

## MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

February 21, 2024

PLACE: ABC Board Room - 1515 W 7th Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

MEMBERS PRESENT: ALEX BLASS, CHAIRMAN; JAMIE ANDERSON; STEVEN SMITH;  
HANNAH RAY

MEMBERS ABSENT: SUSAN PEACOCK

On the 21st of February 2024, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock for its regular monthly meeting. Chairman Blass, and Board members Anderson, Smith, and Ray attended via Go-To. Board member Peacock briefly joined via Go-To, where she excused herself from the monthly meeting.

The meeting started at 9:00 AM, with Chairman Blass calling the meeting to order.

The Board members accepted the Director's Decisions, Violation Resume, Warning Letters, and requests for extensions of Inactive Status Letters. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve, Board member Steven Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

ABC Director Christy Bjornson informed the Board of a possible hearing to be scheduled during the March Board. Following this, Chairman Blass discussed virtual Board meetings. Chairman Blass, Director Bjornson, and ABC Board members recognized that continued virtual meetings could possibly be in violation of ABC Rules and agreed that upcoming meetings may need to be in person if there is not a reason to hold them virtually. Next, Chairman Blass, and

Director Bjornson discussed the lack of hearings in recent Board meetings and the backlog of violations due to staffing changes at ABC. Director Bjornson informed the Board members that they can expect to see more hearings in the future should they be requested by permittees.

Chairman Blass then discussed with ABC Attorney, Chip Leibovich about having a record of MMC violations going forward, where ABC Director and Attorney Leibovich informed the Board that actions to begin this will be taken.

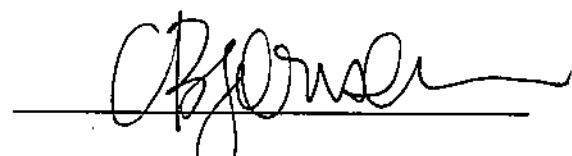
Finally, Chairman Blass and Board members discussed setting the dates for the upcoming Board meetings. They agreed on the following dates:

- March 13th, 2024
- April 10th (tentatively)

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 9:16 AM.



Alex Blass, Chairman



Christy Bjornson, Director