

### **TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION MINUTES THURSDAY. SEPTEMBER 22**

1:00 p.m.

The September 2022 meeting was held on September 22, 2022 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 Mercurio, Legislation, Policy and Communication Director Aaron Rummage 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 AUGUST 29 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

#### 2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. **CROCKER'S WINE & SPIRITS** CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

Applicant:

**AKR LLC** 

Member(s):

William Russell (100%)

Current licensee:

Tim W Crocker d/b/a Crocker's Fine Wine and Liquor

Proposed licensee: AKR LLC d/b/a Crocker's Wine and Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 224 Dover Rd, Clarksville, TN 37042. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee, Tim W Crocker. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- certificate of occupancy a.
- b. inspection
- agent report c.
- d. license fee



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

#### 2. PHAROAHS LIQUOR NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Pharoahs Liquor Store, LLC

Member(s):

Hosam Gawargi (50%), George Hanna (50%)

Current licensee:

Uncle Koto Liquor Store d/b/a Uncle Koto Liquor Store

Proposed licensee: Pharoahs Liquor Store, LLC d/b/a Pharoahs Liquor

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 4035 Nolensville Pike, Nashville, TN 37211. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Uncle Koto Liquor Store. 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 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.

#### 3. **12 AND PINE** NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

KMM Holdings LLC

Member(s):

HANI BUSHRA (100%)

Current licensee:

Vinspiration Holdings, LLC d/b/a

12th and Pine Beverage Company

Proposed licensee: KMM Holdings LLC d/b/a 12 AND PINE



Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 315 12th Ave, Nashville, TN 37203. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Vinspiration Holdings, LLC. 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 subject to payment of the license fee. Assistant Director Blackwell also mentioned that the applicant's wife is a teacher's assistant with Metro, who would have to resign for this application to be approved. Danielle Elks, counsel for the applicant, requested an exception from the Commission because of the wife's 20+ year work in the school system and for Metro currently having trouble filling vacancies for schools. Danielle Elks said the applicant's wife is prepared to resign if the Commission says she must. Commissioner Roberts did not feel comfortable making an exception, stating the applicant's wife must resign or the application will be denied. Commissioner Tomita understood the situation but said they must follow the law. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to payment of the license fee along with a signed and submitted letter from the employer confirming the resignation of the applicant's wife from the school system and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 4. GALLATIN LIQUOR STORE **GALLATIN, TENNESSEE (SUMNER COUNTY)**

Applicant:

PWS 2, LLC

Member(s):

Kenneth Powers (50%), Randall Hoffman (50%)

Current licensee:

Gallatin Liquor Store d/b/a Gallatin Liquor Store

Proposed licensee: PWS 2, LLC d/b/a Gallatin Liquor Store

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 132 N Locust Ave, Gallatin, TN 37066. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Gallatin Liquor Store. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject <u>to:</u>



a. inspection

b. agent report

license fee c.

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

#### 5. MADISON BEVERAGE WAREHOUSE MADISON, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Davidson Inc

Member(s):

Naranbhai Patel (100%)

Current licensee:

Liberty Liquors LLC d/b/a Madison Beverage Warehouse

Proposed licensee: Davidson Inc d/b/a Madison Beverage Warehouse

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 131 S Gallatin Pike, Madison, TN 37115. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Liberty Liquors LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- inspection a.
- agent report b.
- license fee C.

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



# 6. NEW DAY HOPE LIQUOR, WINE & BEER MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant:

New Day Hope, Inc.

Member(s):

Hala Pasta (100%)

Current licensee:

Beer and Liquor Depot, LLC d/b/a Beer and Liquor Depot

Proposed licensee:

New Day Hope, Inc. d/b/a

New Day Hope Liquor, Wine & Beer

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2002 E Main St, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Beer and Liquor Depot, LLC. 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 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.

# 7. MURFREESBORO WINE & SPIRITS MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)

Applicant:

VETERANS WINE AND SPIRIT, INC

Member(s):

Manish Patel (50%), Ishwarlal Patel (50%)

Current licensee:

Murfreesboro Wine and Spirits, LLC

d/b/a Murfreesboro Wine and Spirits

Proposed licensee:

VETERANS WINE AND SPIRIT, INC d/b/a

Murfreesboro Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3016 S Church St, Murfreesboro, TN 37127. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Murfreesboro Wine and Spirits, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:



a. certificate of occupancy

b. inspection

c. agent review

d. license fee

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

## 8. HARPETH LIQUOR KINGSTON SPRINGS, TENNESSEE (CHEATHAM COUNTY)

Applicant:

Sahasra Inc

Member(s):

Sachin Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 121 Luyben Hills Rd, Unit B, Kingston Springs, TN 37082. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. inspection
- c. agent review
- d. license fee

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



#### 9. J AND J TOBACCO DOCK **TIPTONVILLE, TENNESSEE (LAKE COUNTY)**

Applicant:

| and | Tobacco Dock LLC

Member(s):

Jereme Hubble (50%), Macky Wilson (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 330 S Carl Perkins Parkway Hwy, Tiptonville, TN 38079. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

a. agent review

b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken**: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to agent review and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to agent review and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 10. **R & B LIQUORS**

### NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

NOLENSVILLE LIQUORS, INC

Member(s):

Bhumika Patel (100%)

Current licensee:

Ashneha, LLC d/b/a R & B Liquors

Proposed licensee: NOLENSVILLE LIQUORS, INC

d/b/a R & B Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 7175 Nolensville Rd, Unit 106, Nolensville, TN 37135. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Ashneha, LLC. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.



<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

## 11. RICKHOUSE WINE & SPIRITS BURNS, TENNESSEE (DICKSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Rickhouse Wine & Spirits, Inc.

Member(s):

Randall Hogin (50%), Gregory Hogin (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for an extension of this retail package store licensee to be located at 2105 Highway 96, Suite A, Burns, TN 37029. Originally approved at the October 2021 Commission Meeting, the applicant has run into issues with construction.

**Discussion/Action Taken**: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended a six-month extension request. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of a six-month extension and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## 12. STOP 4 LIQUOR LEBANON, TENNESSEE (WILSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

For Us Two, Inc.

Member(s):

Jimmy Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for an extension of this retail package store licensee to be located at 1233 S Hartmann Dr, Lebanon, TN 37090. Originally approved at the October 2021 Commission Meeting, the applicant has run into issues with construction.

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended a six-month extension request. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of a six-month extension and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



## 13. DISCOUNT TOPSHELF LIQUORS SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE (ROBERTSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

PRINCE INC

Member(s):

Jay Patel (75%), Jayantilal Patel (25%)

Before the Commission is a request for an extension of this retail package store licensee to be located at 1704 Memorial Blvd, Springfield, TN 37172. Originally approved at the January 2022 Commission Meeting, the applicant is nearing completion of the store.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the request and recommended a six-month extension request. Commissioner Hamilton moved approval of a six-month extension and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 3. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

# 1. BOTTLERS COMPANY INTERNATIONAL MORRISON, TENNESSEE (WARREN COUNTY)

Applicant:

Bottlers Company International, LLC

Members:

Jennifer Khazanov (75%), Michael Collins (25%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 1287 Mt. View Industrial Dr, Morrison, TN 37357. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:

a. inspection

b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell 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. COMPANY DISTILLING MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE (BLOUNT COUNTY)

Applicant:

Tri Star Spirits, LLC

Members:

Kristopher Tatum (30%), Kevin Clayton (30%),

Jeffrey Arnett (25%), Corey Clayton (10%),

Heath Clark (5%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 1716 Henry G. Lane St, Maryville, TN 37801. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:</u>

a. inspection

b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

#### 4. WHOLESALER MATTERS

## 1. LIPMAN BROTHERS CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)

Applicant:

Lipman Brothers, LLC

Members:

RSL Holdings, Inc. (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler located at 5715 Uptain Rd, Suite 6000, Chattanooga, TN 37411. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler subject to payment of the license fee.



<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: Assistant Director Blackwell 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. BRIO BRANDS CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)

Applicant:

**Brio Brands LLC** 

Members:

Joe Griffin (50%), Ryan Kohl (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler located at 1600 E Main St, Chattanooga, TN 37404. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken**: Assistant Director Blackwell 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.

#### 5. DELIVERY SERVICE MATTERS

# 1. GO PUFF NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant:

GB LL Holdings LLC

The delivery service located at 801 Vine St, Nashville, TN 37203 is requesting approval of change in ownership. While there is a new parent company, there are no new ultimate individual owners. 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. WINERY DIRECT SHIPPER MATTERS

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell informed the Commissioners that all 9 Winery Direct Shipper matters are all being recommended conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee. The Commissioners agreed to go through all 9 at once and approve them together.

### 1. HALLECK VINEYARD SEBASTOPOL, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Halleck Vineyard, LLC

Members:

Ross Halleck (58%), Jennifer Halleck (42%)

Brands:

Halleck Vineyard

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 2064 N Gravenstein Hwy, Suite 120, Sebastopol, CA 95472. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

## 2. ROY ESTATE NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

**ROY ESTATE WINES LLC** 

Members:

Stephanie Cretier (100%)

**Brands:** 

Roy Estate

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 4326 Big Ranch Rd, Napa, CA 94558. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>



## 3. F. TELDESCHI WINERY HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

F. Teldeschi Winery

Members:

Dan Teldeschi (100%)

Brands:

Teldeschi

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 3555 Dry Creek Rd, Healdsburg, CA 95448. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

## 4. WILLIAMSON WINES HEALDSBURG, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Williamson, William James

Members:

William Williamson (100%)

Brands:

Williamson Wines, Tango Malbec 2012, Elate Grange Cuvee 2012, Perky Petit Verdot 2012, Enchant Trinity 2012, Passion Pinot Noir 2013, Sultry Cabernet Franc 2012, Caress Cuvee Blanc 2013, Heritage Shiraz 2012, Sovereign Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, 2014 Chardonnay, Fizz Sparkling Wine, Stagecoach Cabernet Sauvignon 2013, Cherish Melange 2014, Ingenue Cabernet Sauvignon 2014, Scandal Zinfandel 2015, Intrigue Melange 2014, Mary Doyle Reserve Red Wine 2014, Bubbles Sparkling Malbec 2016, Bliss Sparkling Shiraz, Harmony Red Wine 2016, Impulse Cabernet Sauvignon

2016, Interlude Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Gertie Gewurztraminer 2018, Frolic Viognier 2018, Relish Roussanne 2018, Adore Rose Wine 2018, Tickled Pink Rose Wine 2018, Seduce Cabernet Sauvignon 2017, Entice

2016, Inspire Cabernet Sauvignon 2016, Ravish Melange

Cuvee Red Wine 2018, Amuse Melange 2017, Folly

Melange 2017, Arouse Melange 2017, Tantalize Melange 2017, Allure Meritage 2017, Clarissa Vin Rouge 2017, Rapture Pinot Noir 2018, Frisky Riesling 2020, Frivolous Rose Wine 2019, Desire Rose Wine 2019, Joy Sauvignon

Blanc 2011



Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 499 Moore Ln, Healdsburg, CA 95448. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>

### 5. SIX SIGMA WINERY LOWER LAKE, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Six Sigma Winery, LLC

Members:

Kaj Ahlmann (26%), Else Ahlmann (26%),

Christian Ahlmann (12%), Michael Ahlmann (12%), Marianna Ahlmann (12%), Annette Ahlmann (12%)

Brands:

Six Sigma Winery, SAUVIGNON BLANC, MERLOT, PINOT

NOIR 2016, CABERNET Sauvignon, CHRISTIAN RESERVE,

**CUVEE ANNETTE, MARIANNE RESERVE SYRAH** 

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 13372 Spruce Grove Rd, Lower Lake, CA 95457. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.

### 6. ANTICA TERRA, LILLIAN, THE GLORIES DUNDEE, OREGON

Applicant:

MAKK WINE LLC

Members:

Maggie Harrison (10%), Scott Alderson (30%),

Michael Kramer (30%), John Mavredakis (30%)

**Brands:** 

Antica Terra, Lillian, The Glories

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 979 SW Alder St, Dundee, OR 97115. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.



## 7. PURECRU WINES NAPA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

Bart Enterprises Incorporated

Members:

Natalie Woods (100%)

Brands:

pureCru Wines

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 6015 Steele Canyon Rd, Suite A, Napa, CA 94558. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license</u> fee.

### 8. SWITCHBACK RIDGE CALISTOGA, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

J. Peterson Family Wine Company LLC

Members:

Kelly Peterson-Holmes (72.5%), Raymond Holmes (22.5%),

Ashley Peterson (5%)

Brands:

Switchback Ridge

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a direct shipper located at 1251 Tubbs Ln, Calistoga, CA 94515. <u>The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the direct shipper subject to payment of the license fee.</u>



### 9. WINC BUELLTON, CALIFORNIA

Applicant:

**BWSC LLC** 

Officer:

Matthew Thelen (100%)

Brands:

CAPE ROUTE, CAPELA DE STA. MARGARIDA, CHATEAU DE LAGARDE, CHERRIES & RAINBOWS, COCOMERO, COPYCAT, DÉCLASSÉ, DEBTS & LESSONS, DENIM, ELODIE, EMU IN THE SKY, ENDGAME, EPLEVIN, EPLEVIN HOPPED, EXPRESSION, INVOKE, KEEP IT CHILL, KIN & COUNTRY, KOZ, L'ATELIER DU SUD, LA JOLY, LEAP YEAR, LES BOBOS, LES HAUTS DE LAGARDE, LOST POET, MAISON MATRONA, MERCANA, NINA BONITA, OBJET D'ART, PACIFICANA, PALOMA ROSE, PASSAROLA,

PIZZOLATO FIELDS, PIZZOLATO, POINT DE PASSAGE, PORTER & PLOT, PREGAME, PRETTY YOUNG THING, PRISMUS, RESTLESS EARTH, ROGUE ADMIRALS, ROME OF THE NORTH, ROSA OBSCURA, ROSSO CONVENTO, RUZA, SAUVETAGE, SISTER SNAKE, SO PURE, SO THIS HAPPENED, SOFOS, SPARTICO,

STEFANY, SUMMER WATER, SUPERCLUSTER, TARANTAS, TEMPO VERO, THE BLUFFER, THE INDEPENDENT, UNDERCARD, VERTVS, VINGT DIEUX, VINYASA, WALL OF SOUND, WKND, WONDERFUL WINE CO., WONDERS, YE-YE, Yé-Yé, ZWICKER, En Memoire du

Malbec

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.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Assistant Director Blackwell summarized the requests for all 9 matters and recommended conditional approval of all of them subject to payment of the license fees. Commissioner Tomita moved approval of all 9 winery direct shipper matters subject to payment of the license fees and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



#### 7. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken:</u> Assistant Director Blackwell had no updates for the Commission.

- Law Enforcement Update

<u>Discussion/Action Taken</u>: CLEO Tubbs updated the Commission on enforcement activity since the last meeting 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, October 27 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, November 17 @ 1:00PM CST
- Wednesday, December 14 @ 1:00PM CST

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022.

Commissioner

Director