



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The September 2019 meeting was held on September 24, 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, CLEO Tubbs, Deputy Chief Brent Clayton, Aaron Rummage, Chris Dowell, and Scott Wolfe.

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Pursuant to T.C.A. §8-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication.

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**1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 29, 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. BRINKMANN'S WINE & SPIRITS  
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Grape and Grain LLC  
Member(s): Ann Brinkmann, 100%

Current licensee: Brian Randolph, d/b/a Lighthouse Liquors<sup>1</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Grape and Grain, LLC d/b/a Brinkmann's Wine & Spirits - Brentwood

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 7110 Town Center Way, Suite 7, Brentwood, TN 37027. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Brian Randolph<sup>2</sup>. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

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<sup>1</sup> License no. RTLPS-WIL-1821483

<sup>2</sup> 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 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. BOB'S LIQUOR & WINE  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)**

Applicant: Bob's Package Store Inc.

Current stockholder: Robert Gilbertson

Proposed stockholder: Ashley Haun, 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new 100% sole shareholder in the licensed entity located at 220 N. Winston Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919. The TABC staff recommends approval of the new 100% sole shareholder.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the new 100% shareholder. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. RED CARPET LIQUORS  
GALLATIN, TENNESSEE (SUMNER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Aarya Enterprises, LLC (Kunal Patel, 100%)

Current location: 226 North Locust Ave., Gallatin, TN 37066

Proposed location: 509 Garnet Court, Gallatin, TN 37066

Retail package store licensee no. RTLPS-SUM-1822652 is requesting approval to transfer its location to 509 Garnet Court, Gallatin, TN 37066. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change subject to the following:

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



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

**4. SPARTA DISCOUNT LIQUOR  
SPARTA, TENNESSEE (WHITE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Swami Management Inc. (Visnu Patel, 100%)

Current location: 439 W. Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583

Proposed location: 516 W. Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-WHI-1913247 is requesting approval to transfer its location to 516 W. Bockman Way, Sparta, TN 38583. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change subject to the following:

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

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



**5. LIQUOR LOCKER & WINE SHOPPE  
TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE (COFFEE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Ganesh500, Inc.  
Shareholders: Paresh Patel (22.5%); Rashmikant Patel (35%);  
Rasikumar Patel (22.5%); Dilipkumar Patel (20%)

Current licensee: DCD Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Liquor Locker & Wine Shoppe<sup>3</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Ganesh500, Inc. d/b/a Liquor Locker & Wine Shoppe

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 500 N. Jackson St., Tullahoma, TN 37388. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and will lease the premises from landlords Jeffrey Damron and Jaie Damron.<sup>4</sup> The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to receiving the certificate of occupancy, the agent report, inspection with acknowledgement of TABC rules & regulations, and 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.

**6. LIQUOR WINE AND DEPOT  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Salute, Inc.  
Shareholders: Gurpreet Behal (12.5%); Rupinder Singh (12.5%);  
Nirmalpreet Sidhu (25%); Raminderjit Sekhon  
(25%); Tripatpal Cheema (25%)

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<sup>3</sup> RTLRPS-COF-18204640

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



Current licensee: Cross Brothers, LLC d/b/a Liquor and Wine Depot<sup>5</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Salute Inc, d/b/a Liquor and Wine Depot

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 756-758 Mt. Moriah Rd., Memphis, TN 38117. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and will lease the premises from H&H Samuels Properties, LLC<sup>6</sup>. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to receiving the certificate of occupancy, the agent report, inspection with acknowledgement of TABC rules & regulations, and 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.

**7. SMILEY'S LIQUORS  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Smiley's Liquors, LLC  
Shareholders: Raafat Attia (50%); Joseph Gerges (50%)

Current licensee: Lake Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Lake Liquors Inc.<sup>7</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Smiley's Liquors, LLC d/b/a Smiley's Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2278 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37217. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and will lease

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<sup>5</sup> RTLRPS-SHE-1824796

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

<sup>7</sup> RTLRPS-DAV-1821513



the premises from Bre Throne Nashboro Village, LLC<sup>8</sup>. 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 receiving the agent report and 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.

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



**8. LEGACY WINE AND SPIRITS  
ROGERSVILLE, TENNESSEE (HAWKINS COUNTY)**

Applicant: Legacy Wine and Spirits, Inc.  
Shareholders: James Egbert (10%); Earline Egbert (39%); Katherine Lecker (51%)

Current licensee: Mary's Spirit & Fine Wines, Inc. d/b/a Mary's Spirit & Fine Wines<sup>9</sup>

Proposed licensee: Legacy Wine and Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Legacy Wine and Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 212 E Washington St., Rogersville, TN 37857. The applicant is acquiring the existing package store at this location and has been assigned the current owner's lease<sup>10</sup>. 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 receiving 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.

**3. WINERY MATTERS**

**1. MOUNTAIN VALLEY VINEYARDS  
PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Mountain Valley Vineyards, Inc.

The winery licensee doing business at 2174 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 is requesting approval to expand its premises for production, storage, and bottling space. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change subject to the following:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. TABC inspection

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<sup>9</sup> RTLRPS-HAW-1811641

<sup>10</sup> 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 receiving the certificate of occupancy and completion of TABC inspection. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**2. KEG SPRINGS WINERY  
HAMPSHIRE, TENNESSEE (MAURY COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Keg Springs Winery, LLC	
Members:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Gerald Hamm, 25%	Gerald Hamm, 50%
	Brian Hamm, 25%	Brian Hamm, 25%
	Rebecca Hamm, 25%	Rebecca Hamm, 25%
	Mary Hamm, 25%	

The winery licensee doing business at 361 Keg Springs Rd., Hampshire, TN 38461 is requesting approval of a change in ownership due to the passing of one of the owners (Mary Hamm). 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 subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. TSALI NOTCH VINEYARD  
MADISONVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONROE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Tsali Notch, LLC

The winery licensee doing business at 140 Harrison Rd., Madisonville, TN 37354 is requesting to add contiguous retail sales and storage to its premises. The TABC staff recommends approval of the additions subject to the following:

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





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

#### 4. FARM WINERY MATTERS

##### **TSALI NOTCH VINEYARD MADISONVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONROE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Tsali Notch, LLC

The farm winery licensee doing business at 140 Harrison Rd., Madisonville, TN 37354 is requesting to add contiguous retail sales and storage to its premises. The TABC staff recommends approval of the additions subject to the following:

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

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

#### 5. WHOLESALER MATTERS

##### **EAGLE DISTRIBUTING OF MEMPHIS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Eagle Distributing of Memphis, LLC  
Members: Robert Winkel (10%); KES, LP (90%<sup>11</sup>)

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<sup>11</sup> KES LP is owned by Hand investments LLC (5%); Kim Hand Family Trust – Elizabeth Hand Craig, Trustee (31.667%); Elizabeth Hand Family Trust-Kimberly Virginia Lightholder, Trustee, (31.667%); and JB Family Trust –Lucy Hand, Trustee (31.667%). Hand Investments LLC is owned by: Raymond Hand Family Trust-Lucy Hand, Trustee (38%), Lucy Hand Family Trust-Raymond Hand, Trustee (34%), Ray Hand (12%), and Lucy Hand (16%).



Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 45 W. EH Crump Blvd., Memphis, TN 38106. The applicant will lease the premises from F9 Properties, LLC. The TABC staff recommends approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. 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 with acknowledgement of TABC rules & regulations and 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.

## 6. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

### 1. BLACK DOG DISTILLING TAZEWELL, TENNESSEE (CLAIBORNE COUNTY)

Applicant: Black Dog Enterprises LLC  
Members: William Cook, 51%, Liam Cook, 49%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 990 Tower Road, Tazewell, TN 37879. The applicant will lease the premises from Black Dog Enterprises, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. agent report
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to receiving the certificate of occupancy, the agent report and 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. **VELMA'S CANDY LYNCHBURG, TENNESSEE (MOORE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Kellie Sandefur LLC  
Members: Kellie Sandefur, 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 14 Short St., Lynchburg, TN 37252. Applicant intends to blend alcoholic beverages to make candy having more than 0.5% ABV alcohol content and will sell her product for both on an off-premises consumption. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject the following:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to inspection with acknowledgement of TABC rules & regulations and the license fee. A representative from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) asked about the marketing and packaging of the candy and was concerned about it was going to be perceived by children in the store so that they would not accidentally take candy that they should be eating. Director Thomas explained that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) regulates the packaging. Director Thomas further explained that some stores contain alcohol in their food products and need a license in order to sell it. The MADD representative followed up and asked if it would be only sold at the store and what the language in the summary of off-premises consumption meant. Commissioner Tomita explained that off-premises consumption meant that customers can take the product home while Director Thomas confirmed that it would only be sold at the store. The MADD representative then asked if both regular candy and candy with alcohol in it would be sold in the same store. Director Thomas responded by saying it was TABC's understanding that both candy and candy with alcohol would be sold in the store. The MADD representative final question was if there was any regulatory say over how they marketing and position the candy. Commissioner Roberts and Director Thomas said that any individual wanting to buy the candy with alcohol in it would need to present an ID showing they are of age.



Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. OLD DOMINICK DISTILLERY  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Old Dominick Distillery, LLC

The manufacturer doing business at 305 S. Front St., Memphis, TN 38103 is requesting approval to expand its premises. The TABC staff recommends approval of the expansion.

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

**4. OLD GLORY DISTILLING CO.  
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Cunningham Spirits, LLC

The manufacturer doing business at 451 Alfred Thun Rd., Clarksville, TN 37040 is requesting approval for expansion of premises to allow its patrons to carry alcoholic beverages in adjacent restaurant space and premises of Old Glory Events at the same address as authorized by P.C. 755. The TABC staff commends approval of the manufacturer expanding on to their premises subject to the following:

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

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



## 7. MISCELLANEOUS

### - Director's Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas updated the Commission on the status of staff changes, which included new hires and promotions.

### - 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. CLEO Tubbs said that the Law Enforcement In-service Training held a couple of weeks ago was a success. Agents were trained on and exposed to a number of specific topics and duties related to TABC. Tubbs thanked Commissioner Tomita for attending the training and giving the agents great opening remarks and meeting with them as well. Tubbs confirmed that he received approval from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office last week for the USTOP, which will help pay agents and regulatory officers for working overtime for minor compliance checks throughout the state. Since the last Commission Agenda, Tubbs mentioned that agents were present at three large festivals around the state (Moon River Music Festival, Music City Food + Wine Festival, and Pilgrimage Music Festival) and that all servers checked at these festivals were compliant. Finally, Tubbs mentioned that 10 agents were sent to a week-long background investigator school.

**8. NEXT MEETING -** Tuesday, October 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM CST

## 9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 10:00 AM CST (Tentative)
- Tuesday, December 17 or Thursday, December 19, 2019 @ 10:00 AM CST (Tentative)



**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE  
COMMISSION THIS THE 24th DAY OF OCTOBER 2019.**

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**Commissioner**

A smaller, more legible handwritten signature in blue ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature appears to read "D. Russell F. Jones".

**Director**