Minutes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board May 20, 2020

On the 20th day of May, 2020, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairperson, Steve Smith, Pam Depriest, Jamie Anderson and Alex Blass.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, Private Club Resume, Violation Resume, Warning Letters and Inactive Status Letters. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve, Pam Depriest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Chairperson Black set the next ABC Board Meeting on June 17th, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., which is the third Wednesday of June.

The Board then considered the application of Glen W. Calhoun, King's Korner, 2808 West Huntsville, Springdale, for a Beer off Premises Permit and a Small Farm Wine – Retail Permit. On January 28, 2020, Glen Calhoun submitted an application for a Retail Beer off Premise Permit and a Small Farm Wine - Retail Permit. The application was denied by Director's order entered on March 20, 2020. The Director denied the application based upon an objection by the Springdale Chief of Police. Mr. Calhoun then appealed the Director's decision.

Attorneys Will Trentham and Louis Lim appeared via video link on behalf of the applicant, Glen W. Calhoun. Glen Calhoun did not appear or testify in support of his application. ABC Staff Attorneys Michael C. Lewis and Chip Leibovich appeared for the Director.

ABC Enforcement Agent Daniel Montgomery appeared via video link and testified in opposition to Mr. Calhoun's application. Agent Montgomery testified regarding his investigation into Mr. Calhoun's application. Agent Montgomery also testified regarding his prior dealings with Mr. Calhoun and his investigations into Mr. Calhoun's gambling operation.

ABC Staff Attorney Michael C. Lewis submitted as exhibits Glen W. Calhoun's application, a letter in opposition from David E. Daniel of Springdale, Arkansas, a letter of opposition from Springdale Chief of Police, Mike Peters and various documents and reports pertaining to Mr. Calhoun's pending criminal case from the Springdale Police Department.

Corporal Danny Wright of the Springdale Police Department appeared via video link and testified in opposition. Corporal Wright detailed the multiyear criminal investigation into Mr. Calhoun's gambling operations which occurred at two convenience stores owned and operated by Mr. Calhoun. Corporal Wright also voiced concern regarding the close proximity of Mr. Calhoun's convenience store to a local junior high school.

A short recess was called to allow for Will Trentham and Louis Lim to contact Washington County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Darrington Parrish to testify. After the short recess Mr. Parrish testified via video link regarding Mr. Calhoun's pending felony charges.

After closing statements were made by Attorney Louis Liam and Staff Attorney Michael C. Lewis, Chairperson Black asked the board members if anyone wanted to make a motion regarding the applicant's appeal. Board Member Jamie Anderson made a motion to uphold the Director's decision denying the Mr. Calhoun's applications for a Retail Beer off Premises Permit and Small Farm Wine – Retail Permit because they do not serve the public convenience and advantage. Pam Depriest seconded the motion and the motion pass for a 5-0 vote to uphold the Director's Decision and deny the application of Mr. Calhoun.

The meeting was then adjourned.	
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