



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
1:00 p.m.**

The December 2023 meeting was held on December 13, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairwoman Roberts, Commissioner Tomita, and Commissioner Hamilton were present. 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 NOVEMBER 16 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. TELLICO LIQUOR & SMOKE
TELLICO PLAINS, TENNESSEE (MONROE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Jay Varai V Inc
Member(s): Jigarkumar Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 9170 Highway 68, Suite B, Tellico Plains, TN 37385. 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. EASTSIDE LIQUORS
LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE (MARSHALL COUNTY)**

Applicant: Natasha, Inc
Member(s): Sejal Chaudhari (100%), Mital Chaudhari

Current licensee: Ambika Bhuvan Inc d/b/a Eastside Liquors

Proposed licensee: Natasha, Inc d/b/a Eastside Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 222 E Commerce St, Lewisburg, TN 37091. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Ambika bhuvan inc. 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 payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

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

Applicant: Kirby Liquor LLC
Member(s): Shariq Shamsuddin (100%), Badruddin Kheraj

Current licensee: MAJE, LLC d/b/a Kirby Parkway Liquors

Proposed licensee: Kirby Liquor LLC d/b/a Kirby Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1829 Kirby Pkwy, Memphis, TN 38138. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by MAJE, 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 Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**4. THE WINE CELLAR
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant: Murfreesboro LLC
Member(s): Jignendra Patel (100%)

Current licensee: Shiv Sugar LLC d/b/a The Wine Cellar

Proposed licensee: Murfreesboro LLC d/b/a The Wine Cellar

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2206 Memorial Blvd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Shiv Sugar 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 Hamilton moved approval subject payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**5. ELEVATE LIQUOR
MILLERSVILLE, TENNESSEE (SUMNER COUNTY)**

Applicant: HanuSai Corp
Member(s): Nehal Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1205 Louisville Hwy, Millersville, TN 37072. 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.

**6. PAC - MANs LIQUOR AND SMOKE SHOP
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: PacMan LLC
Member(s): Robert Newman (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 3865 Winchester Rd, Suite 4 & 5, 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 Hamilton moved approval subject payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**7. WEST MEADE WINE & LIQUOR MART
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Belle Meade Liquor Inc.
Member(s): Natvar Patel (100%)

Current licensee: WEST MEADE WINE AND LIQUOR MART, INC.
d/b/a West Meade Wine and Liquor Mart

Proposed licensee: Belle Meade Liquor Inc. d/b/a
West Meade Wine & Liquor Mart

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 5402 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by WEST MEADE WINE AND LIQUOR MART, INC. 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 agent report and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to agent report and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**8. NEW DAY HOPE LIQUOR
MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant:	New Day Hope, Inc.	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Hala Pasta (100%)	Hala Pasta
		Emad Pasta
		Karter Jone

The retail package store located at 2002 E Main St, Murfreesboro, TN 37130 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Two new shareholders are purchasing shares from the current sole 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.

**9. VALLEY WINE AND SPIRITS
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	ACME LIQUORS, INC.	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Andrew Coradini III (100%)	Andrew Coradini IV (100%)

The retail package store located at 3548 Cummings Hwy, Chattanooga, TN 37419 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. The sole shareholder passed away and their son will be the new sole 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 Tomita moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



3. WHOLESALER MATTERS

1. HEXA PARTNERS MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant: HEXA PARTNERS OF TENNESSEE LLC
Members: Ruben Martinez-Garcia (66%)
 Ruben Martinez-Lopes (34%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 730 Middle Tennessee Blvd, Suite 13, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler 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.

**2. ATHENS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY OF CHATTANOOGA
HIXSON, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Athens Distributing Company of Chattanooga

Shareholders: Current

1980 John H. Aaron, Sr. Trust (5.5556%)

John P. "Jay" Donnelly, Jr. (2.7777%)

The Eleven Associates, LP (41.6666%)

Thomas H. White, Jr. (15%)

Thomas H. White, III (10.0001%)

T.H. White, III Family Partnership (5%)

Scott R. Moore (4%)

Richard L. Speed, Jr. (4%)

Donald J. White, Sr. (12%)

Proposed

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Scott R. Moore (4%)

Richard L. Speed, Jr. (4%)

Donald J. White, Sr. (10%)

Donald J. White Jr. 2015 Irrevocable Trust (1%)

Jeremy H. White 2015 Irrevocable Trust (1%)

The wholesaler located at 2735 Kanasita Dr, Hixson, TN 37343 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the current shareholders, Donald J. White, Sr., is transferring 2% of their interest into two trusts. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

**3. ATHENS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY OF NASHVILLE
ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Athens Distributing Company of Nashville

Shareholders: Current

John P. Donnelly (15%)
JPD Investments, GP (20%)
Judith White Speed Qualified Marital Trust (8%)
Richard L. Speed, Jr. (12.5%)
Scott R. Moore (10%)
Moore Children 2020 Irrevocable Trust (2.5%)
John H. Aaron, Sr. (5%)
John P. Donnelly, Jr. (5%)
Donald J. White, Sr. (8%)
Speed Family 2021 Irrevocable Trust (4%)
Thomas H. White III (5%)
Ryan Donnelly (5%)

Proposed

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JPD Investments, GP (20%)
Judith White Speed Qualified Marital Trust (2%)
Richard L. Speed, Jr. (12.5%)
Scott R. Moore (10%)
Moore Children 2020 Irrevocable Trust (2.5%)
John H. Aaron, Sr. (5%)
John P. Donnelly, Jr. (5%)
Donald J. White, Sr. (6%)
Speed Family 2021 Irrevocable Trust (4%)
Thomas H. White III (5%)
Ryan Donnelly (5%)
Scott and Pamela Moore Family 2023 Irrevocable Trust (3%)
Richard and Joelle Speed 2023 Irrevocable Trust (3%)
Donald J. White Jr. 2015 Irrevocable Trust (1%)
Jeremy H. White 2015 Irrevocable Trust (1%)



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The wholesaler located at 12966 Old Hickory Blvd, Antioch, TN 37013 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. There are various transfers happening and they all involve trusts. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.



**4. ATHENS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY OF NASHVILLE
ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Athens Distributing Company of Nashville

Shareholders: Current

- John P. Donnelly (15%)
- JPD Investments, GP (20%)
- Judith White Speed Qualified Marital Trust (8%)
- Richard L. Speed, Jr. (12.5%)
- Scott R. Moore (10%)
- Moore Children 2020 Irrevocable Trust (2.5%)
- John H. Aaron, Sr. (5%)
- John P. Donnelly, Jr. (5%)
- Donald J. White, Sr. (8%)
- Speed Family 2021 Irrevocable Trust (4%)
- Thomas H. White III (5%)
- Ryan Donnelly (5%)

Proposed

- John P. Donnelly (15%)
- JPD Investments, GP (20%)
- Judith White Speed Qualified Marital Trust (2%)
- Richard L. Speed, Jr. (12.5%)
- Scott R. Moore (10%)
- Moore Children 2020 Irrevocable Trust (2.5%)
- John H. Aaron, Sr. (5%)
- John P. Donnelly, Jr. (5%)
- Donald J. White, Sr. (6%)
- Speed Family 2021 Irrevocable Trust (4%)
- Thomas H. White III (5%)
- Ryan Donnelly (5%)
- Scott and Pamela Moore Family 2023 Irrevocable Trust (3%)
- Richard and Joelle Speed 2023 Irrevocable Trust (3%)
- Donald J. White Jr. 2015 Irrevocable Trust (1%)
- Jeremy H. White 2015 Irrevocable Trust (1%)

The wholesaler located at 3001 Owen Dr, Antioch, TN 37013 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. There are various transfers happening and they all involve trusts. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized requests 2 through 4 and recommended approval of the change in ownership for all three. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval for all three matters and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

4. WINERY MATTERS

**1. BEANS CREEK WINERY LLC
MANCHESTER, TENNESSEE (COFFEE COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Beans Creek Winery, LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Rebecca Brown (44.85%)	Rebecca Brown (44.85%)
	James Morton (13.24%)	James Morton (17.65%)
	Joseph McCrae (11.76%)	Joseph McCrae (11.76%)
	Ellen Smith (3.68%)	Ellen Smith (3.68%)
	Thomas Brown (3.68%)	Thomas Brown (3.68%)
	TN Wine Holdings LLC (7.35%)	TN Wine Holdings LLC (7.35%)
	RDavis Rd LLC (7.35%)	RDavis Rd LLC (7.35%)
	Timothy Miles (3.68%)	Timothy Miles (3.68%)
	John Riddle (4.41%)	

The retail package store located at 426 Ragsdale Rd, Manchester, TN 37355 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One of the shareholders, James Morton, is buying all the shares from a current shareholder, John Riddle. 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. FULFILLMENT HOUSE MATTERS

**1. IMPACKFUL SOLUTIONS
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

Applicant: Impackful Solutions LLC
Members: Joseph Taber (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 2501 Stanley Gault Pkwy, Louisville, KY 40223. 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 Hamilton moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

6. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners the first 11 Winery Direct Shipper matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through the first 11 at once and approve them together.

**1. THE HILT ESTATE
LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Cool Hand Vineyards LLC
Members: Enos Kroenke (100%)
Brands: Jonata, The Hilt, The Paring

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2240 Santa Rosa Rd, Lompoc, TN 93436. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**2. MESSINA HOF WINE CELLARS, INC.
RICHMOND, TEXAS**

Applicant: Messina Hof Wine Cellars Inc.
Members: Paul Bonarrigo (100%)
Brands: Messina Hof Wine Cellars, Inc., Paulo

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 8921 Harlem Rd, Richmond, TX 77406. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**3. THREE LAKES WINERY
THREE LAKES, WISCONSIN**

Applicant: Fruit of the Woods Wine Cellar, Inc.
Members: Scott McCain (50%), Mark McCain (50%)
Brands: Three Lakes Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 6971 Gogebic St, Three Lakes, WI 54562. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**4. VIAGGIO ESTATE AND WINERY
ACAMPO, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Viaggio Inc
Members: Teri Lawrence (50%), Larry Lawrence (50%)
Brands: Viaggio Estate and Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 100 Taddei Rd, Acampo, CA 95220. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**5. JULIET WINE INCORPORATED
SANTA YNEZ, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Juliet Wine Incorporated
Members: Allison Luvera (50%), Lauren Pipher (50%)
Brands: Juliet

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2121 Alisos Rd, Santa Ynez, CA 93460. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**6. GALLEANO WINERY
JURUPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Galleano Winery Inc.
Members: Charlene Galleano (100%)
Brands: Galleano Winery Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4231 Wineville Ave, Jurupa Valley, CA 91752. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**7. THE CRANE ASSEMBLY
CALISTOGA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: TCA Acquisition LLC
Members: Vail Miller, Jr. (100%)
Brands: G.B. Crane Vineyard, Disciples, El Coco

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 965 Silverado Trl, Calistoga, CA 94515. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**8. HAWKS VIEW CELLARS
SHERWOOD, OREGON**

Applicant: HVC Limited Partnership
Members: Claudio A. Ponte Revocable Trust (6.1%)
Terri Kent Ponte Revocable Trust (7.6%)
Roberto Ponte (5.4%)
Valeria Bovinelli (9%)
Giulia Simoni (7.4%)
Gabriella Basso (5.2%)
Alessandra Basso de Cian (5.2%)
Renzo Basso (5.2%)
JRK Enterprise Inc. (7.7%)
The Mendoza Family Trust (7.7%)
Benson Dakota Trust, LLC (8.8%)
-other 24.7% among members with each holding less than 5% interest
Brands: Hawks View Winery Wine, Hawks View Cellars Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 20210 SW Conzelmann Rd, Sherwood, OR 97140. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**9. CONWAY FAMILY WINES
BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Conway Vineyards Inc
Members: Christopher Conway (5%), Thomas Conway (20%),
Gillian Conway (20%), John Conway (20%),
Ann Conway (5%), Gareth Conway (20%),
Sarah Conway Wood (10%)
Brands: Conway, Deep Sea, Rancho Arroyo Grande, Rescue Red

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 35 & 70 Industrial Way, Buellton, CA 93427. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**10. ZIALENA WINES
GEYSERVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: ML Wines LLC
Members: Lisa Mazzoni (50%), Mark Mazzoni (50%)
Brands: Zialena

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 21112 River Rd, Geyserville, CA 95441. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**11. FERREN WINES
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: TTTG Ventures LLC
Members: Matthew Courtney (100%)
Brands: Ferren

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 7011 Westside Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95446. 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 11 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of the 11 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**12. LOLA WINES
CALISTOGA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: LLV Wines LLC
Members: Seth Cripe (100%)
Brands: Lola, Brannan

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 916 Foothill Blvd, Calistoga, CA 94515. The TABC has reached out to the applicant on numerous occasions over the past several months about their incomplete application to no response. Because of applicant’s failure to respond, the TABC staff recommends denial of this winery direct shipper application.

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.

**13. CARTE BLANCHE WINE
NAPA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: WOLF INVESTMENTS, LLC
Members: Nicholas Allen (100%)
Brands: Carte Blanche

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1221 Duhig Rd, Napa, CA 94559. The information the applicant provided shows they do not meet the statutory requirements to hold this type of license. Because of this, the TABC staff recommends denial of this winery direct shipper application.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended denial of the application. Commissioner Tomita moved denial and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas went over a new Order of Delegation of Authority and then reminded everyone of legal considerations for prize giveaways and raffles.

- 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.

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, January 25 @ 1:00PM CST

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the December 2023 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 JANUARY 2024.



Commissioner



Director