

**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 25
1:00 p.m.**

The July 2024 meeting was held on July 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Commissioner Tomita and Commissioner Hamilton were present while Chairwoman Roberts appeared virtually 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 JUNE 27 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

**1. WINE BEER LIQUOR OF GERMANTOWN
GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Wine Beer Liquor of Germantown LLC
Interest Holders: Noel Elly, Diana Jada

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2026 West Street, Germantown, TN 38138. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton 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.



**2. HATCHIE SPIRITS
BOLIVAR, TENNESSEE (HARDEMAN COUNTY)**

Applicant: Kirat Inc.
Interest Holders: Daljit Singh, Ranjodh Singh

Current licensee: Hatchie Spirits, Inc. d/b/a Hatchie Spirits

Proposed licensee: Kirat Inc. d/b/a Hatchie Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 111 S Water Street, Bolivar, TN 38008. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Hatchie Spirits, Inc. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed upon closing
- b. bill of sale of business upon closing
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to deed upon closing, bill of sale, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to deed upon closing, bill of sale, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**3. VALLEY WINE & SPIRITS
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Lookout Liquors LLC
Interest Holders: Mehul Patel

Current licensee: ACME Liquors, Inc. d/b/a Valley Wine & Spirits

Proposed licensee: Lookout Liquors LLC d/b/a Valley Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3548 Cummings Highway, Chattanooga, TN 37419. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by ACME Liquors, Inc. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed upon closing
- b. bill of sale upon closing
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to deed upon closing, bill of sale, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to deed upon closing, bill of sale, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**4. FORT SANDERS LIQUOR
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)**

Applicant: SAMEERA3 LLC
Interest Holders: Sameera Jiwani, Sheazad Jiwani

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2126 Forest Avenue, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37916. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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



**5. 423 LIQUOR AND WINE
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: 423 Liquor, Inc.
Interest Holders: Brijesh Patel, Dillipkumar Patel

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 3973 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN 37415. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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



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

Applicant: Sisi Liquor and Wine LLC
Interest Holders: Sisay Befikadu

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 6031 Knight Arnold Road, Memphis, TN 38115. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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

**7. ADMIRAL WINE & SPIRITS
KNOXVILLE, TN (KNOX COUNTY)**

Applicant: Krimi Patel

Current licensee: Admiral Wine and Spirits LLC d/b/a Admiral Wine and Spirits

Proposed licensee: Krimi Patel d/b/a Admiral Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2081 Willow Loop Way, Knoxville, TN 37922. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Admiral Wine and Spirits LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. bill of sale upon closing
- b. deed upon closing
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to bill of sale, deed upon closing, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval subject to bill of sale, deed upon closing, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**8. WEST MAIN STREET LIQUORS
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Maria G. Rodriguez d/b/a West Main Street Liquors
Interest Holders: Maria G. Rodriguez

Current licensee: Jose Arredondo d/b/a West Main Street Liquors

Proposed licensee: Maria G. Rodriguez d/b/a West Main Street Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1326 W. Main Street, Franklin, TN 37064. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Jose Arredondo. The TABC staff recommends denial of this application.

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



3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

1. **LYNCHBURG DISTILLERY**
LYNCHBURG, TENNESSEE (MOORE COUNTY)

Applicant: Lynchburg Distillery, A Tucker-Manis Corporation

Interest Holders: Current

John Manis

Harold Tucker

Proposed

John Manis

Deadra Tucker

The manufacturer located at 30 Hiles Street, Lynchburg, TN 37352 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One current shareholder passed away and left their interest to their spouse. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.



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4. WINERY MATTERS

**1. LYNCHBURG WINERY
LYNCHBURG, TENNESSEE (MOORE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Tucker-Manis Corporation

Interest Holders: Current

John Manis

Harold Tucker

Proposed

John Manis

Deadra Tucker

The winery located at 30 Hiles Street, Lynchburg, TN 37352 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One current shareholder passed away and left their interest to their spouse. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

5. FULFILLMENT HOUSE MATTERS

1. BAIGI BROS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant: Biagi Bros. Inc

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a fulfillment house located at 466 Devlin Rd, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval of license 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: Assistant Director Thomas informed the Commissioners 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. BRECON ESTATE PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

Applicant: Brecon Estate Inc.
Interest Holders: Hackett Pacific Investments, Inc.
Brands: Brecon Estate

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 7450 Vineyard Dr, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



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**2. ROBERT HALL WINERY
PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: O'Neill Beverages Co. LLC
Interest Holders: THE JBO EXEMPT TRUST, THE KEO 2020 EXEMPT TRUST
Brands: Day Owl, Harken, Rabble, Robert Hall, Allegro, Cavern Select, Fitvine, Intercept, Xtant

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2975 Mitchell Ranch Way, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**3. HICKORY FARMS LLC
MADERA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Hickory Farms LLC
Interest Holders: Hickory Farms Holdings LLC
Brands: Aunar, Bell & Bough, Cheersi, Contollo, Generosity Cellars, Ilo, Sun Sol

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 21801 Avenue 16, Madera, CA 93637. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

**4. ROMBAUER VINEYARDS
PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Rombauer Vineyards, LLC
Interest Holders: Gary Holder
Brands: Rombauer

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 7450 Vineyard Dr, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the requests for 4 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval of the 4 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes



**5. DAOU VINEYARDS
PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: DAOU VINEYARDS LLC

Interest Holders: Current
Daniel Daou

Proposed
TREASURY WINE ESTATES AMERICAS COMPANY

The winery direct shipper located at 2777 Hidden Mountain, Paso Robles, CA 93446 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. The licensee will have a new 100% owner . The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell 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. LIMERICK LANE
HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Limerick Lane Cellars, Inc.

Interest Holders: Current
Jacob Bilbro

Proposed
Jacob Bilbro
Karen Francis

The winery direct shipper located at 1023 Limerick Ln, Healdsburg, CA 95448 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. The licensee will have a new owner with at least 5% interest. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.



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Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

**7. HIDDEN LEGEND WINERY
VICTOR, MONTANA**

Applicant: Good Foundations Inc

Interest Holders: Current

Joseph Schultz
Kenneth Schultz
Lisa Schultz
Patrick Schultz
Adam Smith

Proposed

Joseph Schultz
Kenneth Schultz
Lisa Schultz

The winery direct shipper located at 2777 Hidden Mountain, Paso Robles, CA 93446 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. Two interest holders are selling all of their shares to the other three current interest holders. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell 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. CALOR WINES
BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: Clayton Bruce Garland

Interest Holders: Clayton Garland, Kathleen Garland

Brands: Calor Wines

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 90 East Street, Buellton, CA 93427. The TABC staff recommends denial of this winery direct shipper application.



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

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

Applicant: Big West LLC
Interest Holders: Nicolas Donahue

Brands: Big West Syrah - Minetti Vineyard, Big West Syrah -,
Hallowed Stones Vineyard, Big West Clairette Blanche, Big
West Cabernet, Big West Sauvignon Blanc, Big West
Grenache Rose

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 7228 Magnolia Hills Dr, Nashville, TN 37221. The TABC staff recommends denial of this winery direct shipper application.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended denial of the application. Counsel on behalf of the applicant appeared stated they were continuing to work on the application. Commissioner Tomita moved to continue the matter to next month to resolve all questions and concerns and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**10. FLORA SPRINGS WINE COMPANY
ST. HELENA, CALIFORNIA**

Applicant: FLORA SPRINGS WINE COMPANY
Interest Holders: John Komes
Brands: Flora Springs

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1885 W Zinfandell Ln, St. Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends denial of this winery direct shipper application.

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended denial of the application. Counsel on behalf of the applicant appeared Commissioner Hamilton moved for denial and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Assistant Director Blackwell had no updates.

- 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, August 29 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, September 26 @ 1:00PM CST



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--Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the July 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 29th DAY OF AUGUST 2024.**

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Commissioner

A blue ink signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Renell F. Thomas', written over a horizontal line.

Director