



TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was held in Nashville, Tennessee on March 28, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. CST. Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Roberts were present and constituted a quorum. Chairman Skiles was absent; Commissioner Jones served as meeting Chairman. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff: Director Thomas, CLEO Tubbs, Commission Counsel Stepp, Commission Counsel Hollingshead-Cook, Nancy Townsend, Aaron Rummage, Scott Wolfe, and Nichelle Dorroh.

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 28, 2019, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Discussion/Action Taken: Commissioner Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting and the motion was seconded; the motion passed with two ayes.

2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. HIGHWAY 41 LIQUORS
CEDAR HILL (ROBERTSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Shanaya Inc.
Shareholder: Vishal Patel, 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store to be located at 6513 N. Highway 41, Cedar Hill, TN 37032. In November 2018 the City of Cedar Hill passed a referendum authorizing retail package stores. Arya Inc. is leasing the premises to the applicant. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas commented on the moratorium and noted there were a few applications on the agenda that were not subject to the moratorium. Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the certificate of occupancy, inspection, and the license fee. Attorney Danielle Elks was present on behalf of the applicant. Commissioner Roberts moved for conditional approval of the license subject to



receipt of the missing items and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

**2. NORTH END WINE & SPIRITS
SELMER, TENNESSEE (MCNAIRY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Micah Gray

Current: North End Wine & Spirits LLC (Rebecca Adkins, 100%)¹ d/b/a
North End Wine & Spirits

Proposed: Micah Gray d/b/a North End Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 403 Peach St., Selmer, TN 38375. The applicant is acquiring the package store and real property from the current owner.² The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to receipt of the following:

- a. ~~agent report (received)~~
- b. deed after closing
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the deed after closing and license fee. Director Thomas noted the agent report had been received. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to receipt of the missing items and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

**3. VOLUNTEER WINE AND SPIRITS
LIVINGSTON, TENNESSEE (OVERTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Volunteer Wine and Spirits, LLC

Member(s): Daniel Elder, 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 2734 Bradford Hicks Dr., Livingston, TN 38570. In June 2018 the Town of Livingston passed a referendum authorizing retail package stores. The applicant will lease the premises from landlords Randall Norris and

¹ License RTLRPS-MCN-1806481

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.



Bernice Norris. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. inspection which includes acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to the inspection and license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

4. RIVERSTONE WINE, SPIRITS AND BREW, LLC CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)

Applicant: Riverstone Wine, Spirits and Brew, LLC
Member(s): John Sheehan, Jr., 100%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store to be located at 157 Ocoee Crossing, Cleveland, TN 37312. In November 2018 the City of Cleveland passed a referendum authorizing retail package stores. John Sheehan Jr. owns the real property where the store will be located and is leasing the premises to the LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for conditional approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

5. RIDGEWAY LIQUORS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)

Applicant: Ridgeway Liquor's Inc.

The retail package store licensee doing business at 6205 Mount Moriah Extd. Road, Memphis, TN 38115 is requesting approval to expand its premises.³ The licensee intends to construct an addition to the existing building. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to receipt of the following:

³ License No. RTLRRS-SHE-1901288



- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the certificate of the occupancy and an inspection. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to receipt of the missing items and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

6. UPTOWN LIQUOR AND SMOKE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Uptown Liquor and Smoke, LLC

The retail package store licensee doing business at 3006 Dickerson Pike, Suite B, Nashville, TN 37207 is requesting approval to expand its premises.⁴ The licensee plans remove a wall between the existing premises and an adjacent suite to combine the spaces into one. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to receipt of the following:

- ~~a. certificate of occupancy (received)~~
- b. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to an inspection. Director Thomas noted the certificate of occupancy had been received. Commissioner Roberts moved conditional approval and the motion was seconded; the motion passed with two ayes.

7. DONELSON PIKE LIQUORS NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Kiran Sanjay Patel

The retail package store doing business at 519 Donelson Pike, Suite 101, Nashville, TN 37214 is requesting approval to expand its premises.⁵ The licensee intends to remove a wall between the existing space and an adjacent suite to combine the spaces. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to receipt of the following:

⁴ License No. RTLRPS-DAV-1906349

⁵ License No. RTLRPS-DAV-1904725



- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to a certificate of occupancy and inspection. Commissioner Roberts moved for conditional approval subject to receipt of the missing items and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

8. EASTSIDE LIQUORS LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE (MARSHALL COUNTY)

Applicant: Ambika Bhuvan Inc.
Shareholder(s): Mansiben Patel, 100%

Current: Tammy Derryberry d/b/a Eastside Liquors⁶
Proposed: Ambika Bhuvan 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 Sr., Lewisburg, TN 37091. The applicant is acquiring the package store and real property from the existing owner.⁷ The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to the following:

- a. deed after closing
- ~~b. agent report (received)~~
- c. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- d. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to deed after closing, inspection, and license fee. Director Thomas noted the agent report had been received. Commissioner Roberts moved for conditional approval subject to receipt of the missing items and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

3. WHOLESALE MATTERS

⁶ License No. RTLRPS-MSH-1817959

⁷ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**LINDA'S GOURMET TREATS
JOELTON, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Linda's Gourmet Treats LLC
Member: Linda Polk, 100%

This matter was continued from the February 28, 2019 meeting. At this time, the applicant is still not ready for inspection and the applicant has indicated changes to her original plan for the premises and business. The TABC staff requests the matter be continued until such time the staff determines the matter is ready to come back before the Commission.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas noted the item was continued from the previous month and requests the item be taken off the agenda. Commissioner Roberts moved to continue the matter of Linda's Gourmet Treats until it is ready to come back and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

4. WINERY MATTERS

**HORSESHOE BEND FARM WINES
CENTERVILLE, TENNESSEE (HICKMAN COUNTY)**

Applicant: Horseshoe Bend Farm Wines, LLC
Members: Ronald Thomason (50%) and Kimberly Thomason (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery licensee to be located at 1675 Mason Bates Bend Rd., Centerville, TN 37033. Ronald and Kim Thomason own the real property where the winery will be located and are leasing the premises to the LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to payment of the license fee.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for conditional approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

5. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

**1. 34 NORTH COCKTAIL CO.
NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**



Applicant: Wheeler's Raid Distillery, LLC
Member(s):

Before

Ryan Thomas, 50%
The Amico Irrevocable Trust⁸, 50%

After

Ryan Thomas, 42.515%
The Amico Irrevocable Trust, 42.515%
Brian Waller, 4.99%
Kevin Watts, 4.99%
Chris Guay, 4.99%

The manufacturer doing business at 2007 Johnson Industrial Blvd., Nolensville, TN 37135 is requesting approval of a change in ownership.⁹ Brian Waller, Kevin Watts, and Chris Guay are being added as owners. The TABC staff recommends approval of the changes.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of ownership changes. Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the changes and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

**2. QUEST BRANDS
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Keeper's Quest, Inc. (Lynn B. Kohl, 100%)

Keeper's Quest Inc. (license 171) is requesting approval to transfer its location from 4295 Cromwell Rd., Suite 421, Chattanooga, TN 37421 to 4295 Cromwell Rd., Suite 700, Chattanooga, TN 37421. The TABC staff recommends approval of the request.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the location change. Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the request and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

**3. D & S DISTILLER'S, LLC
SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)**

⁸ Lorraine Mineo is the Trustee of The Amico Irrevocable Trust.

⁹ License No. SUPMFR-WIL-1824317



Applicant: D & S Distiller's, LLC¹⁰
Current d/b/a name: D & S Distilling Company
Proposed d/b/a name: Lightseeker Distillery

The manufacturer doing business at 1610 Jenkins Rd., Sevierville, TN 37876 is requesting approval to change its d/b/a name. The TABC staff recommends approval of the request.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the d/b/a name change. Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the request and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- RLPS Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission on the status of RLPS and commented on the efforts to decrease system delays and noted the staff is working to make the user experience better and commented on the actions being taken.

- Law Enforcement Update

Discussion/Action Taken: CLEO Tubbs updated the Commission on law enforcement activities since the last meeting including updates on the number of inspections, citations, minor compliance checks and compliance rates, St. Patrick's day minor compliance checks and checks on IDs, criminal cases, seizures, undercover operations, internet sales enforcements, complaints, and training activity. A discussion was held on minor compliance rates and internet sales.

7. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 10:00 AM CST

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, April 23, 2019, at 10:00 AM CST

¹⁰ License No. SUPMFR-SEV-1901662



- The May, June, and July meetings were tentatively scheduled for the following dates:
 - o Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 1:30 PM CST (Tentative)
 - o Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 1:30 PM CST (Tentative)
 - o Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 1:30 PM CST (Tentative)

9. CONSIDERATION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission on the hiring search and interviews and Director Thomas recommended Tabatha Blackwell to be appointed as Assistant Director and spoke of Ms. Blackwell's background and experience. Commissioner Roberts and Commissioner Jones conducted an interview with Ms. Blackwell on the record. After the interview, Commissioner Roberts moved for Tabatha Blackwell to be the Assistant Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Commission beginning April 15, 2019 and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 23rd DAY OF APRIL 2019.



Commissioner



Director