

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
MAY 12, 2016
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER – ROOM 9-040
12:00 PM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois 60601 room 9-040 pursuant to notice.

Call the Roll:

Constance Beard, Chair

James Pandolfi, Commissioner

Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner

Donald O'Connell, Commissioner

Maria Saldana, Commissioner

Thomas Gibbons, Commissioner

Patricia Pulido Sanchez, Commissioner (joining after initial call at 1:13pm)

Also Present:

U-Jung Choe, Executive Director

Ivan Fernandez, Director, Enforcement Division

Richard Haymaker, Chief Legal Counsel

Tina Tsatsoulis, Legal Counsel

Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator

Ted Penesis, Industry Education/Parental Responsibility

Barbara Bruno, Deputy Director, Enforcement Division

Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Cahill to approve and release the minutes of the February 24, 2016 Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell and unanimously approved by the Commission.

II. Executive Director Summary

Executive Director U-Jung Choe gave a brief overview of the licensing division, stating that two new instructional videos were recently posted on the ILCC website. Additionally, the enforcement program is thriving with new additions to the LC-13 Pilot Program. The educational division is currently focused on planning the College Town Summit, and suggestions from the Commission are welcome.

III. Enforcement Division Report

Ivan Fernandez stated that Naperville completed the LC-13 contract for Fiscal Year 16 with an 83% compliance rate for all liquor establishment inspections. Mr. Fernandez was invited, along with other ILCC staff members, to the Naperville State of the City Address. The LC-13 Pilot Program was highlighted as one of the major accomplishments of the year. Charleston concluded the contract for Fiscal Year 16 with a compliance rate close to 30%. Mr. Fernandez added that additional communities have consistently expressed interest in the program, including Lacon, Woodford County, and Urbana.

Mr. Fernandez introduced Barbara Bruno, Deputy Director (Enforcement Division), to the Commission.

IV. Legal Division Report

A. Direct Shipping

Richard Haymaker stated that staff is actively identifying licensed and unlicensed shippers. The use of fulfillment houses has made it difficult to identify the source of a shipment.

B. Heineken Pub 97

Mr. Haymaker explained that staff recently received a new agreement which will be reviewed and reported on at the next business meeting.

V. Licensing Division Report

Dusanka Marijan gave a brief overview of licensing totals. Ms. Marijan added that the credit card option for online renewals should be available by June 1, 2016. There are currently two vacancies within the licensing division. Bette Morreale, the newest addition to ILCC staff, was also introduced to the Commission.

VI. Industry Education Division Report

Ted Penesis discussed a variety of topics, including potential social media efforts, parent meetings pertaining to underage drinking, and an informational e-mail which was sent to middle-school parents.

Mr. Penesis added that both Western Illinois University and Northern Illinois University have offered to host the College Town Summit at zero cost. Chair Beard suggested that a meeting be scheduled to discuss the details of the College Town Summit.

Commissioner Pulido Sanchez enters at 1:13pm.

VII. Off-Agenda Item

A. NCSLA 2016

Richard Haymaker stated that Commission Secretary Mary McNulty will send the business and social agendas for the 2016 NCSLA Annual Conference to the Commissioners for review.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Saldana. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

ATTEST:



Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary