



TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
AGENDA MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
1:00 p.m.

The September 2020 meeting was held on September 24, 2020 at 1:00 p.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 Mercurio, and Deputy Chief Brent Clayton.

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 AUGUST 27, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners, with Commissioner Tomita moving to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

2. RETAIL MATTERS

**1. GOOD TIMES WINE SPIRITS & BREW
CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)**

Applicant: Good Times LLC
Member(s): Parul Patel (100%)

Current licensee: Good Times Wine Spirits & Brew LLC
d/b/a Good Times Wine Spirits & Brew ¹

Proposed licensee: Good Times LLC d/b/a Good Times Wine Spirits & Brew

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1369 Interstate Dr., Crossville, TN 38555. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Good Times Wine Spirits & Brew LLC². The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

¹ License no. RTLPS-CUM-1808230

² In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



- a. agent review
- b. license fee

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

**2. GEORGETOWN WINE & SPIRITS
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Georgetown Road Corporation
Member(s): Atul Patel (60%), Falindi Shah (40%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2325 Georgetown Rd., Cleveland, TN 37311. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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



3. **I-75 WINE AND SPIRITS
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Carey H. Robertson
Member(s): Carey Robertson (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1420 NW 25th St., Cleveland, TN 37311. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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



**4. 240 LIQUOR
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: INTER STATE 240 LIQUOR INC.
Member(s): Ravinderjit Dhugga (100%)

Current licensee: Wolf Chase Retail Management, Inc.
d/b/a Wolf Chase Wine and Spirits³

Proposed licensee: INTER STATE 240 LIQUOR INC. d/b/a 240 Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 5107 Summer Ave., Memphis, TN 38122. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Wolf Chase Retail Management, Inc.⁴.

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 License no. RTL RPS-SHE-1823025

⁴ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**5. ALLANDALE PACKAGE STORE
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE (SULLIVAN COUNTY)**

Applicant: PPP Properties LLC

Current location: 4528 West Stone Dr., Suite 3, Kingsport, TN 37660

New location: 4528 West Stone Dr., Suite 2, Kingsport, TN 37660

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-HAW-1812046 at 4528 West Stone Dr., Suite 3, Kingsport, TN 37660 is requesting a change in location. The retail package store will be moving next door to a larger facility. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in location.

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

**6. NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-DAV-1830904 located at 1 Terminal Dr., Nashville, TN 37214 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is including new storage in **Concourse A** of the airport for Hudson Group and Smoky Mountain, who are both approved operators under the license. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to receipt of the lease.

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



**7. NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-DAV-1830904 located at 1 Terminal Dr., Nashville, TN 37214 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is including new storage in **Concourse C** of the airport for Hudson Group and Smoky Mountain, who are both approved operators under the license. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to receipt of the lease.

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

**8. COLONIAL LIQUORS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Ganesh Colonial Inc
Member(s): Kalp Patel (85%), Dipti Patel (15%)

Current licensee: Colonial Liquors d/b/a Colonial Liquors⁵
Proposed licensee: Ganesh Colonial Inc d/b/a Colonial Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2401 S 8th Ave., Nashville, TN 37204. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Colonial Liquors⁶. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee.

⁵ License no. RTLRPS-DAV-1822999

⁶ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



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.

**9. BOOTLEGGERS LIQUOR
WOODBURY, TENNESSEE (CANNON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Keni, Inc
Member(s): Keni Patel (100%)

Current licensee: Thomas Mears Jr d/b/a Bootleggers Liquor⁷
Proposed licensee: Keni, Inc d/b/a Bootleggers Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 810 McMinnville Hwy, Woodbury, TN 37190. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Thomas Mears Jr⁸. 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 Roberts moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

⁷ License no. RTLRPS-CAN-1910904

⁸ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**10. BARRELS & BREWS
NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Bourbon Brothers, LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Vrushank Surati (57.5%)	Vrushank Surati (37.5%)
	Khylam S. Hari (10%)	Jeff Cammuse (10%)
	Krishna S. Patel (10%)	Khylam S. Hari (10%)
	Michael Ray (7.5%)	Krishna S. Patel (10%)
	John P. Poling (5%)	Michael B. Craig (10%)
	Justin Wilson (5%)	Michael Ray (7.5%)
	James Davenport(5%)	John P. Poling (5%)
		Farren Surati (5%)
		Jake Brinkmann (5%)

The retail package store doing business at 200 Burkitt Commons Ave., Nolensville, TN 37135 is requesting approval of change in ownership. The retail package store is adding four new shareholders while two current shareholders no longer have interest in the business. 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.



3. WHOLESALER MATTERS

1. CLARK DISTRIBUTING DYERSBURG, TENNESSEE (DYER COUNTY)

Applicant: Clark Distributing Co., Inc.

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 1300 S. US 51 Bypass, Dyersburg, TN 38024. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler 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 Roberts moved approval subject to inspection and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

2. FANCY DISTRUBUTION, LLC MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant: Fancy Distribution, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 6600 Old Nashville Hwy, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler 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.

4. COLLECTORS MATTERS

1. JACK SHACK OLD HICKORY, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Jeff Johnson

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a collector to be located at 2529 Park Green Ln., Old Hickory, TN 37138. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the collector subject to:

- a. deed or lease
- b. license fee

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



5. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission on one item: A direct shipper investigation has led to a cease and desist letter was sent on September 18, 2020, to the owners of the website caskcartel.com for violations of Tennessee state law. The illegal activities were discovered through a recent TABC undercover investigation. TABC agents were able to order and receive the illegal shipments of liquor through an online transaction facilitated by the company's website. Thomas warned the public to be cautious of websites that conceal the owner's identity and do not reveal a physical address. He suggested consumers ask businesses for their Tennessee license numbers and call the TABC if they have suspicions.

- Law Enforcement Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Deputy Chief Brent Clayton 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, which included a couple of trainings agents were completing or starting.

6. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 22 @ 1:00PM (TENTATIVE)

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, November 19 @ 1:00PM (TENTATIVE)

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
COMMISSION THIS THE 22nd DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

Commissioner

Director