



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 28
1:00 p.m.**

The April 2022 meeting was held on April 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairman Roberts, Commissioner Tomita, and Commissioner Hamilton were present. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff were the following: Director Thomas, Assistant Director Tabatha Blackwell, Counsel Mercurio, Legislation, Policy and Communication Director Aaron Rummage 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 MARCH 24 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

**1. MR. MARIO LIQUORS & BEER
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: MARIO & GENDY LLC
Member(s): Mario Faltas (50%), Haydy Gendy (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1208 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, TN 37217. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas 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.



**2. LIQUOR VAULT
LEBANON, TENNESSEE (WILSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Liquor Vault LLC
Member(s): Narendra Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 12 Franklin Rd, Suite C, D, and E Lebanon, TN 37087. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed after closing
- b. certificate of occupancy
- c. inspection
- d. agent review
- e. license fee

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

**3. ASHLAND MARKET
ASHLAND CITY, TENNESSEE (CHEATHAM COUNTY)**

Applicant: MF LLC
Member(s): Emad Azer (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 303 N Main St, Ashland City, TN 37015. 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 Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**4. SUMMER WINE & LIQUOR
BARTLETT, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Singh Enterprise Inc
Member(s): Jasvinder Kaur (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 6337 Summer Ave, Suite 101, Bartlett, TN 38134. 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 along with agent review and the certificate of occupancy. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee along with agent review and the certificate of occupancy and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**5. UNIVERSITY LIQUOR AND WINE
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant: MURFREESBORO LIQUOR WORLD, INC
Shareholders: Current Proposed
Krupa Dave (50%) Krupa Dave (100%)
Sonal Patel (50%)

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-RUT-2131143 located at 2834 Middle Tennessee Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37130, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the current shareholders is selling his interest to the other shareholder. 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 Hamilton moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**6. EASY STOP LIQUOR SHOP
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Easy Stop Liquor Shop, LLC
Member(s): Arerion Yarbrough (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1237 Getwell Rd, Memphis, TN 38111. 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 Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**7. NEWBERN LIQUOR
NEWBERN, TENNESSEE (DYER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Newbern Liquor LLC
Member(s): Nilay Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 112 E Main St, Newbern, TN 38059. 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 Hamilton moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**8. EAST RIDGE CORK & BOTTLE
EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: MJP Legacy, Inc.
Member(s): Suhash Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 6009 Ringgold Rd, East Ridge, TN 37412. 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 Tomita 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.



**9. SMITHVILLE DISCOUNT WINE AND SPIRIT
SMITHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DEKALB COUNTY)**

Applicant:	AVYAKTA INC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Sharad Patel (50%)	Sharad Patel (50%)
	Neeta Patel (50%)	Ashis Patel (50%)

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-DEK-2010082, located at 413 E Broad St, Smithville, TN 37166, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the current shareholders is selling her interest to a new shareholder. 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 Hamilton moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**10. BELMONT PACKAGE
BRISTOL, TENNESSEE (SULLIVAN COUNTY)**

Applicant:	EKS Enterprises, Inc.
Member(s):	Paula Matzner (52%), Charles Hunigan (33%), Elizabeth Matzner (15%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 110 Belmont Dr, Bristol, TN 37620.¹ The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. agent review
- c. license fee

¹ The owner of a current license, RTLRPS-SUL-1808496, at this address passed away. The inheritor of this interest and two additional persons have applied for this new license.



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

**11. PLEASANT LIQUOR & WINE LLC
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Pleasant Liquor & Wine LLC
Member(s): Janice Howard (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 4840 E Holmes Rd, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38118. The TABC staff recommends denial of this license.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended a continuance after the applicant reached out. Commissioner Tomita moved to continue the matter and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**12. PHAROAHS LIQUOR STORE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Hosam Gawargi
Member(s): Hosam Gawargi (100%)

Current licensee: Uncle Koto Liquor Store d/b/a Uncle Koto Liquor Store

Proposed licensee: Hosam Gawargi d/b/a Pharoahs Liquor Store

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 4035 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Uncle Koto Liquor Store. The TABC staff recommends denial of this license.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners that the applicant withdrew their application shortly before the meeting.



3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

1. **TEAL HOLLOW DISTILLERY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Peg Leg Porker Spirits, LLC
Members: DDB Irrevocable Trust (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 2700 Eugenia Ave, Nashville, TN 37211. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer 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 recused himself from the matter. Commissioner Hamilton 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. LEATHERWOOD DISTILLERY
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)**

Applicant: LEATHERWOOD DISTILLERY LLC
Members: Michael Collins (5%), John Lindahl (5%), William Havle (5%), Andrew Lang (80%), and two other members with less than 5% interest

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 1030 Progress Dr, Bldg A, Clarksville, TN 37040. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. license fee

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



**3. FLYING PANDA
ROCKWOOD, TENNESSEE (ROANE COUNTY)**

Applicant: FLYING PANDA SPECIALTY BEVERAGE COMPANY, LLC
Members: Michelle Porter (51%), Matthew Niemerg (49%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 3796 Airport Rd, Rockwood, TN 37854. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas 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.

4. WINERY MATTERS

**1. TENNESSEE CIDER COMPANY
SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Tennessee Cider Company, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery to be located at 1837 Newport Hwy, Unit 3 and 5, Sevierville, TN 37876. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the winery subject to:

- a. inspection
- b. license fee



Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas 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.

**2. HONEYTREE MEADERY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	The Honeytree LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Ross Welbon (45%)	Ross Welbon (48.44%)
	John Sousan (31%)	John Sousan (48.44%)
	5 shareholders with less than 5% interest	3 shareholders with less than 5% interest

The winery located at 918 Woodland St, Nashville, TN 37206, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Two of the current shareholders, each with less than 5% interest, are selling their interests to the other shareholders. 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 Hamilton moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



3. **BIG CREEK WINERY
PULASKI, TENNESSEE (GILES COUNTY)**

Applicant:	BIG CREEK WINERY, LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	William Brymer (51%)	William Brymer (100%)
	Rachel Brymer (49%)	

The winery located at 1880 Campbellsville Rd, Pulaski, TN 38478, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Per a marital dissolution agreement, will receive all shares in the license. 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 three ayes.

5. **FARM WINERY MATTERS**

1. **MORNING GLORY ORCHARD
NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Morning Glory Orchard, LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Alyson Terrel (51%)	Alyson Terrel (100%)
	Christina Widerman (49%)	

The farm winery located at 7690 Nolensville Rd, Nolensville, TN 37135, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the current shareholders is selling her interests to the other current shareholder. 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 Hamilton



moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

6. FULFILLMENT HOUSE MATTERS

1. WINE COUNTRY CONNECT SONOMA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant: Wine Country Connect LLC
Members: David Studdert (70%) George Studdert (30%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 21775 E 8th St, Sonoma, CA 95476. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the fulfillment house 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 Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

7. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners that 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. WILSON WINERY
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Stonecushion Inc.
Members: Kenneth Wilson (100%)
Brands: Wilson Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1960 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**2. COUGAR CREST ESTATE WINERY
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON**

Applicant: Cougar Hills, LLC
Members: Deborah Hansen (100%)
Brands: Cougar Crest Estate Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 50 Frenchtown Rd, Walla Walla, WA 99362. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



**3. ROBERT BIALE VINEYARDS
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: The Biale Estate
Members: The Robert and Wendy Biale Trust (50%),
The David Anthony and Gale Robin Pramuk Family Trust
(25%), other members with less than 5% interest make up
remaining 25%
Brands: Robert Biale Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4038 Big Ranch Road, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**4. OTIS KENYON WINE
WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON**

Applicant: THE ANGELS SHARE LLC
Members: Stephen Kenyon (100%)
Brands: Otis Kenyon Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 23 E Main St, Walla Walla, WA 99362. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



**5. CUIVAISON WINERY
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Cuvaision, Inc
Members: Inselhold A.G. (96%), other members make up other 4%
Brands: Cuvaision, Brandlin, Brandlin Estate, Brandlin Ranch,
Brandlin Vineyard, Cuvaision Cellars, Cuvaision Estate,
Cuvaision Estate Wines, Cuvaision Vineyards, Cuvaision
Winery, Cuvaision, Inc.

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1221 Duhlg Road, Napa, CA 94559. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**6. KEPLINGER
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Keplinger Wines LLC
Members: Douglas Warner (50%), Helen Keplinger (50%)
Brands: Keplinger, Vermillion

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1221 Duhig Rd, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



**7. SHADYBROOK ESTATE WINERY
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Shadybrook Estate LLC
Members: David & Alice Sue Alkosser Revocable 1988 Trust (100%)
Brands: Shadybrook

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 100Rapp Ln, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**8. PENROSE HILL WINERY
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Penrose Hill, Limited
Members: Penrose Hill, Limited (100%)
Brands: 34 brand names²

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 499 Moore Ln, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

² Penrose Hill Brand List, Alavez, Bodega Viceroyalty, Bodewell, Bonfilia, Calchas, Callgrafica, Castello di Izola, Ch. Philippe Jacques & Co., Chromatope, Cien por Ciento, Copperplate, Doble de Diez, Espaldera, Grapheme, Holbrook Winery, Idlewright, Il Fiumarolo, Linguist Estates, Longitude 120 West, Loudspeaker, Musa Noctuaría, Penrose Hill, Quartz Bay, Ralf, Rancho Campo, St. Audette Lumière, St. Audette Nuit, Tenuta di Innanzi Tutto, The Perfect No. 6, Trailstone, Vicino Lontano, Watchful Maker, Whale Light, Wisdom Point



**9. OAK RIDGE WINERY
LODI, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Oak Ridge Winery, LLC
Members: Raquel Casity (5.56%), Lisa Kammerer (5.56%),
Rudolph Maggio (16.66%), other members with less than
5% interest each comprise the remaining 72.22%
Brands: Blazon, Gnarled Vine, Into, Lodi Estates, Maggio, Moss
Roxx, Oak Ridge, Old Soul, OZV, Precessi, Silk Oak, Maggio
Estates

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 6100 E Victor Rd, Lodi, CA 95240. 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 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 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**10. VINESSE, LLC
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant:	Vinesse, LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Lawrence Dutra, Jr. (100%)	Vintage Wine Estates (100%)

The winery direct shipper located at 499 Moore Lane, Healdsburg, CA 95448, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. A new shareholder is buying all the interest from the current shareholder of the license. 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 Hamilton moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**11. FLINT KNOLL
CALISTOGA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant:	Flint Knoll LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Aaron Michaelis (50%)	Aaron Michaelis (50%)
	Ph4 13, LLC (50%)	Meredith Michaelis (50%)

The winery direct shipper located at 1251 Tubbs Ln, Calistoga, CA 94515, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. A current shareholder is selling their shares to the other current shareholder, Aaron Michaelis, who is then gifting those shares to a new shareholder, Meredith Michaelis. 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 three ayes.



**12. ROBERT CRAIG WINERY
ANGWINE, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant:	Robert Craig Winery, LP	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Elton Stone (18%)	Elton Stone (18%)
	Derek Ruston (30.5%)	Derek Ruston (30.5%)
	Michael Adams (30.5%)	Michael Adams (30.5%)
	Michael Nugent (21%)	Maureen Nugent (21%)

The winery direct shipper located at 2475 Summit Lake Dr, Angwine, CA 94508, is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the current shareholders, Michael Nugent, passed away, and his widow will assume his share. 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 Hamilton moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission on a few administrative things around the agency.

- 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.



9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Wednesday, May 25 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, June 30 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, July 28 @ 1:00PM CST

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
COMMISSION THIS THE 25th DAY OF MAY 2022.**

Handwritten signature of Ashley Roberts in cursive script.

Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Russell F. Thomas in cursive script.

Director