

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL  
COMMISSION  
November 18, 2020  
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-19-19 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. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 (reissued under Executive Order 2020-71), the James R. Thompson Center is closed to the public. The meeting was conducted via audio conference consistent with Public Act 101-0640 and Executive Order 2020-07 (reissued by Executive Order 2020-71).

**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

**Also Present:**

Chimaobi Enyia, Executive Director  
Tom 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  
Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary

**I. Approval of Minutes**

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LaMalfa. The motion passed unanimously.

## **II. Executive Director's Report**

- a. Fall Veto Session was cancelled.
- b. 2021 ILCC Meeting tentative calendar was provided to the Commissioners.

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

- a. Staff continues to work remotely during the surge of Covid-19.
- b. ILCC will begin 2021 Budget discussion related to cuts at the 5% and 10% scenarios.
- c. We are expected to have a new General Counsel by year end.
- d. We are looking to fill Administrative Service Manager and inspector positions, which are positions that are already budgeted for.

## **IV. ILCC Covid-19 Directives**

- a. Tier III mitigation goes into effect on Friday and increase restrictions on businesses throughout the state and in-person gatherings.
- b. Tier III mitigation guidelines are posted on the ILCC website.
- c. ILCC will continue to work with license holders on understanding mitigation compliance.
- d. We have allowed for product returns from Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> and have worked with distributors to set up payment plans for delinquent accounts as a way to provide some relief to retail businesses.

## **V. Diversity and Inclusion**

- a. ILCC is looking at our process, procedures, and our applications to see how we can achieve the goal of increasing diversity within the industry.

## **VI. Division Reports**

- a. Licensing Division
  - ILCC is considering another extension of the license renewal and application fees as the COVID-19 pandemic continues.
- b. Enforcement Division
  - Over the months, ILCC has been working closely with LLCC's to help them understand COVID-19 mitigation guidelines so that they can properly guide license holders and enforce when necessary.
  - Our document on summary authority is available on the ILCC website.

- ILCC has a need now for acquiring storage space for confiscated alcohol and are working with CMS in identifying space.

c. Industry Education

- Our newsletter will be sent in December.

d. Legal Division

- No tax cases.
- Our legal division is counseling locals on summary authority.

**VII. Public Comment**

None

**VIII. Receive Comments from the Board**

None

**IX. Executive Session**

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons.

20 App. 09 (*Lambert v. City of Joliet*)

**X. Appeals**

20 App. 09 (*Lambert v. City of Joliet*) - The ILCC entered a decision to reverse the City of Joliet's decision.

Yes	6
No	0
Abstain	1

**XI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing**

- a. Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper. Motion unanimously approved.

**ATTEST:**

/S/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary