



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
AGENDA MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
1:00 p.m.**

The August 2020 meeting was held on August 27, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairman Skiles, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Tomita were present. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff were the following: Director Thomas, Assistant Director Blackwell, Commission Counsel Mercurio, Commission Counsel Connor, CLEO Tubbs, and Deputy Chief Brent Clayton.

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 JULY 23, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners, with Commissioner Roberts moving to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

2. RETAIL MATTERS

**1. SHARPS PACKAGE STORE
TAZEWELL, TENNESSEE (CLAIBORNE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Sharps Package Store, Inc.
Member(s): Robert Yearly (50%), Karen Yearly (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1451 North Broad St., Tazewell, TN 37879. 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 three ayes.



**2. WAREHOUSE LIQUORS
SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE (ROBERTSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: MSM 1, INC.
Shareholders: Current Proposed
Vishnubhai Patel (60%) Vishnubhai Patel (70%)
Naranbhai Patel (25%) Naranbhai Patel (30%)
Bharatkumar Patel (15%)

The retail package store doing business at 1000 S Brown St., Springfield, TN 37172 is requesting approval of change in ownership. Bharatkumar Patel is selling his ownership interest to the other two current 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 Roberts moved approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. MOFFITT'S WINE & SPIRITS
MILAN, TENNESSEE (GIBSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Moffitt's Wine and Spirits, Inc (Vincent Floyd, 100%)

Current location: 1023 SW Front St., Milan, TN 38358
New location: 1067 N 1st St., Milan, TN 38358

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-GIB-1809599 located at 1023 SW Front St., Milan, TN 38358 is requesting a change in location. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in location.

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



**4. MILLINGTON LIQUOR STORE
MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: U & J INC.

Current location: 5073 Navy Rd., Millington, TN 38053

New location: 5116 Navy Rd., Millington, TN 38053

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-GIB-1809599 located at 5073 Navy Rd., Millington, TN 38053 is requesting a change in location, as they will be moving within the same city. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in location.

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



**5. THE WINE MARKET
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: RPH Liquor LLC
Member(s): Howard Greenstone (100%)

Current licensee: Metro Restaurant Group d/b/a The Wine Market ¹
Proposed licensee: RPH Liquor LLC d/b/a The Wine Market

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3819 Green Hills Village Dr., Nashville, TN 37215. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Metro Restaurant Group². The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. agent review
- b. updated lease agreement
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the agent review, updated lease agreement, and license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to the agent review, updated lease agreement, and license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

¹ License no. RTLPS-DAV-1822842

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.



**6. PAUL'S LIQUOR
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Totalma, LLC
Member(s): Piyushkumar Patel (100%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2248 Dalton Pike, Cleveland, TN 37311. 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: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the certificate of occupancy, inspection, agent review, and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject the certificate of occupancy, inspection, agent review, and license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**7. HUND HAUS WINE & SPIRITS
LORETTO, TENNESSEE (LAWRENCE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Hund Haus Wine & Spirits LLC
Member(s): Jacob Abercrombie (100%)

Current licensee: Hundehaus, Inc. d/b/a Hund Haus Wine & Spirits³
Proposed licensee: Hund Haus Wine & Spirits LLC d/b/a
Hund Haus Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 216 S. Military St., Loretto, TN 38469. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Hundehaus, Inc.⁴. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed after closing
- b. agent review
- c. license fee

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the deed after closing and license fee. The agent review was completed prior to the Commission Meeting. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to the deed after closing and license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

³ License no. RTLRPS-LAW-1827578

⁴ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**8. OLD RAILROAD SPIRITS
BRUCETON, TENNESSEE (CARROLL COUNTY)**

Applicant: Jay Riya #1, LLC
Member(s): Yogeshkumar Patel (100%)

Current licensee: Betty L. Miller d/b/a Old Railroad Spirits⁵
Proposed licensee: Jay Riya #1, LLC d/b/a Old Railroad Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 29795 Broad St., Bruceton, TN 38317. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Betty L. Miller⁶. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed after closing
- b. license fee

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

⁵ License no. RTLPS-CRL-1806393

⁶ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**9. ROYAL LIQUORS
SPARTA, TENNESSEE (WHITE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Jay Madi 4226 INC
Member(s): Pintubhai Patel (100%)

Current licensee: Royal Liquors, LLC d/b/a Royal Liquors⁷
Proposed licensee: Jay Madi 4226 INC d/b/a Royal Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 229 Mose Dr., Sparta, TN 28583. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Royal Liquors, LLC⁸. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. lease
- b. license fee

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

⁷ License no. RTLPS-WHI-1923743

⁸ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**10. BOOTLEGGERS LIQUOR AND WINE
KINGSTON, TENNESSEE (ROANE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Krishna LLC
Member(s): Vijay Patel (50%), Hasmukh Patel (50%)

Current licensee: Winey Rivers Company d/b/a
Bootleggers Liquor and Wine⁹
Proposed licensee: Krishna LLC d/b/a Bootleggers Liquor and Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1202 N Kentucky St., Kingston, TN 37763. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Winey Rivers Company¹⁰. 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 Roberts moved approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

⁹ License no. RTLRPS-ROA-1900620

¹⁰ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**11. RJ LIQUORS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: RJ Liquors Inc
Member(s): Ranjodh Boparai (100%)

Current licensee: Thomas Street Liquors d/b/a Thomas Street Liquors ¹¹
Proposed licensee: RJ Liquors Inc d/b/a RJ Liquors

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 956 Thomas St., Memphis, TN 38107. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Thomas Street Liquors¹². The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. deed after closing
- b. license fee

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

¹¹ License no. RTLRPS-SHE-1812956

¹² In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



3. FARM WINERY MATTERS

1. HARPER'S VINEYARD TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE (BLOUNT COUNTY)

Applicant: Harper's Vineyard, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a farm winery licensee to be located at 304 Webb Rd., Townsend, TN 37882. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval subject to:

- a. certificate of occupancy
- b. license fee

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



4. WHOLESALER MATTERS

1. **BONUSBEV WINE AND SPIRITS LA VERGNE, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant: BonusBev, LLC

Current location: 2605A Grissom Dr., Nashville, TN 37204

New location: 4010 CentrepoinTE Dr., La Vergne, TN 37086

Wholesaler licensee no. WLRWLS-DAV-1901375 at 2605A Grissom Dr., Nashville, TN 37204 is requesting a change in location. The wholesaler will be moving in the next county over. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in location.

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

2. **BONUSBEV WINE AND SPIRITS LA VERGNE, TENNESSEE (RUTHERFORD COUNTY)**

Applicant: Ajax Turner Co., Inc.

Shareholders: Current

BonusBev, LLC (100%)

Proposed

Todd Williams (20%)

Jill Crow (25%)

Jack Turner (30%)

David Turner (25%)

Wholesaler licensee no. WLRWLS-DAV-1901375 is requesting a change in ownership. Ajax Turner Co., Inc. is buying BonusBev, LLC. 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 Roberts moved approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**3. MILLENNIUM BEVERAGE
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Millennium Beverage of TN

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 800 Main St., Unit 1010, Nashville, TN 37206. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler 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 three ayes.

5. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

**1. GLADIATOR BREWING
CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)**

Current location: 1050 International Blvd., Suite B., Clarksville, TN 37040
New location: 214 Tiny Town Rd., Clarksville, TN 37042

Manufacturer licensee no. SUPMFR-MTG-1828877 at 1050 International Blvd., Suite B., Clarksville, TN 37040 is requesting a change in location. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in location subject to an inspection.

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the change in location subject to an inspection. Commissioner Roberts moved approval of the change in location subject to an inspection and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission on a couple of items. Director Thomas highlighted where staff has helped businesses navigate through the pandemic by helping them with outdoor spacing to comply with social distancing and then expediting these spacing plans through the agency's chain to get them approved quickly. The agency has also helped develop educational materials for these businesses to use. Director Thomas mentioned that businesses have been changing their models in other areas, such as from becoming a Limited Service Restaurant licensee to becoming a Restaurant licensee with us. However, these businesses must sign an affidavit that states they will comply with these license conversions while also providing sales figures to the TABC for review on a monthly basis. Director Thomas informed the Commission on new updated policies with the TABC on the law enforcement side after Governor Bill Lee asked all Tennessee law enforcement agencies to update their use of force and intervening policies last month. This includes making sure chokehold techniques are not used and that intervening policies be put in place if they were not already in place. Deputy Chief Brent Clayton spearheaded a review of our policies with Director Thomas signing off on the policies after review of them. The TABC will also follow new guidelines from the Tennessee P.O.S.T. Commission, which includes a number of things including new in-service trainings.

- Law Enforcement Update

Discussion/Action Taken: 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. Tubbs also discussed the recent implementation of issuing regulatory citations, as cases have been scheduled or completed for hearing already. Tubbs also mentioned that investigations into direct shippers was still ongoing despite the ongoing pandemic.

7. NEXT MEETING - September 24th (Thursday), 2020 at 1:00PM CST

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- October 22nd (Thursday), 2020 at 1:00PM CST (**TENTATIVE**)
- November 19th (Thursday), 2020 at 1:00PM CST (**TENTATIVE**)



**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE
COMMISSION THIS THE 24th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020.**

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Commissioner

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Director

