

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL  
COMMISSION  
MAY 12, 2021  
1:00 PM  
Via Webex Events**

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducted as an audio/video conference held via the Webex Events digital platform due to the COVID-19 gubernatorial disaster proclamations issued on March 9, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 21, 2020, and September 18, 2020, October 16, 2020, and November 13, 2020, December 11, 2020, and January 8, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 and 2021-09, the James R. Thompson Center is closed to the Public. Pursuant to Executive Orders 2020-07, 2021-09 and Public Act 101-0640.

**I. Call the Roll:**

Cynthia Berg, *Chairman*  
Donald O'Connell *Commissioner*  
Thomas Gibbons, *Commissioner*  
Melody Spann Cooper, *Commissioner*  
Julieta LaMalfa, *Commissioner*  
Patricia Pulido Sanchez, *Commissioner*  
Steven Powell, *Commissioner*

**Staff Present:**

Lisa McLeod, *Acting Executive Director*  
Thomas Schlenhardt, *Associate Director*  
Les Peterson, *Chief Enforcement Officer*  
Dusanka Marijan, *Licensing Administrator*  
Michelle Flagg, *Industry Education*  
Jason Youngberg, *IT Director*  
Avi Zisook, *Legal*  
Rick Haymaker, *Legal*  
Persis Dhankher, *IT*  
Dean Argiris, *Acting Commission Secretary*

**II. Approval of Minutes**

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbons to approve the minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **III. Welcome Acting Executive Director McLeod**

#### **IV. ILCC Operations & Public Act 100-1050**

- a. The ILCC build out for our new offices are going smoothly and we're still on target for early June.
- b. We haven't identified a move-in date yet. That will depend on mitigation efforts and the bridge phase of reopening that starts on Friday May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c. We have three new Field Supervisors, two were hired internally and one was hired externally.
- d. The ILCC will be posting for a Cook County Supervisor position within the next couple of weeks.
- e. In terms of our new General Counsel, we are waiting on the Governor's Office for their decision.
- f. Jason Youngberg, our IT Manager, is in the process of vetting vendors for our Gentax replacement.

#### **V. Division Reports**

##### a. Licensing Division

- i. We issued 2,867 licenses issued during the month of April. Of those, 245 were new licenses and marks an increase from the year prior.
- ii. The ILCC continues to see over 90% of licensees renew their licenses online.
- iii. Version 12 software update will be implemented on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

##### b. Enforcement Division

- i. Enforcement conducted 1,279 inspections and found 133 violations.
- ii. We issued 87 warnings for new licensees during their pre-licensing inspections.
- iii. We received 51 Covid-related complaints, which is a 16% decrease from the month before.
- iv. As for illegal online sales, we're averaging 100 illegal online sales which we are shutting down.

##### c. Industry Education

- i. We had 75 attendees for our BASSET town hall last month. Topics were curbside delivery and the JCAR process so our attendees know the legislative process.
- ii. Regional mitigation efforts move us to Phase 5 soon and we will update our FAQs once we have guidance from IDPH and DCEO on capacity.

d. Legal

- i. Drafted bill summaries for bills currently in the General Assembly.
- ii. 78 outstanding cases were closed out. 33 Pre-disciplinary conferences.
- iii. Legal was able to clear out our backlog of Sales of Alcohol to Minor Cases.
- iv. We have 26 appeals pending.

**VI. State of the Industry / Public Comments**

a. Federated Alliance of Independent Retailers

- i. Talked about the history of cooperative purchasing and it's economic impacts and generating \$65 million in tax revenue from 500 stores.
- ii. Petitioned the ILCC to pass a rule to allow cooperative purchasing.
- iii. Ms. Angelopoulos and Mr. Garfield spoke about their experiences as independent retailers.

**X. Receive Comments from the Board**

- a. None.

**XI. Executive Session**

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell and seconded by Commissioner Powell to move into Executive Session to deliberate *Crusen & Klein v. City of West Peoria (20 App 13)*.

The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. Appeals**

- a. In the case of *Crusen & Klein v. City of West Peoria (20 App 13)*, a motion was made to deny the petition for rehearing was made by Commissioner O'Connell and seconded by Commissioner Powell.

The motion passed unanimously.

**XIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- a. Commissioner Spann-Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ATTEST:**

/S/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary