

TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION **MINUTES THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16** 11:30 a.m.

The December 2021 meeting was held on December 16, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairman Roberts and Commissioner Tomita were present. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff were the following: Director Thomas, Assistant Director Tabatha Blackwell, Counsel Mercurio, Commission Counsel Connor, Legislation, Policy and Communication Director Aaron Rummage and Chief Law Enforcement Officer Bond Tubbs.

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1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 18 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. **MCMINNVILLE LIQUOR & WINE** MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE (WARREN COUNTY)

Applicant:

McMinnville WSB LLC

Member(s):

Pintubhai Patel (100%)

Current licensee:

McMinnville Liquor Store LLC d/b/a

McMinnville Liquor Store

Proposed licensee: McMinnville WSB LLC d/b/a McMinnville Liquor & Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 719 N Chancery St, Suite 1, McMinnville, TN 37110. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by McMinnville Liquor Store LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- certificate of occupancy a.
- b. license fee



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

2. JAMESTOWN WINE SPIRITS & BREW JAMESTOWN, TENNESSEE (FENTRESS COUNTY)

Applicant:

JAMESTOWN WINE SPIRITS & BREW LLC

Member(s):

Mitesh Khokhani (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 471 N Main St, Jamestown, TN 38556. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. approval of 21A-CRTL-RPS-036700 (McMinnville Liquor & Wine)
- b. license fee

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



3. ROOTSTOCK WINE MERCHANTS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)

Applicant:

SCOTT M. SMITH

Member(s):

Scott Smith (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 644 Madison Ave, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38103. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. certificate of occupancy

b. inspection

c. license fee

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



4. M & M LIQUOR ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

M & M Liquor Inc

Member(s):

Medhat Lewis (50%), Magdy Hzkial (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2723 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, TN 37013. <u>The TABC</u> staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. inspection

b. agent report

c. license fee

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

5. THE BOTTLE STORE NEWPORT, TENNESSEE (COCKE COUNTY)

Applicant:

THE BOTTLE STORE LLC

Member(s):

Michael Ottinger (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1026 W 25/70 Hwy, Newport, TN 37821. 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 the inspection, agent report and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to the inspection, agent report and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

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

Applicant:

SANDEEP KABARWAL

Member(s):

Sandeep Kabarwal (100%)

Current licensee:

Cecil Errol Dunn d/b/a Polo Wine and Liquor

Proposed licensee: SANDEEP KABARWAL d/b/a Polo Wine Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 7444 Winchester Rd, Bldg 109, Memphis, TN 38125. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Cecil Errol Dunn. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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



7. CITY FARMS WINE & SPIRITS ALCOA, TENNESSEE (BLOUNT COUNTY)

Applicant:

City Farms Wine & Spirits LLC

Member(s):

Sheila O'Boyle (50%),

Mother & Daughters Enterprises LLC (50%)

(Sheila O'Boyle is the 100% Member of Mothers &

Daughters Enterprises LLC)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 157 N Calderwood St, Unit Z, Alcoa, TN 37701. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. inspection

b. license fee

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

8. TOTAL PACKAGE NEWBERN, TENNESSEE (DYER COUNTY)

Applicant:

Total Package, INC

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-DYE-1823872 located at 151 W Highway 77W, Newbern, TN 38059 is requesting to expand their premises. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to inspection.



<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to the inspection and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

9. DOWNTOWN LIQUORS BROWNSVILLE, TENNESSEE (HAYWOOD COUNTY)

Applicant:

MK Spirits LLC

Shareholders:

Current

Proposed

Michael McCaslin (100%)

Narinder Singh (100%)

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-HAY-1907193 located at 1142 N Washington Ave, Brownsville, TN 38012 is requesting approval of change in ownership. The new shareholder is buying all the interest in the store along with the LLC. 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 two ayes.



10. LIQUOR AND WINE OUTLET MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant:

M & N SISTERS, INC

Member(s):

Arvindkumar Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for an extension for a previously approved retail package store licensee to be located at 2003 SE Broad St, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Originally approved at the July 2021 Commission Meeting, construction is still ongoing at the store. The TABC staff recommends an extension of the conditional approval.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the extension of the conditional approval. Commissioner Tomita moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

11. HARTMANN LIQUOR LEBANON, TENNESSEE (WILSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Hartmann Liquor, LLC

Member(s):

Mahendrakumar Patel (25%), Nirav Patel (22.5%),

Vikram Singh (52.5%)

Before the Commission is a request for an extension for a previously approved retail package store licensee to be located at 333 E High St, Lebanon, TN 37087. Originally approved at the June 2021 Commission Meeting, construction is still ongoing at the store. The TABC staff recommends an extension of the conditional approval.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the extension of the conditional approval. Commissioner Tomita moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

1. CORSAIR DISTILLERY ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE (CHEATHAM COUNTY)

Applicant:

Corsair Artisan LLC

Members:

Darek Bell (80%), Amy Bell (20%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 1016 Trinity Rd, Ashland City, TN 37015. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:</u>

a. certificate of occupancy

b. inspection

c. license fee

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

2. MOSSBACK JEFFERSON CITY, TENNESSEE (JEFFERSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Mossback Distillery, LLC

Members:

Daniel Taylor (24%), Noel Burns (24%),

Jeremy Reed (31.20%), Michael Cogliano (20.80%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 115 W Old Andrew Johnson, Jefferson City, TN 37760. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to payment of the license fee.



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

3. TENNESSEE DISTILLING COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE (MAURY COUNTY)

Applicant: Tennessee Distilling Group LLC

The manufacturer located at 1929 Ridgecrest Dr, Columbia, TN 38401. is requesting to expand their premises. The manufacturer is adding an additional building to the same complex. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the certificate of occupancy and inspection. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to the certificate of occupancy and inspection and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



4. FULFILLMENT HOUSE MATTERS

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners that all 9 Fulfillment House matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through all 9 at once and approve them together.

1. ELITE WINE SHIPPING CLEMENTS, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Dean A Long

Members:

Dean Long (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 18819 E Hwy 88, Unit 386, Clements, CA 95227. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.

2. ALEXANDER VALLEY CELLARS INC WINDSOR, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Alexander Valley Cellars Inc

Members:

Marci Jacobs (50%), Meriit Dahlgren (50%)



Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 1010 Shiloh Rd, Windsor, CA 95492 The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.

3. WINESHIPPING.COM NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Wineshipping.com, LLC

Members:

Charles Baxter (22%) – only owner with at least 5%

interest

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 50 Technology Ct, Napa, CA 94558. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.</u>

4. CROWN WINE SHIPPING HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Healdsburg Shipping Company, LLC

Members:

Rita Helfrick (50%), Joe Helfrick (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 101 Grant Ave, Unit D, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.



5. COPPER PEAK LOGISTICS, LP ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Applicant: Copper Peak Logistics, LP

Members: Clint Lane (50%), Emily Ameson (12%),

Peder Ameson (38%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 1160 Research Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63132. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.

6. AVERY WORLDWIDE INC CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

Applicant: Avery Worldwide Inc Members: William Godoy (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 350 Allwod Dr, Clifton, NJ 07012. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.</u>

7. WINEDIRECT, INC. NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant: WineDirect, Inc.

Members: Paul Pappajohn (53%), Ryan Caswell (27%),

John Barger (20%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 450 Green Island Rd, Napa, CA 94503. <u>The TABC staff recommends</u> conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.



8. WINE SERVICE COOPERATIVE NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

WINE SERVICE COOPERATIVE

Members:

Robert Holmes (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 1325 Airport Blvd, Suite A, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.

9. NORTHWEST WINE SERVICES BURBANK, WASHINGTON

Applicant:

RAILEX WINE SERVICES LLC

Members:

Stahl Transcon LLC (52%), Andrew Pollak (36.7%), BP Trust

(6%) and three others with less than 5% interest

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 95 RWS Rd., Burbank, WA 99323. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house subject to payment of the license fee.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas summarized the requests for all 9 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of all 9 fulfillment house matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



5. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners that the first 4 Winery Direct Shipper matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through all 4 at once and approve them together.

1. BROOK & BULL WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Applicant:

A.R.T. LLC

Members:

Ashley Trout (100%)

Brands:

Brook and Bull

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1249 Lyday Ln, Walla Walla, WA 99362. <u>The TABC staff recommends</u> conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

2. QUIGLEY FINE WINES PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Quigley Fine Wines, LLC

Members:

Christina Quigley (16.67%), Brendan Quigley (16.67%),

Jeffrey Shapiro (66%)

Brands:

Quigley Fine Wines

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1227 Paso Robles St, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



3. DELILLE CELLARS, LLC WOODINVILLE, WASHINGTON

Applicant:

DELILLE CELLARS, LLC

Members:

Bacchus DCI LLC (60%),

Woodinville Wine Professional, Inc (40%)

Brands:

DeLile Cellars, Blue Tap Wine Co, Doyenne,

Grand Ciel, Leschi Cellars, Maison DeLille

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 14300 NE 145th St, Suite 101, Woodinville, WA 98072. <u>The TABC staff</u> recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

4. UNION WINE COMPANY TUALATIN, OREGON

Applicant:

Union Wine Company

Members:

Ryan Harms (50%), Ryan Harms Irrevocable Gift Trust

(40%), Eric Harms (5%), Ryan Harms Childrens Irrevocable

Gift Trust (5%)

Brands:

Underwood, Kings Ridge, Alchemist, Yosemite Cellars

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 19550 SW Cipole Rd, Tualatin, OR 97062. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas summarized the requests for all 11 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of all 11



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

5. DAVID HILL WINEYARDS & WINERY FOREST GROVE, OREGON

Applicant:

David Hill Vineyards, LLC

Shareholders:

Current

Proposed

Michael Kuenz (100%)

Michael Kuenz (15%)

Milan Stoyanov (85%)

The winery direct shipper located at 46350 NW David Hill Rd, Forest Grove, OR 97116 is requesting approval of change in ownership. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership subject to payment of any outstanding citation.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval of the change in ownership subject to payment of any outstanding citation. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of the change in ownership subject to payment of any outstanding citation and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



6. CONSIDERATION OF DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO STAFF

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas presented the Commissioners with a Order of Delegation of Authority regarding a few things including approval of all requests to change ownership, for all license types, along with approval of all requests to change d/b/a names, move location and expand the premises for all license types.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Director Thomas informed the Commissioners of a Rulemaking Hearing that was taking place later in the afternoon.

- Law Enforcement Update

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

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION ADDENDUM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30 a.m.

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1. UNCORKED WINE AND SPIRITS BROWNSVILLE, TENNESSEE (HAYWOOD COUNTY)

Applicant:

KM UNCORKED LLC

Shareholders:

Current

Proposed

Kristine McCaslin (100%)

Sawaran Singh (100%)

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-HAY-1907194 located at 156 S Dupree St, Unit 156, Brownsville, TN 38012 is requesting approval of change in ownership. The new shareholder is buying all the interest in the store along with the LLC. 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 two ayes.



TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION AUDIT MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

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I. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners that Auditor Scott Wolfe completed the Annual Risk Assessment before he left the TABC to accept a position in his home state of Kentucky. Director Thomas explained what all is in the Annual Risk Assessment, which includes 40 potential areas that the agency wants to look into this year. The TABC will give an update on those areas this Summer.

II. QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Discussion/Action Taken: The Commissioners had no questions.



APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 27th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

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December 16, 2021, Commission Meeting Agenda