

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION  
JUNE 24, 2015  
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER – ROOM 9-031  
12:00 PM  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was held at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601 room 9-031 pursuant to notice.

Call the Roll:

Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner  
Bill Morris, Commissioner  
Donald O'Connell, Commissioner  
Jim Pandolfi, Commissioner  
Maria Saldana, Commissioner  
Amy C. Kurson, Commissioner (joining after initial call at 12:16 pm)

Also Present:

Ivan Fernandez, Acting Director  
Richard Haymaker, Chief Legal Counsel  
Tina Tsatsoulis, Legal Counsel  
Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris to approve and release the minutes of the May 13, 2015 Business Meeting with suggested changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cahill and unanimously approved by the Commission.

II. Docket Review

A. Citation Docket

Tina Tsatsoulis stated there are two sale of alcohol to minor violations with a third offense on the docket.

B. Revenue Docket

Ivan Fernandez stated that there are 13 citations on the revenue docket.

C. Appeals

Richard Haymaker stated that there is question about a motion to dismiss the appeal (Wayfree Inc.) based on the licensee not paying for transcripts from the local hearing. Staff will have to verify if the licensee has made payment before proceeding before the Commission.

### III. Old Business

#### A. Restoration Hardware

Richard Haymaker stated that Senate Bill 1516 has passed in both houses and has yet to be signed into law. Dimitri Christopoulos, representing Restoration Hardware (RH), advised that Michael Polenske (the trade buyer for RH) will no longer be an employee with the company, but rather a consultant. Additionally, RH has agreed that Maisonry Napa Valley wines will not constitute more than 10% (in the aggregate) of the alcoholic liquor sold at RH in order to allay the tied house concerns.

WSDI attorney Jim Webster stated that Masonry Napa Valley (MNV) is a third party promotional party. Mr. Webster advised that MNV's relationship with RH would be an of-value concern and could potentially lead to other three-tier concerns in the future. Mr. Christopoulos responded by stating that MNV is an affiliate of a set group of wineries and RH would comply with the conditions set forth in SB 1516.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kurson to table this issue until the next Commission meeting on July 23, 2015 in Springfield. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Morris and unanimously approved by the Commission

#### B. Senate Bill 398

Richard Haymaker summarized Senate Bill 398 which affects various sections of the Liquor Control Act, most notably the Illinois Happy Hour law. Other changes mandated by SB 398 include legalizing product infusions; requiring BASSET server training and limiting the number of licenses that need to be issued to hotels. Commissioner Kurson questioned whether or not the Commission was citing licensees for trade practice policy violations. Mr. Haymaker stated that the staff only cites to violations of the Liquor Control Act and the Administrative Rules.

#### C. Direct Shipping/Importation

Mr. Haymaker stated that the staff continues to monitor monthly shipping reports. Because of the difficulty in identifying shipping sources through monthly shipping reports, it may be necessary mandate more information from shipping companies through an Administrative Rule.

IV. New Business

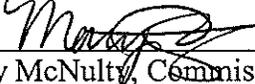
A. Legislative Update

Mr. Haymaker sated that the "Palcohol" ban passed both houses which is consistent with the rest of the country. Other pending alcohol beverage regulation was summarized.

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Pandolfi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Saldana. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm.

ATTEST:

  
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Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary