

MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

August 18, 2021

On the 18th of August 2021, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairman, Steve Smith, Pam DePriest, Alex Blass, and substitute Board member Buckley O'Mell was in for Jamie Anderson.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, Violation Resume, Warning Letters, and request for extension of inactive status letters. Board member Steve Smith made a motion to approve, Pam DePriest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Director asked for a 30-day consideration for Corey Nelson, The Culture Cigar Lounge, located at 409 Main Street, North Little Rock, Board member Pam DePriest made the motion to grant the 30-day consideration, Alex Blass seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

ABC Medical Marijuana Rules for Oversight of Cultivator, Processor, and Dispensary facilities. Board member Steve Smith made the motion to approve the proposed rules, Pam DePriest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

First hearing on the agenda was the violation appeal for Sahara Banu Wares, Sunshine Big D, located at 2001 Midland Blvd., Fort smith. An Offer of Settlement was served on the permittee on or about April 20, 2021, for the gambling offenses, failure to cooperate and allowing controlled beverages to be sold for something other than cash, check or credit card, which the permittee failed to respond. A Director's Order was entered on May 19, 2021 for the above violations, fining the permittee \$2,500.00 and placed on probation for a period of 120 days. Agent Richard "Doug" Brooks and Agent Marlin "Craig" Stout testified to the violations against the business. The permit holder, Sahara Wares and her husband Mia Wares testified for the business. After hearing the testimony and reviewing the evidence, the Board upheld the Director's Violation Order of \$2,500.00 fine with 120 days probation.

Chairman Black announced that the next ABC Board meeting will be held on September 15, 2021.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.

Freddie Black, Chairman

Doralee Chandler, Director