



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION**  
**AGENDA MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, JULY 23**  
**1:00 p.m.**

The July 2020 Commission Meeting was held on July 23, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. via WebEx since no state agency is allowed to have more than 10 people for gatherings. And due to the state of emergency, conference facilities (including the one used for Commission Meetings) are closed until further notice. Chairman Skiles, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Tomita called in. Director Thomas also called in. The entire TABC legal staff also called in. Members of the public that participated in the WebEx include the following: Joyce McDaniel, Clay Byrd, Danielle Elks, Ryan Haynes, Jan Margaret Craig, Curtis Harrington, Dan Haskell, Will Cheek, Rob Pinson, Ginna Burrell, and Hank Hildebrand.

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Pursuant to T.C.A. 58-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication.

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**1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 25, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**2. RETAIL MATTERS**

**1. METRO WINE & SPIRIT  
ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: RANDAL ANTIOCH INC.  
Member(s): Mulik Jesalpura (40%) Dhavalkumar Patel (20%),  
Paresh Patel (20%), Parth Patel (15%), Sunil Patel (5%)  
  
Current licensee: Bounkhong and Daraphone Sirivong d/b/a J.T. Liquor<sup>1</sup>  
Proposed licensee: RANDAL ANTIOCH INC. d/b/a Metro Wine & Spirit  
  
Current location: 2723 Murfreesboro Rd., Antioch, TN 37013  
New location: 2391 Murfreesboro Rd., Antioch, TN 37013

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2391 Murfreesboro Rd., Antioch, TN 37013. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Bounkhong and Daraphone Sirivong<sup>2</sup>. The applicant will also be moving the

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<sup>1</sup> License no. RTL RPS-DAV-1823291

<sup>2</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.



retail package store right down the street. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to the certificate of occupancy, inspection, deed after closing, and license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to the certificate of occupancy, inspection, deed after closing, and license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

## 2. **PYRAMID LIQUORS MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: SSB Liquors LLC  
Member(s): Stephanie Bennett (100%)

Current licensee: R & R Enterprises of Tennessee d/b/a Pyramid Liquors<sup>3</sup>  
Proposed licensee: SSB Liquors LLC d/b/a Pyramid Liquors

Current location: 120 Auction, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38105  
New location: 120 A.W. Willis Ave., Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38105

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 120 A.W. Willis Ave., Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38105. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by R & R Enterprises of Tennessee<sup>4</sup>. The applicant will also be moving the retail

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<sup>3</sup> License no. RTLRPS-SHE-1817911

<sup>4</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.



package store. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Clarification was made before recommending approval as the new location proposed is the current address, as the previous licensee with the address was converted to the proposed one by local municipality years ago. Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

### 3. **SOUTHSIDE LIQUOR & WINE CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant: VHS Partnership  
Member(s): Himanshubhai Patel (30%), Sandipkumar Patel (30%)  
Shiv Patel (40%)

Proposed licensee: VHS Partnership d/b/a Southside Liquor & Wine

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 TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to the certificate of occupancy, inspection, and license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to the certificate of occupancy, inspection, and license fee and the motion was



seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

**4. WEST SIDE PACKAGE STORE  
GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE (GREENE COUNTY)**

Applicant: Dhiyara Inc  
Member(s): Anuj Patel (100%)  
  
Current licensee: West Side Package Store, Inc. d/b/a  
West Side Package Store <sup>5</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Dhiyara Inc d/b/a West Side Package Store

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 770 W Andrew Johnson Hwy, Greeneville, TN 37745. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by West Side Package Store, Inc.<sup>6</sup> 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 approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

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<sup>5</sup> License no. RTLRPS-GRE-1825591

<sup>6</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.



**5. MAPLE GROVE WINE & LIQUORS  
UNICOI, TENNESSEE (UNICOI COUNTY)**

Applicant: Omkar Nath Inc  
 Member(s): Dimple Patel (100%)  
 Current licensee: Jerry Wayne Vance d/b/a Maple Grove Wines and Liquor <sup>7</sup>  
 Proposed licensee: Omkar Nath Inc d/b/a Maple Grove Wine & Liquors  
 Current location: 1202 Pleasant Hill Dr., Unicoi, TN 37692  
 New location: 1207 Gouge Rd., Unicoi, TN 37692

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 1207 Gouge Rd., Unicoi, TN 37692. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Jerry Wayne Vance<sup>8</sup>. The applicant is also moving the retail package store to a new location. 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 approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

**6. EXPRESS LIQUORS  
SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE (ROBERTSON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	APM 1, Inc.	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Vishnubhai Patel (60%)	Vishnubhai Patel (70%)
	Naranbhai Patel (25%)	Naranbhai Patel (30%)
	Bharatkumar Patel (15%)	

<sup>7</sup> License no. RTL RPS-UCI-1823694

<sup>8</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.



The retail package store doing business at 2023 Memorial Blvd., Suite E, 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 for approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

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

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

Retail package store licensee no. RTLPS-GIB-1809599 located at 1067 N First St., Milan, TN 38358 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is adding additional space, which will include a drive through window. The TABC staff recommends approval of the expansion.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the expansion. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval of the expansion and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

**8. NORTH PLAZA PACKAGE STORE  
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE (SULLIVAN COUNTY)**

Applicant: Nancy L East (Nancy East, 100%)

Retail package store licensee no. RTLPS-SUL-1814949 located at 812 Lynn Garden Dr., Kingsport, TN 37660 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is adding additional space in the rear of the building. The TABC staff recommends approval of the expansion.



**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the expansion. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval of the expansion and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

**9. JOLLY TIME TOO  
KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE (SULLIVAN COUNTY)**

Applicant: Lingerfelt Properties LLC (April Lingerfelt, 100%)  
Current D/B/A name: Discount Package Store  
Proposed D/B/A name: Jolly Time Too

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRRPS-SUL-2009486 located at 2716 N John B Dennis Hwy., Kingsport, TN 37660 is requesting a D/B/A name change. The TABC staff recommends approval of the D/B/A name change.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the D/B/A name change. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval of the D/B/A name change and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.





**10. EASTGATE WINE & SPIRITS  
JACKSON, TENNESSEE (MADISON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Shri Lakshmi LLC (Hardik Patel, 100%)

Current D/B/A name: Eastgate Package Store

Proposed D/B/A name: Eastgate Wine & Spirits

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRRPS-MAD-1811654 located at 825 Whitehall St., Suite A, Jackson, TN 38301 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is also requesting a D/B/A name change. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval subject to:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the expansion and the D/B/A name change subject to the certificate of occupancy and inspection. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval of the expansion and D/B/A name change subject to the certificate of occupancy and inspection and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.





**11. NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority  
**(D/B/A Fat Bottom Beer Kiosk)**

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-DAV-1830904 located at 1 Terminal Dr., Nashville, TN 37214 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is adding a new point of sale and storage space for Host International, Inc. (D/B/A Fat Bottom Beer Kiosk) to the new concourse area at the airport. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to an inspection, which includes an acknowledgement of TABC rules & regulations.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** With the inspection completed prior to the meeting, Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the expansion. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval of the expansion and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

**12. NASHVILLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority  
**(D/B/A Store 2190 D03)**

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-DAV-1830904 located at 1 Terminal Dr., Nashville, TN 37214 is requesting to expand their premises. The store is adding a new point of sale and storage space for Hudson Group (D/B/A Store 2190 D03) at the airport. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to an inspection, which includes an acknowledgement of TABC rules & regulations.



**Discussion/Action Taken:** With the inspection completed prior to the meeting, Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the expansion. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval of the expansion and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

**13. EXPRESS LIQUORS - (AGENDA ADDENDUM)  
SPRINGFIELD, TENNESSEE (ROBERTSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: MSM 1, Inc.

Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Vishnubhai Patel (60%)	Vishnubhai Patel (70%)
	Naranbhai Patel (25%)	Naranbhai Patel (30%)
	Bharatkumar Patel (15%)	

The retail package store doing business at 1000 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 Tomita moved for approval of the change in ownership and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.



### 3. WINERY MATTERS

#### 1. CURRAHEE VINEYARD & WINERY PIGEON FORGE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant: Currahee Vineyard & Winery, Inc.

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery licensee to be located at 2655 Teaster Dr., Pigeon Forge, TN 37863. 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 approval of the license subject to the certificate of occupancy and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to the certificate of occupancy and license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

#### 2. EAGLE'S CLAW MEADERY CLARKSVILLE, TENNESSEE (MONTGOMERY COUNTY)

Applicant: Eagle's Claw Meadery LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery licensee to be located at 1890 Walter Rd., Clarksville, TN 37043. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.



#### 4. WHOLESALER MATTERS

1. **GIVE A DAMN WINE  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Give a Damn Wine, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 478 Allied Dr., Suite 105, Nashville, TN 37211. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. certificate of occupancy
- c. executed bill of sale
- d. updated business information with the Tennessee Secretary of State's Office
- e. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to receipt of the five listed items. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to receipt of the five listed items and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

2. **VOLUNTEER BEER DISTRIBUTING CO  
DRESDEN, TENNESSEE (WEAKLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Volunteer Beer Distributing Co

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at One Volunteer Pl., Dresden, TN 38225. 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 approval of the license subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.

## 5. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

### 1. YEE-HAW BREWING NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Yee-Haw Brewing, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 426 S 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Nashville, TN 37203. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. surrender of license LBDRST-WAS1801340
- c. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to an inspection, surrendering of an LBD license, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved for approval subject to an inspection, surrendering of an LBD license, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.



**2. SUGARLANDS DISTILLING COMPANY  
KODAK, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)**

Applicant: Sugarlands Distilling Company, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a manufacturer to be located at 156 Kyker Ferry Rd., Kodak, TN 37764. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the manufacturer subject to:

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

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the license subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection, and payment of the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved for approval subject to certificate of occupancy, inspection, and payment of the license fee and the motion was seconded. Director Thomas roll called the Commissioners and the motion passed with three ayes.



## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

### - Director's Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas updated the Commission on the recent surge in interest of licensees wanting to expand their outdoor premises. Director Thomas told the Commission that anyone can reach out to us about expanding their premises or visit our website that has more information on expanding.

### - 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 due to the numerous complaints from the public regarding sale of alcohol to minors. The issuing of a regulatory citation also includes the issuing of a misdemeanor criminal citation to the server or clerk that sells alcohol to a minor that could possibly lead to the revocation of their server permit.

7. **NEXT MEETING** - August 27th (Thursday), 2020 at 1:00PM CST

## 8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

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## 9. TABC AUDIT MEETING

### I. DIRECTOR UPDATE

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas informed the committee of the state continuing to be one of the most fiscally responsible states in the US and that we were here today to give everyone some internal updates from the agency.

### II. LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

**Discussion/Action Taken:** CLEO Tubbs informed the committee of two internal audits completed from law enforcement, including spot checks in evidence rooms completed by evidence inspectors. Two additional inspections were conducted by people outside the agency.





### III. INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

#### a. AUDIT PLAN

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Internal Auditor Scott Wolfe informed the committee that the 2020-2021 audit plan being conducted over the next calendar year will be based on a risk assessment that was done last fall. The audit plan will focus on 14 areas of the agency, including Regulatory Licensing and Permitting System (RLPS), the different license types, and background checks among other things. Internal Auditor Wolfe will also be conducting 100% checking of the evidence vaults.

#### b. SUNSET AUDIT NEXT STEPS

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Internal Auditor Scott Wolfe updated the committee of the sunset audit, which is nearing its completion. Once completed by the Comptroller's office, we will be able to review and respond to the sunset audit report by providing clarification or make sure all items from the report are addressed. Then, the sunset audit report will be able available publicly. The legislators on the hearing committee will be given a copy of the report and the TABC will provide testimony and answer any questions, which then will then provide clarification as to when the next sunset audit will be set, which will be anywhere from one to four years. And finally, the TABC will address any issues found in the sunset audit report months later.

### IV. REGULATORY LICENSING AND PERMITTING SYSTEM (RLPS) UPDATE

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas informed the committee that RLPS received an update since the last audit meeting, which was critical in improving speed for back office functionality.



**V. FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas informed the committee that the TABC is still on a strong foot, financially despite everything going on with the pandemic, with the volume in licenses being issuing inching back to normalcy.

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 27th DAY OF AUGUST 2020.**

**Commissioner**

**Director**

