TN 38469. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. agent report
- b. license fee

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

**8. BIG PIG'S WINE & SPIRITS
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant: Big Pig's Wine & Spirits LLC
Member(s): Shiv Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 3921 Franklin Rd, Suite B-D, Murfreesboro, TN 37128. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. certificate of occupancy
- c. agent review
- d. license fee



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

**9. DISCOUNT LIQUOR
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: MSRZ ENTERPRISE INC
Member(s): Rohit Kumar (50%), Siraj Hameed (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2821 Airways Blvd, Suite 103, Memphis, TN 38132. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. agent review
- c. license fee

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

**10. LIQUOR WORLD 2
ARDMORE, TENNESSEE (GILES COUNTY)**

Applicant: VIAAN AND VAMIKA INC
Member(s): Paragiben Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 26307 Main St, Ardmore, TN 38449. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. agent report
- c. license fee

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

**11. 518 LIQUOR & WINE
ROCKWOOD, TENNESSEE (ROANE COUNTY)**

Applicant: 518 LIQUOR & WINE, LLC
Member(s): Mike Hill (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 518 N Gateway Ave, Rockwood, TN 37854.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and informed the Commissioners of the applicant having been a tax delinquent that has caused the store to be closed out by the TABC four of the past five years. The member of the application, Mike Hill, appeared before the Commissioners and gave various reasons as to why his store has been closed over the past several years. After answering various questions from the Commissioners, Commissioner Tomita recommend conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee and direct TABC staff not to extend time beyond the applicant's license expiration date for renewing their license amnd the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**12. GATES LIQUOR AND WINE
GATES, TENNESSEE (LAUDERDALE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Gayatri Investment Inc.
Member(s): Sachin Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 10149 2nd St, Gates, TN 38037. Applicant has not provided documentation of sufficient funds or the sourcing of the funds to open a retail package store. Because of this, the TABC staff recommends denial of the application.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended the TABC give until the next Commission Meeting date to provide documentation. Commissioner Tomita moved to revisit the matter in December to allow the applicant more time to submit documentation and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**13. GAS PLUS
DUNLAP, TENNESSEE (SEQUATCHIE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Shiv7 Corp.
Member(s): Falguni Patel (60%), Mili Patel (40%)

Before the Commission is a retail package store application located at 5656 State Route 28, Dunlap, TN 37327. The TABC staff recommends denial of the application.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners that the applicant withdrew their application before the start of the Meeting.

3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

**1. LEATHERWOOD DISTILLERY
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Leatherwood Distillery, LLC
Members: Andrew Lang (50%), Joe Maynard (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer located at 1030 Progress Dr, Suite A, Clarksville, TN 37040. 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. SECRET CITY SPIRITS, INC
ROCKWOOD, TENNESSEE (ROANE COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Secret City Spirits, Inc	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	John Price (50%)	John Price (50%)
	James Price (10%)	James Price (10%)
	Nathan Edmonds (30%)	Nathan Edmonds (20%)
	Paul Mandel (10%)	Paul Mandel (5%)
		Kenneth Simpson, Jr. (15%)

The manufacturer located at 501 Cardiff Valley Rd, Rockwood, TN 37854 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. A new shareholder is buying interest from two current shareholders. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

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

4. WINERY MATTERS

**1. SOUTHEASTERN WINES AND CIDERS
SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Southeastern Wines and Ciders, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery located at 1841 Jack Delozier Dr, Sevierville, TN 37876. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- 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 payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to inspection, certificate of occupancy, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**2. BEANS CREEK WINERY, LLC
MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE (COFFEE COUNTY)**

Applicant: BEANS CREEK WINERY, LLC

Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Rebecca Brown (58%)	Rebecca Brown (44.85%)
	James Morton (15.1%)	James Morton (13.24%)
	Joseph McCrae (13.5%)	Joseph McCrae (11.76%)
	John Riddle (5%)	John Riddle (4.41%)
	Thomas Brown (4.2%)	Ellen Smith (3.68%)
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		TN Wine Holdings LLC (7.35%)
		RDavis Rd LLC (7.35%)
		Timothy Miles (3.68%)

The winery located at 426 Ragsdale Rd, Manchester, TN 37355 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Three new shareholders are buying shares from current shareholders. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

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

5. FULFILLMENT HOUSE MATTERS

1. IMPACKFUL SOLUTIONS LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Applicant: McBrayer PLLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 1600 Bernheim Ln, Louisville, KY 40210. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house 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.

6. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners the first 21 Winery Direct Shipper matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through the first 21 at once and approve them together.

**1. ACKLEY BRANDS LTD
FOREST GROVE, OREGON**

Applicant: Ackley Brands LTD
Members: Ackley Beverage Group, LLC (100%)
Brands: BOREALIS VINTNERS, CATACLYSM WINE CO., LANDLINES
ESTATES, MONTINORE ESTATE

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3663 SW Dilley Rd, Forest Grove, OR 97116. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**2. WOOLDRIDGE CREEK WINERY
GRANTS PASS, OREGON**

Applicant: Wooldridge Creek Winery LLC
Members: Mary Warrick (50%) , Theodore Warrick (50%)
Brands: Warrick, Wooldridge Creek

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 818 Slagle Creek Rd, Grants Pass, OR 97527. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**3. CACHE CREEK VINEYARDS AND WINERY
CLEARLAKE OAKS, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: CLEARLAKE LAVA INC
Members: Van Pelt Bypass Trust RVOC Intervivos Trust (43.35%),
QTIP Trust, Van Pelt Revocable (37.93%)
Donald Van Pelt (18.72%)
Brands: Cache Creek Vineyards, Cache Creek Vineyards & Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 250 New Long Valley Rd, Clearlake Oaks, CA 95423. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**4. POTEK
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Municipal Winemakers LLC
Members: David Potter (100%)
Brands: Municipal Winemakers, Potek, Nowadays Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 406 E Haley St, Unit 1, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**5. SEVEN APART
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Summit Vineyards Estate LLC
Members: Don Dady (100%)
Brands: Seven Apart

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4057 Silverado Trl, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**6. AU SOMMET
SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: AU SOMMET LLC
Members: John Schwartz (47.5%), Heidi Barrett (47.5%),
James Barbour (5%)
Brands: Au Sommet

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2920 Spring Mtn Rd, Saint Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



**7. ADVERSITY CELLARS
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: HUSSELL LLC
Members: Heidi Lee (50%), Russell Bevan (50%)
Brands: Adversity

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 144 E Gateway Rd, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**8. PARIS WINERY
COOKEVILLE, TENNESSEE (PUTNAM COUNTY)**

Applicant: Paris Winery Inc.
Members: Lisa Ciarrocchi (100%)
Brands: Paris Winery Inc

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 470 Neal St, Cookeville, TN 38501. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**9. MARCIANO ESTATE
SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Napa Vineland Winery LLC
Members: Maurice Marciano Trust (100%)
Brands: Marciano

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2233 Sulphur Springs Rd, Saint Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**10. BONANZA
FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Bonanza Winery LLC
Members: Charles J Wagner Irrevocable Trust (100%)
Brands: Bonanza

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2650 Cordelia Rd, Fairfield, CA 94534. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**11. SHELTON VINEYARDS
DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA**

Applicant: Shelton Vineyards, Inc
Members: Charles M. Shelton Wife's Trust (50%),
Charles Shelton Jr (25%), Amanda Houser (25%)
Brands: Icon, NC State University, Shelton Vineyards, Wolfpack

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 286 Cabernet Lane, Dobson, NC 27017. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**12. RIVERS-MARIE WINES
CALISTOGA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Rivers-Marie Wines LLC
Members: Thomas Brown (50%), Genevieve Welsh (50%)
Brands: Rivers-Marie

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 900 Foothill Blvd, Calistoga, CA 94515. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**13. HANDLEY CELLARS
PHILO, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Handley Cellars Limited Partnership
Members: The Milla Handley 2006 Living Trust (99%)
Milla Handley (1%)
Brands: Handley Cellars

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3151 Highway 128, Philo, CA 95466. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**14. MICHAEL-SCHLUMBERGER WINE ESTATE
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Michel Vineyards, LP
Members: Delta Zulu, LLC (98%), Shull Family Trust (2%)
Brands: Michel Schlumberger

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4155 Wine Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95476. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**15. CHANIN WINE CO
LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Chanin Wine Company
Members: Gavin Chanin (100%)
Brands: Chanin

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 300 N 12th St, Suite 1-C, Lompoc, CA 93436. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**16. SQUARE PEG WINERY
SONOMA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Equilibre, LLC
Members: Alanna Roth (50%), Bradford Alper (50%)
Brands: Square Peg Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 21684 E 8th St, Suite 600, Sonoma, CA 95476. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**17. BEE & BREW INC
FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

Applicant: BEE & BREW INC
Members: Christopher Minicucci (100%)
Brands: THE ALLFATHER, FATE OF THE GODS, LOTHBROK

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 217 N Rupert St, Fort Worth, TX 76107. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**18. DE PONTE CELLARS
DAYTON, OREGON**

Applicant: De Ponte Cellars LLC
Members: Scott Baldwin (100%)
Brands: De Ponte Cellars, Clay Hill, Varsity, Quarterback, Shot Put Syrah

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 17545 NE Archery Summit Rd, Dayton, OR 97114. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



**19. STILL WATERS VINEYARDS
PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Paul W and Patricia A Hoover
Members: Patricia Hoover (50%), Paul Hoover (50%)
Brands: Still Waters Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2750 Old Grove Lane, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**20. TERRE ET SANG LLC
LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: TERRE ET SANG LLC
Members: Dalita Harmon (50%), Duncan Harmon (50%)
Brands: Eladon

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4457 Santa Rosa Rd, Suite 2, Lompoc, CA 93436. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**21. PONZI VINEYARDS
SHERWOOD, OREGON**

Applicant: Ponzi Vineyards, LLC
Members: Etienne Bizot (50%), Gerard Bouleau (50%)
Brands: Ponzi, Ponzi Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 19500 SW Mountain Home Rd, Sherwood, OR 97140. 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 21 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of the 21 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**22. MENDOCINO WINE CO.
UKIAH, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Mendocino Wine Group, LLC.

Shareholders: Current

Geoffrey Thornhill (57.7%)

Thomas Thornhill III (37.9%)

-other 4.4% with shareholders

Holding less than 5% interest each

Proposed

Geoffrey Thornhill (62%)

Thomas A. Thornhill III and Melissa M.

Thornhill Revocable Inter Vivos Trust

Agreement (37.9%)

The winery direct shipper located at 501 Parducci Rd, Ukiah, CA 95482 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. A current shareholder passed away and their interests are being transferred to a current shareholder and a trust agreement. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

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

**23. ROMBAUER VINEYARDS, INC.
SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: ROMBAUER VINEYARDS, INC.

Shareholders: Current

Koerner Rombauer (44.9%)

Sheana Rombauer (44.9%)

-other 10.2% with shareholders
each holding less than 5% interest

Proposed

KR-RR 2020 GST Trust (35.06%)

Sheana Rombauer Family Trust (32.6%)

Sheana Rombauer GST Exempt Trust (5.25%)

Koerner Rombauer III GST ExemptTrust (5.24%)

- other 21.85% with shareholders
each holding less than 5% interest

The winery direct shipper located 3522 Silverado Trail North, Saint Helena, CA 94574 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Interests being either transferred to trusts or sold to new shareholders with each holding less than 5% interest each. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

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

**24. GRGICH HILLS ESTATE
RUTHERFORD, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Grgich Hills Cellar

Shareholders: Current

M & V Irrevocable Trust (37.53%)

Austin Edward Hills Trust (23.84%)

Mike Grgich Trust (8.72%)

Mary Lee Strebel 1958 Trust (19.05%)

-other 10.86% with shareholders

each holding less than 5% interest

Proposed

M & V Irrevocable Trust (37.53%)

Austin Edward Hills Trust (23.84%)

Mike Grgich Trust (8.72%)

Stephan Strebel (8.33)

Elisabeth Ochmanek (8.33%)

Karin Daxboeck (8.33%)

Colin & Violet Shipman Trust (3.75%)

The winery direct shipper located 1829 St. Helena Hwy, Rutherford, CA 94573 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Four new shareholders are buying interests from one current trust and the other shareholders. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission on a couple of housekeeping items.

- 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.

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, November 16 @ 1:00PM CST
- Wednesday, December 13 @ 1:00PM CST

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
COMMISSION THIS THE 16th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2023.**



Commissioner



Director