

**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 21
1:00 p.m.**

The March 2024 meeting was held on March 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairwoman Roberts and Commissioner Tomita were present. Commissioner Hamilton joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams. 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. 58-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 22 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. EXPRESS LIQUOR

HENDERSON, TENNESSEE (CHESTER COUNTY)

Applicant: R & M FOOD MART LLC
Member(s): Muthana Qattoum (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 102 S Church Ave, Henderson, TN 38340. 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.

**2. HILLBILLY LIQUORS & WINE
HOHENWALD, TENNESSEE (LEWIS COUNTY)**

Applicant: GUNATIT THREE CORPORATION
Member(s): Pragneshkumar Patel (100%), Pragneshkumar Patel

Current licensee: Paul Rawdon d/b/a HILLBILLY LIQUORS & WINE

Proposed licensee: GUNATIT THREE CORPORATION d/b/a
HILLBILLY LIQUORS & WINE

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 680 E Main St, Hohenwald, TN 38462. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Paul Rawdon. 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 deed after closing and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to deed after closing and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. GIGI LIQUOR
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: SK Liquor LLC
Member(s): Sisay Befikadu (50%), Kabtamu Befekadu (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 5910 Mt. Moriah Rd, Unit 101, Memphis, TN 38115. 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.

**4. ONE STOP LIQUOR & WINE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: JOVEN LLC
Member(s): Sukhwinder Singh (100%)

Current licensee: PERKINS ONE STOP LLC d/b/a ONE STOP SHOP

Proposed licensee: JOVEN LLC d/b/a One Stop Liquor & Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3761 S Perkins Rd, Bldg 103, Memphis, TN 38118. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by PERKINS ONE STOP LLC. 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.



**5. 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:

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

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

3. WHOLESALER MATTERS

1. **ADVINTAGE DISTRIBUTING OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Vintage Pursuits LLC

Shareholders:

Current

Brian Herr

Henri Gabriel

Sense of Place, LLC

West Bound Wines, LLC

First Miracle Holdings, LLC

Proposed

Brian Herr

Henri Gabriel

Sense of Place, LLC

West Bound Wines, LLC

First Miracle Holdings, LLC

Advintage Midco, LLC

Advintage Holdings LLC

Advintage Wine and Spirits, LLC

Athanos 2013 GST Trust U/A 10/29/2013

JMM 2008 Irrevocable Trust U/A 10/17/2008

MM 2012 Trust U/A 8/15/2012

Mitchell 2008 Irrevocable Trust U/A 10/17/2008

Henri Gabriel 2021 Irrevocable Trust

Meredith B. Gabriel 2021 Irrevocable Trust

The wholesaler located at 450 Cherry St, Suite 2, Gatlinburg, TN 37738 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. 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 Roberts moved approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

4. WINERY MATTERS

1. **BIG WEST WINES
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Big West LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery located at 220 Cumberland Bend, Nashville, TN 37228. 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.

5. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners the first 9 Winery Direct Shipper 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. THE STEVEN KENT WINERY
LIVERMORE, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: OUT FROM LAND INVESTORS GROUP LLC
Members: Steven Mirassou (100%)
Brands: Steven Kent, Lineage, Ritz Carlton

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 5565 Tesla Rd, Livermore, CA 94550. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**2. J RICKARDS WINERY
CLOVERDALE, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: J Rickards Winery LLC
Members: James Rickards (50%), Eliza Rickards (50%)
Brands: J Rickards Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 24505 Chianti Rd, Cloverdale, CA 95425. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**3. ACCENDO CELLARS
SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Puamana LLC
Members: Gregory Araujo (50%), Jaime Araujo (50%)
Brands: Accendo

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 586 Zinfandel Ln, Saint Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**4. VGS CHATEAU POTELLE
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Chateau Potelle Holdings LLC
Members: Jean-Noel Fourmeaux (82%), Mariette Fourmeaux (9%),
Clarisse Kostrzewski (9%)
Brands: VGS, Fourmeaux, Terroir Collection

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 45 Enterprise Ct, Unit 1-4 & 7, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**5. HOLOCENE WINES
MILTON FREEWATER, OREGON**

Applicant: Holocene Wines LLC
Members: Todd Alexander (100%)
Brands: Holocene

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 52274 Pleasant View Rd, Milton Freewater, OR 97862. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**6. BULLY HILL VINEYARDS
HAMMONDSPORT, NEW YORK**

Applicant: Bully Hill Vineyards Inc.
Members: Lillian Taylor (100%)
Brands: Bully Hill Vineyards, Sweet Water,
Lake Keuka Wine Company

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 8843 Greyton H Taylor Memorial Dr, Hammondsport, NY 14840. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**7. OUTPOST WINES
ANGWIN, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Tourelle, LLC
Members: Christian Seely (100%)
Brands: Tourelle, LLC, Outpost, LaBlonde

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.

**8. A DONKEY AND GOAT LLC
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: A Donkey and Goat LLC
Members: Jared Brandt (50%), Tracey Brandt (50%)
Brands: Donkey and Goat

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1340 5th St, Berkely, CA 94710. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**9. FORCE MAJEURE VINEYARDS
MILTON FREEWATER, OREGON**

Applicant: Grand Reve Vintners LLC
Members: Paul McBride (100%)
Brands: Force Majeure, Centric

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 52274 Pleasant View Rd, Milton Freewater, OR 97862. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the requests for 9 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the 9

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

**10. DEHLINGER WINERY
SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Hafner Vineyard, LLC

Shareholders: Current

Carmen Dehlinger (10%)

Thomas and Carole Dehlinger Trust (80%)

Eva Dehlinger (10%)

Proposed

Carmen Dehlinger (10%)

Thomas and Carole Dehlinger Trust (80%)

Dehlinger- Reichwage Revocable Trust (10%)

The winery direct shipper located at 4101 Vine Hill Rd, Sebastopol, CA 95472 requesting approval for a change in ownership. A minor shareholder is transferring their interest to a trust. 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 Roberts moved approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commissioners on license tracking and reminded retail package store applicants to provide information including purchase price, details about the source of funds, and lenders other than banks.

- Law Enforcement Update

Discussion/Action Taken: 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.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

-There were no public comments.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, April 25 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, May 30 @ 1:00PM CST

Commissioner Tomita made a motion to adjourn the March 2024 Commission Meeting and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 25th DAY OF APRIL 2024.



Commissioner



Director