

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

The April 2024 meeting was held on April 25, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Commissioner Tomita and Commissioner Hamilton were present. Chairwoman Roberts could not join the meeting via Microsoft Teams due to technical issues. 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. §8-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication.

1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 21 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. **CEDAR CHEST LIQUORS** SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE (HARDIN COUNTY)

Applicant:

YOGI 2024 INC

Member(s):

Varshaben Patel (100%)

Other interest holders: Ghanshyam Patel, Dilipkumar Patel, Savitaben Patel

Current licensee:

SAI LLC d/b/a CEDAR CHEST LIQUORS

Proposed licensee: YOGI 2024 INC d/b/a CEDAR CHEST LIQUORS

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1615 Wayne Rd, Savannah, TN 38372. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by SAI 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 to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

2. PRIME TIME LIQUORS PLEASANT VIEW, TENNESSEE (CHEATHAM COUNTY)

Applicant:

Prime Time Liquors LLC

Member(s):

Pinal Patel (100%)

Other interest holders: Sanket Patel

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 6895 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, TN 37146. 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 two ayes.

3. **JOLLY TIME LIQUOR & WINE** BRISTOL, TENNESSEE (SULLIVAN COUNTY)

Applicant:

HBJG LLC

Member(s):

James Gardner (100%)

Other interest holders: April Lingerfelt

Current licensee:

LINGERFELT INVESTMENTS LLC d/b/a Jolly Time

Proposed licensee: HBJG LLC d/b/a JOLLY TIME LIQUOR & WINE

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1500 King College Rd, Bristol, TN 37620. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by LINGERFELT INVESTMENTS 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 to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

4. **SOUTHSIDE WINE & SPIRITS CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant:

SOUTHSIDE WINE & SPIRITS LLC

Member(s):

Tithi Patel (100%)

Other interest holders: Jaymin Patel

Current licensee:

VHS Partnership d/b/a Southside Liquor & Wine

Proposed licensee: SOUTHSIDE WINE & SPIRITS LLC d/b/a

SOUTHSIDE WINE & SPIRITS

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1450 SE Fritz St, Cleveland, TN 37323. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by VHS Partnership. 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 two ayes.



5. **BIG STEVE BEVERAGES** LORETTO, TENNESSEE (LAWRENCE COUNTY)

Applicant:

Sri Gajanan LLC

Member(s):

Kiran Patel (100%)

Other interest holders: Neha Patel

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 119 S Military St, Loretto, TN 38469. 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 two ayes.

6. TIMS FORD LIQUOR AND WINE WINCHESTER, TENNESSEE (FRANKLIN COUNTY)

Applicant:

Omsai845 Corporation

Member(s):

Maheshkumar Patel (100%)

Current licensee:

Linda S. Patton d/b/a Tims Ford Package Store

Proposed licensee: Omsai845 Corporation d/b/a Tims Ford Liquor and Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 845 S College St, Winchester, TN 37398. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Linda S. Patton. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

inspection a۰

b. agent review

license fee C.



<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: 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 two ayes.

7. AMERICAN LIQUORS CO MADISON, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

American Liquors Co

Member(s):

Mores Awad (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1106 S Gallatin Pike, Madison, TN 37115. 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 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 two ayes.



8. **VINE & BARREL HIXSON, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant:

VNB Corporation

Member(s):

Amit Patel (100%)

Current licensee:

Vine & Barrel LLC d/b/a Vine & Barrel

Proposed licensee: VNB Corporation d/b/a Vine & Barrel

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 5506 Hixson Pike, Hixson, TN 37343. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Vine & Barrel LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

deed after closing a.

b. lease

C. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to deed after closing, lease, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to deed after closing, lease, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



9. WARRIOR WINE AND SPIRITS MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant:

GAYATRI PARTNERS, LLC

Shareholders:

Current

Proposed

Dharmesh Patel (40%)

Dharmesh Patel (10%)

Mahendra Patel (30%)

Mahendra Patel (30%)

Mit Patel (30%)

Vastalkumar Patel (60%)

The retail package store located at 1433 Warrior Dr, Suite F-G-H, Murfreesboro, TN 37128 is requesting approval for a change in ownership. One current shareholder is selling their interests to a new shareholder with changes in percentages being made to another current shareholder as a result. 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 two ayes.

10. HALL OF FAME WINE & SPIRITS KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)

Applicant:

Hall of Fame Group, LLC

Member(s):

Meghna Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 742 N Hall of Fame Drive, Knoxville, TN 37917. The TABC staff recommends denial of this application.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas recommended continuing the matter to the May 2024 meeting since the applicant has retained counsel that is working on the retail package store application. Commissioner Hamilton moved to continue the matter to the May 2024 meeting and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



3. MAUFACTURER MATTERS

1. COPPERHILL BREWERY COPPERHILL, TENNESSEE (POLK COUNTY)

Applicant:

Copper Basin Enterprises LLC

Members:

Sarah Berry (45%), Colleen Fults (45%),

Scott Berry (5%), Randy Fults (5%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer located at 105 Ocoee St, Copperhill, TN 37317. 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 two ayes.

2. MOUNTAIN CUT DISTILLERY SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant:

Outlaw Tennessee Distillery LLC

Members:

Four Three Two One LLC (33.3%),

Rolling Bubbles LLC (33.3%), ShineOn LLC (33.3%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer located at 2270 Two Rivers Blvd, Suite 100, Sevierville, TN 37876. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. inspection

b. certificate of occupancy

c. license fee



<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas recommended continuing the matter since counsel for the applicant said construction is not as far as long as they were told. Commissioner Hamilton moved to continue the matter and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

4. WINERY MATTERS

1. WOODFEATHER FARMS LEWISBURG, TENNESSEE (MARSHALL COUNTY)

Applicant:

Woodfeather Farm LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery located at 3595 Clark Rd, Lewisburg, TN 37091. 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 two ayes.

2. OLD MOUNTAIN WINE COMPANY GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant:

Southeastern Wines and Ciders LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery located at 1133 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. license fee



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

5. SATELLITE FACILITY MATTERS

1. SMOKIN BANJO GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant:

Southeastern Wines and Ciders LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a satellite facility to be located at 631 Parkway, Suite B-1, Gatlinburg, TN 37738. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the satellite facility subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. license fee

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: 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 two ayes.

6. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas informed the Commissioners the first 16 Winery Direct Shipper matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through all 16 at once and approve them together.



1. J.A. IMPORTS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

J.A. Imports LLC

Members:

J.A. Imports LLC (100%)

Brands:

Atico, Cape, Ibex, Luz Maria, Spit-Faced, Suikerbos

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 520 Airpark Rd, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

2. GRASSINI FAMILY VINEYARDS SANTA YNEZ, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Grassini Family Vineyards LLC

Members:

Lawrence Grassini (100%)

Brands:

Grassini Family Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 5775 Genuine Risk Rd, Santa Ynez, CA 93460. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

3. WINES THAT ROCK KING CITY, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Spirits That Rock Inc.

Members:

William Zysblat (100%)

Brands:

Elivs Presley Wines, Rose Vine Cellars, Star Trek Wines,

Tetris, Chateau Picard, Special Reserve

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1010 Industrial Way, King City, CA 93930. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



4. STARFIELD VINEYARDS PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Starfield Vineyards, LLC

Members:

Thomas Sinton (50%), Robert Sinton (50%)

Brands:

Starfield Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2750 Jacquier Rd, Placerville, CA 95667. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

5. NALLE WINERY HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Nalle Winery, Inc.

Members:

Andrew Nalle (100%)

Brands:

Nalle Winery

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2383 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

6. MATTHEW WALLACE WINES SAINT HELENA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Locoallomi Inc

Members:

Matthew Hardin (100%)

Brands:

Matthew Wallace Wines

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3730 Silverado Trl, Saint Helena, CA 94574. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



7. VEGA VINEYARD & FARM BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Vega Vineyard and Farm LLC

Members:

Demetrios Loizides (50%), Karen Loizides (50%)

Brands:

Vega Wineyard & Farm

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 9496 Santa Rosa, Buellton, CA 93427. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>

8. ZENAIDA CELLARS PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Wine Opco I LLC

Members:

Robert Lotierzo (20%), Anthony Versochi (40%),

Peter Twiss (40%)

Brands:

Zenaida Cellars

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1550 W Highway 46, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

9. E. & J. GALLO WINERY PASO ROBLES, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

E. & J. Gallo Winery

Members:

Dry Creek Corporation (100%)

Brands:

Denner Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 5414 Vineyard Dr, Paso Robles, CA 93446. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



10. ROBERT RENZONI VINEYARDS TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Renzoni Vineyards Inc.

Members:

Robert Renzoni (81%), Jeffrey Renzoni (19%)

Brands:

Robert Renzoni Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 37350 De Portola Rd, Temecula, CA 92592. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

11. TREFETHEN FAMILY VINEYARDS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Trefethen Family Holdings, LLC

Members:

Trefethen Family Holdings, LLC (100%)

Brands:

Sin, Trefethen Family Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1160 Oak Knoll Ave, Napa, CA 94558. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>

12. ISENHOWER CELLARS WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Applicant:

Isenhower Cellars LLC

Members:

Isenhower Cellars LLC (100%)

Brands:

Isenhower

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3471 Pranger Rd, Walla Walla, Washington 99362. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



13. GAIL WINES WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON

Applicant:

D.O.B. Wine Company LLC

Members:

FAUCET, LLC (100%)

Brands:

Gail Wines, Faucet, Where With All

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1700 Moon Mountain Rd, Sonoma, CA 95476. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

14. NO LOVE LOST NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

No Love Lost Inc.

Members:

Justin Nunez (52.5%), Adam Kidan (40%)

Michael Barley (7.5%)

Brands:

No Love Lost

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 5225 Solano Ave, Napa, CA 94558. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

15. CARTE BLANCHE 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. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>



16. DONATI FAMILY VINEYARD TEMPLETON, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Donati Family Vineyard Inc.

Members:

Ronald Donati (80%), Mark Donati (20%)

Brands:

Donati Family Vineyards

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2720 Oak View Rd, Templeton, CA 93465. 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 16 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval of the 16 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

17. KEUKA SPRING VINEYARDS PENN YAN, NEW YORK

Applicant:

KEUKA SPRING VINEYARDS LLC

Shareholders:

Current

KSV and Wiltbergers (100%)

Proposed

Vine Capitol Group, LLC (100%)

The winery direct shipper located at 243 RT 54 East Lake Rd, Penn Yan, NY 14527 requesting approval for a change in ownership. An LLC will be the new 100% shareholder of the license. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the change in ownership. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.



18. RAPPAHANNOCK CELLARS HUNTLY, VIRGINIA

Applicant:

Cana Cellars, Inc. LLC

Shareholders:

Current

John Delmare (100%)

Proposed

John Delmare (36%)

John D. Delmare, Sr. Revocable Trust, John D. Delmare, Sr. &

Marialisa Delmare Trustees (36%)

Teresa Delmare (3%)

Marialisa Delmare (45%)

Daniel Mode (13%)

The winery direct shipper located at 14437 Hume Rd, Huntly, VA 22640 requesting approval for a change in ownership. The licensee is adding four new 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 of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

19. PATLAND VINEYARDS NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

PATLAND ESTATE VINEYARDS LLC

Members:

Henry Patland (50%), Olga Patland (50%)

Brands:

Patland Estate

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2275 Soda Canyon Rd, Napa, CA 94558. <u>The TABC staff recommends denial of this winery direct shipper application.</u>



<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Director Thomas recommended continuing the matter to the May 2024 meeting to allow the applicant time to respond to our agency's requests to complete the application. Commissioner Hamilton moved to continue the matter to May 2024 meeting and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with two ayes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Director Thomas updated the Commissioners on a handful of things happening around the agency.

- Law Enforcement Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> 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, May 30 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, June 27 @ 1:00PM CST

Commissioner Tomita made a motion to adjourn the April 2024 Commission Meeting 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 30th DAY OF MAY 2024.

Commissioner

Ashley H. Jonet

Director

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