

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
August 22, 2018
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER
100 WEST RANDOLPH ST. ROOM 9-040
1:00 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:

Donald O'Connell, Acting Chairman
Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner
Patricia Pulido Sanchez, Commissioner
Thomas Gibbons, Commissioner
Ann Deters, Commissioner
Gerald Gorman, Commissioner

Also Present:

Chimaobi Enyia, Acting Executive Director
Thomas Schlenhardt, Associate Director
Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator
Kenneth Williams, Acting Enforcement Director
Joseph Z. Jones, Enforcement Division
Lee Roupas, BASSET Manager
Pamela Paziotopoulos, Deputy General Counsel
Meagan Sharkey, Acting Commission Secretary

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbons to approve the release of the minutes of the July 18, 2018 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pulido Sanchez. The motion was unanimously approved.

II. Director's Report

- a. Acting Director Enyia informed the Commissioners of HB4897.
- b. Acting Director Enyia notified the Commissioners Pamela, Deputy General Counsel, will be going through the backlog of legal items, pre-disciplinary conferences, sale to minor cases and refer to legal cases.

- c. Acting Director Enyia introduced the new ILCC Associate Director, Thomas Schlenhardt to the Commission. Tom has a procurement background and was a legislative aide in his previous employment.
- d. Acting Director Enyia informed the Commission of the personnel updates- the ILCC will be bringing on 2 six-month contract attorneys, 2 full time licensing assistants and 3 full time enforcement agents.
- e. Acting Director Enyia informed the Commission of upcoming industry conferences. A list will be sent to all Commissioners.

III. Enforcement Division

- a. The ILCC completed 88 SAM compliance checks, 26 failed. Eight compliance checks were repeat violators, 1 violated again. This gives a repeat violator compliance rate of 88%.
- b. The Underage participants (UAP) roster is down to 8 individuals. Interviews were conducted in July for new UAP's, twenty-two individuals were offered the vacancies.
- c. As of August 8th, the FY19 LC-13 program has 58 contracts, with 53 agencies, including 1 new contract. These contracts will cover 5,393 licenses. There are 9 contracts awaiting signatures, which will add 862 licenses that will be covered under the LC-13 program.
- d. Mr. Williams provided enforcement coverage maps of all areas of the State.
- e. Zoel Jones reported on Craigslist sales postings. Between January 1st, 2018 and July 31st, 2018, the legal department at Craigslist removed 178 illegal liquor related sales posts.

IV. Licensing Division

- a. Dusanka Marijan stated that the percentage of online renewals is 70%. Mrs. Marijan also provided a report of all new licenses issued for June 2018.
- b. An Informational Bulletin will be e-mailed or mailed to all license holders. The bulletin informs license holders of the online renewal process beginning September 1, 2018. It also informs them about a change in the way paper renewal forms are mailed.
- c. The IL Liquor Control Commission will bring on two licensing assistants in September 2018.

V. Industry Education

- a. The total number of BASSET applicants trained in July 2018 was 9,448.
- b. The total number of BASSET applicants in the look up is 255,830.
- c. The Parental Responsibility Campaign was presented to the Cook County Sheriff's Leadership Academy in Palos Heights in July 2018.
- d. The College Town Summit will be November 1, 2018 at Illinois State University.

VI. Legal Division

- a. Deputy Counsel Paziotopoulos presented the Department of Revenue Tax Cases and default cases for ILCC Commission approval.
- b. A motion was made by Commissioner Cahill to approve the Administrative Law Judge tax case recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deters. The motion was unanimously approved.
- c. A motion was made by Commissioner Cahill to approve the Administrative Law Judge default recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons. The motion was unanimously approved.
- d. Deputy Counsel Paziotopoulos informed the Commission of her efforts of clearing out the backlog of legal items. Pre-disciplinary conferences are set up for 4 days in September, and SAM cases should be started on in late September.
- e. Richard Fallon of Department of Health and Family Services was present for the Child Support cases presented to the Commission.
- f. Champs Bar & Grill was ordered to pay the arrears balance in full within two weeks, or the license is revoked. A motion was made by Commissioner Cahill to approve the revocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pulido Sanchez. The motion was unanimously approved.
- g. Gunsmoke Grill came into compliance and therefore was dismissed.
- h. Ramennenga LLC came into compliance and therefor was dismissed.
- i. Valencia Tap LLC was ordered to pay the arrears balance in full within two weeks, or the license is revoked. A motion was made by Commissioner Cahill to approve the revocation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gorman. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Attorney Pat Doerr of Hospitality Business Association of Chicago informed the Commission the Chicago Police Department conducts sale to minor cases by use of a Federal Block Grant. The compliance rate never fell below 97%. The Chicago Police Department conducts approximately 2,000 SAM checks per year.

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

- a. Commissioner Cahill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gorman. Motion unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

Meagan Sharkey, Acting Commission Secretary