

TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION AGENDA TUESDAY, MARCH 31 1:00 p.m.

The March 2020 Agenda meeting was held on March 31, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via conference call since no state agency is allowed to have more than 10 people for gatherings. And due to the state of emergency, conference facilities (including the one used for Commission Meetings) are closed until further notice. Chairman Skiles, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Tomita called in. Director Thomas also called in. TABC staff in office that attended were the following: Assistant Director Blackwell and Commission Counsel Stepp. Members of the public that participated in the conference call include the following: Joyce McDaniel, Curtis Harrington, Clay Byrd, Randall Bennett, Daniel Grenier, Carmen Wulfers, Jennifer East, Ginna Burrell, Will Cheek, Danielle Elks, Brooke McGee, Rich Foge, Ryan Haynes, Chris Phillips, Dan Haskell, Hank Hildebrant, Michell Roselle, Dr. Jogendra Chhabra, and Christopher Daniel.

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 FEBRUARY 27, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: 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. QUALITY LIQUORS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)

Applicant:

Jogendra Chhabra and Jagdish Kabarwal

Member(s):

Jogendra Chhabra (50%), Jagdish Kabarwal (50%)

Current licensee:

Empact Holdings, LLC d/b/a Quality Liquors¹

Proposed licensee:

Jogendra Chhabra and Jagdish Kabarwal

d/b/a Quality Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3001 Lamar Ave., Memphis, TN 38114. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Empact Holdings, LLC². 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

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the agent report, inspection, and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to the agent report, inspection, and license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes. Dr. Jogendra Chhabra thanked the TABC for getting together and reviewing his matter while also telling everyone to be safe during the current pandemic.

¹ License no. RTLRPS-SHE-1905168

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.



2. **PEAVINE WINE & SPIRITS** CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

Applicant:

Fenil Parikh

Member(s):

Fenil Parikh (100%)

Current licensee:

Stanley Roger York d/b/a Peavine Wine and Spirits³

Proposed licensee: Fenil Parikh d/b/a Peavine Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 745 Peavine Rd, Crossville, TN 38571. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Stanley Roger York⁴. 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 the deed after closing and license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to the deed after closing and license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

3. **TOTAL PACKAGE NEWBERN, TENNESSEE (DYER COUNTY)**

Applicant:

Total Package, INC

Shareholders: Current

Proposed

Mary Willoughby (100%)

Chris Daniel (100%)

The retail package store doing business at 151 W Highway 77 W., Newbern, TN 38059 is requesting approval of change in ownership. The current shareholder is selling their business to one individual, Chris Daniel. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

³ License no. RTLRPS-CUM-1810839

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.



Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the change in ownership. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes. Christopher Daniel thanked the TABC for getting together and reviewing his matter.

4. **WESTMORELAND LIQUORS** WESTMORELAND, TENNESSEE (SUMNER COUNTY)

Applicant:

Robert Summers

Shareholders: Current

<u>Proposed</u>

Robert Summers (50%)

Robert Summers (100%)

Frank McWhorter (50%)

The retail package store doing business at 5404 B Hwy 31 E, Westmoreland, TN 37186 is requesting approval of change in ownership. One of the current shareholders is getting out of the business and the other shareholder will now be the sole owner. 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 for approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.



3. WINERY MATTERS

1. 615 WINE CELLAR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

NashVegas Wine Cellar, LLC

Members:

Daniel Greiner (95%), Jocelyn Greiner (5%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new winery to be located at 308 Church St, Suite 310, Nashville, TN 37201. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the winery subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes. Daniel Greiner thanked the TABC for getting together and reviewing his matter.

2. BLUE SLIP WINERY KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)

Applicant:

Blue Slip Winery LLC

Shareholders: Current

ent <u>Proposed</u>

Bambi Linn Slocum (40%)

Paxton Galyon (100%)

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Marvin House (10%)

Southern Station of TN (10%)

The winery doing business at 300 W Depot St, Knoxville, TN 37917 is requesting approval of change in ownership. One of the current shareholders is getting out of the business and the other shareholder will now be the sole owner. 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 for approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

4. WHOLESALER MATTERS

1. FIRESIDE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Fireside Distributing Company, LLC

Shareholders: Current

John H. Fields (40%), Randall L. Bennett (35%), Don Herring (5%), Stephen M. Lackey (5%), Linda & Gary Stooksbury

(2.5%), Tim Dawson (12.5%)

Proposed

West Tennessee Crown Distributing Co. (100%)

The wholesaler doing business at 470 Metroplex Drive in Nashville, Tennessee 37211 is requesting approval of a change in ownership. The current shareholders wish to sell 100% of their interest to the proposed new owner, West Tennessee Distributing Co. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership at the wholesaler.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the change in ownership. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.



5. MISCELLANEOUS

Director's Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas encouraged everyone on call to visit the TABC website, as it is being updated on a daily basis as questions continue to come pouring in related to COVID-19. He also encouraged everyone to contact the TABC if they have any additional questions. Director Thomas mentioned that at least one more Agenda meeting will be held online and that it might be conducted through WebEx, with more information to come at a later date.

Law Enforcement Update

Discussion/Action Taken: CLEO Tubbs updated the Commission and everyone else on law enforcement activity since the last meeting, stating that agents are mainly working on complaints about single-serving and conducting inspections via phone and e-mail since everyone is working from home due to the state of emergency. Tubbs mentioned that 6-9 months from now that all inspections that are being done via phone and e-mail right now will have in-person routine inspections once things return to normal. Agents are also reviewing case files and completing all mandatory training from the Department of Human Resources.

Discussion From Public

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Dan Haskell noted the good job by the TABC in regards to Executive Order 17, which was signed over the weekend. Dan also suggested that there be some leniency for upcoming renewals for licensees affected by the pandemic. Director Thomas thanked Dan for the kind words and said that renewals with the TABC and temporary changes in business procedures were currently being discussed. Chairman Skiles thanked the staff for getting Executive Order 17 taken care of.

6. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, April 23, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, May 28, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST



APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2020.

Commissioner

Director