

# TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION MINUTES THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 1:00 p.m.

The August 2023 meeting was held on September 21, 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. §8-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication,

#### 1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 31 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

#### 2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. LIQUOR & WINE OUTLET

MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant:

M & N Sisters Inc.

Member(s):

Arvindkumar Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2003 SE Broad St, Suite B, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection
- c. license fee

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection and payment of the license fee. Commissioner



Hamilton moved approval subject to certificate of occupancy, deed after closing and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## 2. KNOXVILLE LIQUOR LAND KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)

Applicant:

Knoxville Liquor Land LLC

Member(s):

Jenny Desai (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 3606 Western Ave, Knoxville, TN 37921. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. certificate of occupancy

b. inspection

c. license fee

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to certificate of occupancy, deed after closing and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

# 3. TOLLGATE WINE & SPIRITS THOMPSON STATION, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Tollgate Wine & Spirits LLC

Member(s):

Steven Poe (70%), Richard English (20%),

Michael Black (10%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1900 Tollgate Blvd, Thompson Station, TN 37179. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:



certificate of occupancy a.

b. inspection

license fee C.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to certificate of occupancy, deed after closing and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 4. **ROYAL WINE & SPIRIT** JACKSON, TENNESSEE (MADISON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Varnico LLC

Member(s):

Rushil Choksi (100%)

Current licensee:

JAY MAHAKADI 2, INC. d/b/a ROYAL LIQUORS

Proposed licensee: Varnico LLC d/b/a ROYAL WINE & SPIRIT

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 214 S Royal St, Jackson, TN 38301. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by JAY MAHAKADI 2, INC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. deed after closing

b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell 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 ayes.



#### 5. HARVEST WINE MARKET NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

SBD Holdings, LLC

Member(s):

Seema Prasad (50%), Brian Hadfield (50%)

Current licensee:

Harvest Wine Market LLC d/b/a Harvest Wine Market

Proposed licensee: SBD Holdings, LLC d/b/a Harvest Wine Market

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 6043 Highway 100, Nashville, TN 37205. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Harvest Wine Market LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell 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. **FORKED VINE WINE & SPIRITS** JACKSON, TENNESSEE (MADISON COUNTY)

Applicant:

PIYUDA INC

Shareholders:

Current

Proposed

Dhruvkumar Patel (50%)

Dhruvkumar Patel (100%)

Chandrikaben Patel (50%)

The retail package store located at 621 Old Hickory Blvd, Suite A-2, Jackson, TN 38305 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the current shareholders is buying all interests from the other current shareholder. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.



**Discussion/Action Taken**: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

#### 7. **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.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and the Commissioners had questions about the financing. After counsel for the applicant, Danielle Elks, and the sellers, SKYCO, INC., answered questions, it was determined that the application be deferred to next month to allow for the financing with the bank to be completed. Commissioner Hamilton moved to defer the matter to next month and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



#### 8. **OOLTEWAH DISCOUNT LIQUOR OOLTEWAH, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant:

ODL LLC

Member(s):

Arjun Patel (60%), Rushi Patel (40%)

Current licensee:

BAILEYS, LLC d/b/a Ooltewah Discount Liquors

Proposed licensee: ODL LLC d/b/a Ooltewah Discount Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 9207 Lee Hwy, Ooltewah, TN 37363. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by BAILEYS, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

deed after closing a.

- certificate of occupancy b.
- license fee c.

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



#### 9. THE WINE SHOPPE AT GREEN HILLS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

GLASSED HURRAH LLC

Member(s):

Edward Fryer (100%)

Current licensee:

WSGH, LLC d/b/a The Wine Shoppe at Green Hills

Proposed licensee: GLASSED HURRAH LLC d/b/a

THE WINE SHOPPE AT GREEN HILLS

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2109 Abbott Martin Rd, Nashville, TN 37215. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by WSGH, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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



#### 3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

# 1. SHINE GIRL SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant:

Queen Shine Girl, LLC

Members:

Danielle Parton (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer located at 1610 Jenkins Rd, Sevierville, TN 37876. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:</u>

a. TTB permit

b. license fee

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to TTB permit and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to TTB permit and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 4. WINERY MATTERS

# 1. WORKING MAN WINERY LLC LEBANON, TENNESSEE (WILSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Working Man Winery LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery located at 402 E Main St, Lebanon, TN 37087.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell 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. BEANS CREEK WINERY MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE (COFFEE COUNTY)

Applicant:

BEANS CREEK WINERY, LLC

Shareholders:

Current

**Proposed** 

Rebecca Brown (51.3%)

Rebecca Brown (58%)

James Morton (15.1%)

James Morton (15.1%) Joseph McCrae (13.5%)

Joseph McCrae (13.5%) John Riddle (5%)

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Thomas Brown (4.2%)

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Ellen Smith (4.2%)

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Donald Terry (6.7%)

The winery located at 426 Ragsdale Rd, Manchester, TN 37355 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. A current shareholder passed away and the majority shareholder is buying their shares. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell 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. FARM WINERY MATTERS**

# 1. KNOB CREEK NURCERY AND VINEYARD JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE (WASHINGTON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Deanna Carey and Crystal Davidson

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a farm winery to be located at 1069 W Oakland Ave, Johnson City, TN 37604. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the farm winery subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. license fee

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to inspection and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to inspection and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### **6. SATELLITE FACILITY MATTERS**

# 1. CROWN WINERY COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE (MAURY COUNTY)

Applicant:

Crown Winery LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a satellite facility to be located at 803 S Main St, Columbia, TN 38401. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the satellite facility subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. license fee



**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell 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 ayes.

#### 7. PRIVATE CLUB MATTERS

# 1. COUNCIL FIRE CLUB CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)

Applicant:

COUNCIL FIRE, L.P.

Shareholders:

Jon Kinsey (45.04%), Frank Fowler (16.11%),

Victor Serodino (6.76%), other 32.09% amongst

shareholders with each holding less than 5% interest

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a private club to be located at 100 Council Fire Dr, Chattanooga, TN 37421. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

#### 8. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Assistant Director Blackwell informed the Commissioners 14 of 19 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 14 at once and approve them together.



### 1. PRIVE VINEYARD NEWBERG, OREGON

Applicant:

Trout Lake Enterprise LP

Members:

Charles Underbrink (80%), Piper Underbrink (20%)

Brands:

Prive Vineyard, Sealionne

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 28155 NE Bell Rd, Newberg, OR 97132. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 2. AFTERWORDS WINES NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Afterwords Wines, LLC

Members:

Antonius Van de Plas (100%)

Brands:

Afterwords

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 190 Camino Oruga, Suite 5, 9, 12, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 3. SELAH WINES ANGWIN, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Blanton Family Vineyards LLC

Members:

LeAndra Blanton (50%), Joseph Blanton (50%)

Brands:

Selah

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2075 Summit Lake Dr, Angwin, CA 94506. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 4. PELLEGRINI RANCHES SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Pellegrini Ranches, Inc.

Members:

Revocable Trust (47.36%), Vincenzo Pellegrini



Testamentary Trust B (26.32%), Aida M. Pellegrini 1990

Revocable Trust (26.32%)

Brands:

Pellegrini

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4055 West Olivet Rd, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 5. FREEMAN WINEYARD & WINERY SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Freeman Family Winery LLC

Members:

Akiko Freeman (50%), Kenneth Freeman (50%)

Brands:

Freeman Vineyard & Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1300 Montgomery Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 6. IRONSTONE VINEYARDS MURPHYS, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Kautz Vineyards, Inc.

Members:

Gail Kautz (38.5%), John Kautz (38.5%),

Stephen Kautz (20%), other 3% among owners with each

having less than 5% interest each

Brands:

American House Wine, Bear Creek Winery, Beau Pere Cellars, Black Sheep Vintners, Cinnamon Grove, Delsol, Incognito wines, Klassen Selections, Lexicon, Millier Cellars, MWDCellars, MWD Vineyards, MWD Winery, My Wines Direct, Parsons Creek Cellars, Parsons Creek Vineyards, Rios Vineyards, Stonehedge Cellars, Vintage One, White Orchard, Zinuva Vineyards, Angels Creek, Angels Creek Vineyards, Cameron Creek, Christine Andrew, Clear Lake, Creekside, Creekside Vineyards,

Curran Creek, Delta Bay Vineyards, Dog Tail Vineyards, Drifting Wines, Freedom Ridge, Gold Pocket Wines, Hay



Station Ranch, Hidden Creek, Hidden Creek Vineyards, Hidden Creek Winery, Ironstone, Ironstone Vineyards, John Kautz Farms, John Kautz Vineyards, Kautz, Kautz & Kramen, Kautz Family Vineyards, Kautz ironstone Vineyards, Kautz Ironstone, Leaping Horse Vineyards, Live Oak Road, Murphys Ridge, Sonoma Creek Winery, Stone Valley Cellars, Three Winemakers, Tom of Findland, Maddie Lane Vineyards, Devil's Fog

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1894 Six Mile Rd, Murphys, CA 95247. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional</u> approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 7. CLOS LACHANCE WINES SAN MARTIN, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Clos LaChance Wines, LLC

Members:

Brenda Murphy (49%), William Murphy (49%),

other 2% with members holding less than 5% interest each

Brands:

Clos LaChance

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 13800 Hummingbird Ln, San Martin, CA 95046. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 8. KEEVER VINEYARDS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Keever Vineyards, LLC

Members:

William Keever (50%), Olga Keever (50%)

Brands:

**Keever Vineyards** 

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 26 Vineyard View Dr, Napa, CA 94558. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>



### 9. ROXYANN WINERY MEDFORD, OREGON

Applicant:

Foothill Winery at Hillcrest Orchards, LLC

Members:

Charles Day (50%), Christina Olson (50%)

Brands:

RoxyAnn Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3283 Hillcrest Rd, Medford, OR 97504. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 10. LANGRTY FARMS, LLC MIDDLETOWN, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Langtry Farms, LLC

Members:

Malulani Investments, Limited (100%)

Brands:

LANGTRY, LANGTRY CULINARY RESERVE, LILLIE,

LILLIE'S COLLECTION, MICHAEL LAVELLE WINES,

PRECISION WINE COMPANY, QUAIL RUN

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 21000 Butts Canyon Rd, Middletown, CA 95461. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

# 11. TRINITAS CELLARS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

TRINITAS CELLARS, LLC.

Members:

Stephan Busch (50.5%), Garrett Busch (37.5%),

Mackenzie Trust (12%)

Brands:

**Trinitas** 

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2747 Napa Valley Corporate Dr, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



### 12. PETRONI VINEYARDS KENWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Petroni Vineyards, LLC

Members:

The Surviving Trustor's Trust (100%)

Brands:

Petroni

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 10200 Sonoma Hwy, Kenwood, CA 95452. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 13. HARUMPH WINES SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

HARUMPH WINES INC

Members:

Scotti Stark (100%)

Brands:

Harumph

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3125 N St Helena Hwy, Saint Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 14. VOLCANO WINERY VOLCANO, HAWAII

Applicant:

VOLCANO VINEYARDS, LLC

Members:

Yosuke Matsushima (100%)

Brands:

Volcano Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 35 Pl'l Mauna Dr, Volcano, Hl 96785. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the requests for 14 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval



of 14 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 15. SHAFER VINEYARDS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Starfield Properties, Inc.

Shareholders:

Current

Shafer Vineyards (100%)

**Proposed** 

Starfield Properties, Inc. (100%)

The winery direct shipper located at 6154 Silverado Trl, Napa, CA 94558 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Current shareholder is selling their interests to a new shareholder. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: 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.

### 16. SEAN MINOR WINES AMERICAN CANYON, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Four Bears Winery LLC

Shareholders:

Current

**Proposed** 

Sean Minor (40%)

Sean Minor (81.48%)

Adam Beak (10.7%)

Adam Beak (18.52%)

Eric Stone (10.7%)
Other 38.6% among

members with each having

less than 5% each



The winery direct shipper located at 205 Jim Oswalt Way, Suite A, American Canyon, CA 94503 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Eric Stone along with all members holding less than 5% each no longer have interest in the business. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: 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.

### 17. LIONSTONE INTERNATIONAL NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

SLI GROUP, INC.

Members:

Anthony Laithwaite (20%), Barbara Laithwaite (5%),

Henry Laithwaite (25%), William Laithwaite (25%),

Thomas Laithwaite (25%)

Brands:

Purple Owl, Currant Bun, Ticking Clock, Sunny Farm,

Bottle Poetry, Thick Skin, GFF, Rookery, East West, Capital, Hayrick, Silver Puffs, Left Of Ordinary, The Assist, Camera

Obscura, CA Bear Nay, Drawbridge, Bold Move

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 520 Airpark Rd, Napa, CA 94558.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.



### 18. PARK STREET DIRECT OF CA, LLC SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Park Street Direct of CA, LLC

Members:

Harry Kohlmann (50%), Chris Mehringer (50%)

Brands:

Marchese dell'Elsa Moscato Pink, Tenuta Di Capezzana,

Vietti Moscato, Alois Lageder, Li Veli, Wine Connoisseur

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 980 Airway Ct, Suite B, C1-C2, D, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. The applicant proposed six brands in its application. TABC staff rejected five of the six for failure to meet statutory requirements. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper for the one brand listed above, subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken**: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval for the one brand subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval for the one brand subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 19. SITE WINES SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

**ELYSIAN WINES, LLC** 

Before the Commission is a direct shipper applicant located at 762 Toro St, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. The TABC staff recommends denial of this application due to the applicant not meeting the statutory requirements for a winery direct shipper.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended denial of the application. Commissioner Hamilton moved denial and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



#### 9. COMMISSION APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RULES

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Assistant Director Blackwell briefly went over some of the rules proposed. Afterwards, an audience member at the meeting, Christopher Phillips, requested to speak about the proposed rules. Mr. Phillips, who runs one of the TABC certified sever permit training programs, had concerns about one proposed rule change in relation to program completion for server permits. After a discussion about the proposed rule change between Mr. Phillips, Blackwell, and the Commissioners (who all had questions), Mr. Phillips had no concerns moving forward. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval on the proposed rules and the motion seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 10. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Assistant Director Blackwell updated the Commission on a couple of activities, including the recent NCSLA conference the TABC hosted in Memphis, TN along with handing out service awards to members of the TABC, including Donna Bryan and Ebony Connor for their years of service (40 and 10) as state employees.

- Law Enforcement Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> 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.

#### 11. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, October 26 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, November 16 @ 1:00PM CST
- Wednesday, December 13 @ 1:00PM CST

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APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Commissioner

Director

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