



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17
10:00 a.m.**

The December 2019 meeting was held on December 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.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 NOVEMBER 21, 2019, 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. RALEIGH LIQUORS & WINES
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Raleigh Liquors & Wines, LLC
Member(s): Lynne Wilkinson (100%)

Current licensee: Lynne Wilkinson d/b/a Raleigh Liquors & Wine¹
Proposed licensee: Raleigh Liquors & Wines, LLC d/b/a Raleigh Liquors & Wine

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 3503 Ramill Rd, Memphis, TN 38128. The applicant is the existing licensee Lynne Wilkinson, but is converting from a sole proprietorship to a Limited Liability Company. Lynne Wilkinson remains the sole member of the LLC and will continue to operate the same way post-conversion. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

¹ License no. RTLPS-SHE-1815981



- a. certificate of compliance
- b. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- c. agent report
- d. license fee

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

2. WOODLAND BOTTLE SHOP NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Woodland West LLC
Member(s): William Motley (100%)

Current licensee: Hillwood Village Liquors, Inc. d/b/a
Hillwood Village Liquors²

Proposed licensee: Woodland West LLC d/b/a Woodland Bottle Shop

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 6682 Charlotte Pike, Nashville, TN 37209. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Hillwood Village Liquors, Inc.³ The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

² License no. RTLRS-DAV-1809231

³ In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



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

**3. JJ'S LIQUOR
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE (HAMILTON COUNTY)**

Applicant:	JJ Spiritis, LLC	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Mehul Patel (60%)	Mehul Patel (20%)
	Zeal Shah (40%)	Zeal Shah (40%)
		Mayur Patel (30%)
		Keyur Patel (10%)

The retail package store doing business at 4202 Rossville Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37407 is requesting approval of change in ownership. The business is adding two new shareholders with majority shareholder Mehul Patel's current shares decreasing from 60% to 20%. 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 and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**4. BLACK BEAR WINE & SPIRITS
MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE (JOHNSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Pandoras Box, LLC
Shareholders: Rebecca Stanley (50%), Thomas Stanley (50%)

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new retail package store licensee to be located at 1123 S Shady St, Mountain City, TN 37683. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

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

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

**5. DIXIE LEE WINES & LIQUORS
CONCORD, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, Inc.	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Ellen Jones (33.33%)	Ellen Jones (50%)
	Samuel Taylor III (33.33%)	Fred Taylor (50%)
	Fred Taylor (33.33%)	

The retail package store doing business at 13044 Kingston Pike, Concord, TN 37934 is requesting approval of change in ownership. One of the shareholders,



Samuel Taylor III, is retiring and his shares are being transferred 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 and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**6. THE RESERVE WINE AND SPIRITS
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE (BLOUNT COUNTY)**

Applicant:	Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, Inc.	
Shareholders:	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
	Anita Patel (50%)	Anita Patel (50%)
	Vipul Patel (30%)	Vipul Patel (50%)
	Ashish Patel (10%)	
	Samir Bharwad (10%)	

The retail package store doing business at 2025 E Hunt Rd, Maryville, TN 37804 is requesting approval of change in ownership. Two of the shareholders have discontinued interest in the package store and their shares are being transferred to Vipual Patel, who will now have equal ownership with Anita Patel. 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 approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**7. MAJOR DISCOUNT LIQUORS
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Nashville Package Store, Inc.

The retail package store doing business at 2913B Dickerson Rd, Nashville, TN 37207 is requesting to expand the premises by taking over additional space occupied by the business next door, which will discontinue business. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of expanding the premises subject to the following:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations

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

**8. RIVERSTONE WINE, SPIRITS AND BREW
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE (BRADLEY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Riverstone Wine, Spirits and Brew, LLC

The retail package store doing business at 157 NW Ocoee Crossing Xing, Cleveland, TN 37312 is requesting to expand the premises by adding storage to the back of the building for inventory. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of expanding the premises subject to the following:

- a. certificate of occupancy

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



3. WINERY MATTERS

1. SILVER SPRINGS WINERY RICEVILLE, TENNESSEE (MCMINN COUNTY)

Applicant: Silver Springs Winery LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a new winery to be located at 3725 Hwy 11 S, Riceville, TN 37370. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the winery 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.

4. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

1. WHEELER'S RAID DISTILLERY NOLENSVILLE, TENNESSEE (WILLIAMSON COUNTY)

Applicant: Wheeler's Raid Distillery, LLC

Shareholders: Current

Ryan Joel Thomas (37.995%)
Lorrain Ann Mineo (37.995%)
Frank Poling (4.99%)
Brian Waller (6.34%)
Kevin Watts (6.34%)
Christopher Guay (6.34%)

Proposed

Ryan Joel Thomas (36.64%)
Lorrain Ann Mineo (36.64%)
Frank Poling (4.99%)
Brian Waller (6.34%)
Kevin Watts (6.34%)
Christopher Guay (6.34%)
Adam C. Presley (2.71%)

The manufacturer doing business at 2007 Johnson Industrial Blvd, Building C, Nolensville, TN 37135 is requesting approval of a change in ownership. Adam C. Presley will join the business as a new shareholder with a 2.71% ownership



interest in the manufacturer. In addition, current shareholders Brian Waller, Kevin Watts, and Christopher Guay will each be contributing additional capital to the business and, as such, their ownership shares will increase accordingly. 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 Roberts moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

2. BRUSHY MOUNTAIN DISTILLERY PETROS, TENNESSEE (MORGAN COUNTY)

Applicant: Brushy Mountain Distillery, LLC

The manufacturer doing business at 9182 Highway 116, Petros, TN 37845 is requesting approval to expand its premises to include non-bonded premises for storage purposes. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the expansion subject to the following:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations

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



**3. MIKES HARD LEMONADE CO. AND AMERICAN VINTAGE BEVERAGE CO.
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Mark Anthony Brewing Inc.
Officer: Current Proposed
Margaret Boyd John Sacksteder

The manufacturer doing business at 5151 E Raines Rd, Memphis, TN 38118 is requesting approval of a change in ownership. The current officer is no longer with the company. 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 Roberts moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

5. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

**1. SOUTHERN GLAZER'S WINE AND SPIRITS OF TENNESSEE
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Southern Glazer's Wine and Spirits of Tennessee, LLC

The wholesaler doing business at 6290 Shelby View Dr, Memphis, TN 38134 is requesting approval of change in ownership amongst its current shareholders. The wholesaler has no new shareholders - all the shareholders after the change will be the same people as before the change. These will just be small changes in the percentage (none more than 2.2%) of ownership - not a change in control. 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 Tomita moved approval and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

Discussion/Action Taken: Director Thomas introduced Sharon Travis from the Sexual Assault Center (SAC), a local nonprofit in Nashville, to speak to the Commission and TABC about what they do. The SAC provides counseling, advocacy and education for people who have been sexually assaulted. Sharon provided the Commission and TABC a rundown of the services that the SAC provides those that seek information and assistance. Sharon went through the SAC's initiative and what they hope to accomplish in the future. One of the SAC's goals is to get liquor by the drink establishments on board with training and education their organization provides so that those who serve liquor to patrons are on the lookout for any suspicious activity. Director Thomas thanked Sharon for coming by and presenting the TABC information about the SAC. Director Thomas updated the Commission on a couple items of interest. Director Thomas noted a few service awards that included Jonathan Swift, Pam Massengale, and Scott Wolfe celebrating their five-year anniversaries with the state along with Marita Sims celebrating her 15 year anniversary with the state, CLEO Bond Tubbs celebrating his 30 year anniversary with the state, and Kathy Ware celebrating her 35 year anniversary with the state. Director Thomas also noted the promotion of Erling Ramirez from Agent 2 to Agent 3 and the average years of service of being with TABC's law enforcement, which is 15 years. Director Thomas discussed more on the agency's focus with direct shippers being in compliance and actions taken with through law enforcement. The TABC reached agreements with seven retailers this month who were illegally selling direct to consumers in the state and have agreed to cease and desist operations. Those retailers include CapJon, Inc., Little Brothers Beverage, Schneider's of Capitol Hill, Wine and Spirit Discount Warehouse, Wine Chateau, AK, LLC., and Majac, Inc.



- 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. CLEO Tubbs discussed a six week-long investigation that resulted in a successful execution of a search warrant in Roane County for illegal manufacturing of alcohol ("moonshine"). Moonshine and other items were seized along with two individuals that will be taken to grand jury later to be indicted. The TABC received assistance from the Tennessee Highway Patrol and Tennessee Bureau Investigation in the operation.

7. NEXT MEETING - Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST

8. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Thursday, February 27, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST

APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2020.

Commissioner

Director