



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018**  
**10:00 a.m.**

The October meeting of the Tennessee Alcoholic Beverage Commission was held on October 23, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Skiles, Commissioner Jones, and Commissioner Roberts were present. In attendance on behalf of staff were the following: Zack Blair, Commission Counsel Stepp, CLEO Tubbs, Christopher Dowell, Nancy Townsend, and Nichelle Dorroh.

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**1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2018, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Commissioner Jones motioned for the minutes to be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and it passed with three ayes.

**2. RETAIL MATTERS**

**1. SPIRITS UNLIMITED  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Yala Investments Corp.  
Shareholder(s): John Shikhule, 100%

Current licensee: Edward Dong Kang d/b/a Spirits Unlimited (license no. RTLRPS-SHE-1818420)  
Proposed licensee: Yala Investments Corp. d/b/a Spirits Unlimited

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3024 Covington Pike, Suite 1, Memphis, TN 38128. The applicant is acquiring the existing retail package store at this location<sup>1</sup> and will lease the premises from the landlord B&R Properties-Memphis, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of this request subject to receipt of the following items:

- a. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair reviewed the matter to the Commission and recommended conditional approval of the acquisition

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



subject to receipt of the license fee. Commissioner Jones moved for approval subject to receipt of the items as stated. The motion was seconded and it passed with three ayes.

## **2. HILLTOP WINES & SPIRITS (LICENSE NO. 3350) OAKLAND, TENNESSEE (FAYETTE COUNTY)**

Applicant: W & E Enterprises, LLC

Member(s):	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Justin Walls, 100%	Justin Walls, 1%
		Megan Walls, 99%

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a change in LLC members and membership interest in W&E Enterprises, LLC, the retail package store licensee operating at 7034 Highway 64, Oakland, TN 38060. Justin Walls transferred 99% of the LLC membership interest to spouse, Megan Walls. The TABC staff recommends approval of the request.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair reviewed the matter to the Commission and recommended approval of the request. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval of the request and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **3. WINERY MATTERS**

### **PARIS WINERY PARIS, TENNESSEE (HENRY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Paris Winery Inc.  
Shareholder(s): Lisa Ciarrocchi (50%) and Roger Ciarrocchi (50%)

Paris Winery Inc. (W-53) is requesting approval of the issuance of a satellite facility permit<sup>2</sup> at 2982 Harvey Bowden Rd., Paris, TN 38242. This location is currently the location of the winery; however, the licensee received conditional approval in September to relocate the winery to Cookeville, Tennessee.<sup>3</sup> Upon relocation of the winery to Cookeville, this Paris, TN location will become its

<sup>2</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 57-3-207(r)(2) provides in part: "At its satellite facilities, the winery may conduct any business that is authorized at the licensed winery, except for the manufacturing and bottling of wine."

<sup>3</sup> Paris Winery Inc. was conditionally approved in September 2018 to relocate the winery from 2982 Harvey Bowden Rd., Paris, TN to 701 East Spring St., Cookeville, TN.



satellite facility. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to the following:

- a. ~~relocation of winery to Cookeville~~
- b. ~~inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations~~
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair reviewed the matter to the Commission and noted that conditional items (a) and (b) were satisfied. Mr. Blair recommended conditional approval of the request subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts motioned for conditional approval subject to receipt of the missing items. The motion was seconded and it passed with three ayes.

#### 4. DISTILLERY/BREWERY MATTERS

##### 1. CORSAIR ARTISAN (LICENSE NO. 120) NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Applicant:	Corsair Artisan, LLC	
Member(s):	<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
	Andrew Webber, 35.5%	Andrew Webber, 16.96%
	Darek Bell, 55.5%	Darek Bell, 74.04%
	Amy Bell, 9%	Amy Bell, 9%

Manufacturer licensee no. 120 operating at 601 Merritt Avenue, Nashville, TN is requesting approval for changes in the ownership interest of current LLC members. The TABC staff recommends approval of the request.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair recommended approval of the request and recommended approval of the ownership change. Commissioner Jones moved for approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

##### 2. CORSAIR ARTISAN (LICENSE NO. 6) NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:	Corsair Artisan, LLC	
Member(s):	<u>Before</u>	<u>After</u>
	Andrew Webber, 35.5%	Andrew Webber, 16.96%
	Darek Bell, 55.5%	Darek Bell, 74.04%
	Amy Bell, 9%	Amy Bell, 9%



Manufacturer licensee no. 6 operating at 1200 Clinton Street #110, Nashville, TN 37203 is requesting approval for changes in the ownership interest of current LLC members. The TABC staff recommends approval of the request.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair reviewed the matter to the Commission and recommended approval of the request. Commissioner Jones moved for approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 3. B.R. DISTILLING COMPANY MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)

Applicant: Big River Distilling Company, LLC (license no. 114)

D/b/a name: Big River Distilling Company, LLC

New d/b/a name: B.R. Distilling Company

Big River Distilling Company, LLC, a manufacturer operating at 802 Royal Avenue, Memphis, TN 38107, is requesting to change its d/b/a name to B.R. Distilling Company. The TABC staff recommends approval of the request.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair reviewed the request to the Commission and recommended approval. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 4. SOUTHERN GRIST BREWING COMPANY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Southern Grist Brewing Company, LLC

Owners: Jamie Lee, 30.625%

Kevin Antoon, 35%

Jared Welch, 21.875%

Chris Barbin, 12.5%

Before the Commission is a request for licensing of a manufacturer at 5012 Centennial Blvd., Nashville, TN 37209. Southern Grist Brewing Company is an existing brewery and is seeking licensure from the TABC to manufacture beer having an alcoholic content of more than eight-percent (8%) by weight. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the request subject to receipt of the following items:



- a. deed (received)
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair reviewed the matter to the Commission and noted conditional item (a) had been satisfied. Mr. Blair recommended conditional approval subject to the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to receipt of the license fee. The motion was approved with three ayes.

## 5. MISCELLANEOUS

### - RLPS Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blair updated the Commission on licenses and inspections processed in the RLPS system.

Chairman Skiles then commented on the vacancy at the Executive Director position. A discussion was held and Commissioner Jones and the comments included comments that the agency work with DOHR in terms of compensation regarding the interim position. Commissioner Jones moved to appoint Asst. Director Zack Blair as the Interim Director of the TABC. The motion was seconded and it passed with three ayes. Interim Director Blair addressed the commission and thanked the Commission for the opportunity.

Chairman Skiles then commented on the vacancy and directed staff to work with TABC HR Manager, Donna Bryan, to put out a release regarding the vacancy and begin taking applications for the Executive Director position. Chairman Skiles commented that the applications should be submitted by noon on November 14, 2018.

6. **NEXT MEETING** – November 15th (Thursday) 2018, at 10:00 AM CST

## 7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- November 15th (Thursday) 2018, at 10:00 AM CST
- December 18th (Tuesday) 2018, at 10.00 AM CST
- January 2019

### **Discussion/Action Taken:**

The January meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2019, at 10:00 am.



A discussion was held concerning the conference room and Interim Director Blair noted that the staff would look into leasing the space and would have an update for the Commission by the December meeting.

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC  
BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.**

  
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Commissioner

  
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Zack Blair, Interim Director