



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

The February 2020 meeting was held on February 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 Stepp, Commission Counsel Mercurio, Commission Counsel Connor, CLEO Tubbs, Deputy Chief Brent Clayton, Aaron Rummage, Chris Dowell, and Scott Wolfe.

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 JANUARY 23, 2020, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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

2. RETAIL MATTERS

1. HAPPY OURS

FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Happy Ours Wine & Spirits, LLC
Member(s): Terry Surgener (50%), Shelly Surgener (50%)

Current licensee: Happy Ours, Inc. d/b/a Happy Ours Wine & Spirits¹
Proposed licensee: Happy Ours Wine & Spirits, LLC d/b/a Happy Ours

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 327 Independence Sq, Franklin, TN 37064. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Happy Ours, Inc.² The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

¹ License no. RTLRPS-WIL-1828459

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.



- a. agent report
- b. executed lease
- c. license fee

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

**2. DOWNTOWN WINES
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Carl Winfield
Member(s): Carl Winfield (100%)

Current licensee: C.C.'s Liquor d/b/a C.C.'s Liquor³
Proposed licensee: Carl Winfield d/b/a Downtown Wines

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 105 Madison Ave., Memphis, TN 38103. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by C.C.'s Liquor⁴. 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 the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

³ Retail Package Store License Application no. 19A-MRTL-RPS-005547

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.



**3. EAGLE LIQUOR
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Paritosh Inc.
Shareholders: Srujal Patel (50%), Nathubhai Chaudhari (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1800 SE Dalton Pike, Cleveland, TN 37311. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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

**4. LAMPLIGHT PACKAGE STORE
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant: AumJalasai LLC
Member(s): Zeal Shah (15%), Mayur Patel (15%), Trushant Patel (35%),
Mehul Patel (15%), Chetankumar Patel (10%),
Samarth Patel (5%), Alak Shah (5%)

Current licensee: Gillco, Inc. d/b/a Lamplight Package Store⁵
Proposed licensee: AumJalasai LLC d/b/a Lamplight Package Store

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 5032 Brainerd Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37411. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by

⁵ License no. RTLRRS-HAM-1828482



Gillco, Inc.⁶. 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 the license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three eyes.

**5. NASHVILLE WINE AND SPIRITS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Metropolitan Wine Inc (Nadir Mardonov, 100%)
D/B/A Name: Bellemeade Wine and Spirits
Proposed D/B/A Name: Nashville Wine and Spirits
Current location: 4556 Harding Pike, Unit A, Nashville, TN 37205
Proposed location: 529 4th Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37210

Retail package store licensee no. RTLPS-DAV-1908520 is requesting approval to transfer its location to 529 4th Ave. South, Nashville, TN 37210. The store is also requesting to change its name. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the changes subject to receiving the certificate of occupancy.

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

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.



**8. BRINKMANN'S WINE & SPIRITS
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Grape and Grain LLC
Current location: 7110 Town Center Way, Suite 7, Brentwood, TN 37027
Proposed location: 127 Franklin Rd., Suite 120, Brentwood, TN 37027

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-WIL-1930124 is requesting approval to change its location to 127 Franklin Rd., Suite 120, Brentwood, TN 37027. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the change subject to an inspection, which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations.

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

3. WHOLESALER MATTERS

**1. TENNESSEE FINE WINE & SPIRITS DISTRIBUTION
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Vintage Pursuits LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	First Miracle Holdings, LLC (100%)	First Miracle Holdings (80%) Sense of Place, LLC (20%)



The wholesaler doing business at 305 Seaboard Ln, Suite 332, Franklin, TN 37067 is requesting approval of a change in ownership. The current shareholder is selling 20% of their interest to Sense of Place, LLC. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership at the wholesaler.

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

4. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

1. **PENNINGTON DISTILLING COMPANY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Speakeasy Spirits, LLC

Shareholders: Virginia Gail Kuzma and Roy Michael Kuzma (0.7%)

The manufacturer doing business at 900 44th North Ave., Suite 100, Nashville, TN 37209 is requesting approval of a change in ownership. One of the minority shareholders listed above passed away and transferred their interests to the corporation, Speakeasy Spirits, LLC. This less than 1% transfer caused slight changes in ownership for the other seven current shareholders with no one getting more than 0.3% from the transfer. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership at the manufacturer.

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 three ayes.



5. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas updated the Commission direct shipping investigations, which led to six unlicensed businesses ordered to cease and desist further shipping operations in the state after successful undercover operations by TABC agents. Investigations by the TABC found that these businesses were illegally shipping alcoholic beverages directly to consumers in the state. Complaints received from the public initiated the agency's investigations into these businesses.

- 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 a successful operation at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville during a University of Tennessee basketball game with no citations or issues reported. And finally, Tubbs mentioned that three agents were sent to training in San Antonio, Texas for labor trafficking investigations.

- New TABC Agents Sworn In

Discussion/Action Taken: Deputy Chief Brent Clayton introduced Christopher Manning and Bradley Bowen before they were administered the oath by Chairman Skiles. Rebecca Daenzer was not sworn in because of illness.

6. NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 31, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST

7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, April 23, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 31st DAY OF MARCH 2020.

Commissioner

Director