

## MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

FEBRUARY 16, 2022

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of February, 2022, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairman, Jamie Anderson, Pam DePriest, and Alex Blass.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, Violation Resume, Warning Letters, and request for extension of inactive status letters. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve, Pam DePriest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

MMC Rule changes for public comment for Oversight of Cultivator, Processor, and Dispensary facilities. Board passed these rules with a 4-0 vote. ABC Rule changes for public comment for Ready-To-Drink (R-T-D'S) and drive-thru windows. Board passed these rules with a 4-0 vote.

Chairman Black announced that the next ABC Board meeting will be held on March 16, 2022.

First hearing on the agenda was for James Smith, Jr., T-Mac's Liquor, located at 14880 Kinley Road, Ward, Prairie County, applied to replace retail liquor and beer off premises permits and transfer the location. Director denied the application on January 20, 22, for objections from State Representative David Hillman, six (6) letters from area residents and a petition bearing one hundred three (103) signatures from area residents in opposition. Mr. Smith testified for the business. Senator Ron Caldwell and State Representative Hillman testified for the opposition. Agent Blake Miller testified regarding the inspection while working the application. After hearing all the testimony and reviewing all the evidence, the Board upheld the Director's decision to deny the applications.

Second hearing on the agenda was a violation appeal for Kyle Milam, Kyle's Central Hub Oyster Bar, located at 104 North Washington, Magnolia, Restaurant Mixed Drink Permit No. 05524-03. Hearing was dismissed due to permit holder requesting the permit be cancelled. Board upheld Director's Violation Order to Revoke this permit.

Final hearing on the agenda was a violation appeal for Ghazanfar Gondal, Rooster at 50<sup>th</sup> Street, located at 2818 North 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Smith, Retail Beer Off Premises Permit No. 04169-01. Violation for being in possession of drug paraphernalia on the permitted premises (9 counts), fined \$4,500 with \$3,500 held in abeyance, \$1,000 due and placed on probation for one (1) year. Testimony was given by ABC Agent Richard Brooks regarding the violations. The permit holder did not appear, Adam Childers, attorney for the permit holder appeared on behalf of the business. After hearing all testimony and reviewing all evidence, the Board upheld the Director's Violation Order of December 15, 2021.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.

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Freddie Black, Chairman

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Doralee Chandler, Director