

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION August 13, 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, and July 24, 2020. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 (reissued under Executive Order 2020-48), 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 2020-48 and 2020-07.

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 Pamela Paziotopoulos, General Counsel Tom Schlenhardt, Deputy Director

Les Peterson, Chief Enforcement Officer Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator Jason Youngberg, IT Director

Richard 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 July 16, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Director's Report

a. ILCC operations. Staff continues to work from home and are fully capable to and have the capacity to work remotely. Productivity remains consistent and we are

seeing upticks in services and responses. Access to the JRTC remains restricted to necessity only.

b. The ILCC is looking to be more efficient in communication and more scope, knowledge and investigative capacity in our enforcement division and we have four enforcement positions are approved through the Civil Service Commission and is going through our HR process.

c. Legal has had many requests for policy changes through our legal department. ILCC encourages people to continue to use the Advisory Opinion Request forms on our website.

d. ILCC COVID-19 directives were issued to ease some of the strain on the industry while maintaining an ordered market. We ask for full, voluntary compliance with Phase 4, so we don't go back in the reopening plan. ILCC relies on local governance to enforce and issued a summary authority bulletin ahead of the July 4th weekend, to ensure a collaborative effort and help licensees to voluntarily comply while giving local authorities knowledge of what tools are available to them.

III. ILCC Operations & Public Act 100-1080

The Commission heard from the Executive Director regarding continued ILCC Operations and continued separation from the Department of Revenue.

IV. COVID-19 Directives

The Commission heard from the Executive Director regarding directives the ILCC has issued in response to COVID-19. The most recently issued directive was regarding the resumption of the Delinquency List.

V. JCAR Update

a. IDPH Mask Rule: The Commission heard from the Executive Director regarding several JCAR issues. The Executive Director explained the ILCC plan regarding the IDPH issued emergency rule regarding masks and how it relates to ILCC operations.

b. Quantity Discounting: JCAR rejected our proposed rule regarding Quantity Discounting. We are working with stakeholders to work through the issues.

VI. Division Reports

a. Licensing Division

- There was a 29% increase in online renewals for July 2020, as opposed to July 2019. Renewals are still holding steady at 98% online renewals.

b. Enforcement Division

- Conducted 777 enforcement activities and found 78 violations and 70 warnings were issued during new license inspections.

- Enforcement is working with HR to streamline the hiring for Underage Compliance Assistants.
- Enforcement is continuing to work with all levels of government and licensees to make sure they are fully aware of the parameters of the Governor's Covid-19 emergency orders. Upon investigating complaints submitted to our office, the ILCC found that most of the complaints stemmed from a misunderstanding of the orders. Our goal is to reduce complaints and increase compliance through education.

c. Industry Education

- While COVID-19 has limited our outreach efforts at schools, we continue to be active in BASSET certifications.
- Q2 newsletter was published and sent to licensees.
- We continue to prepare for our October 14th College town summit.
- The ILCC is partnering with the following prevention campaigns at the federal and state levels: SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration) and IDOT's Impaired Driving Task Force strategic plan.

d. Legal Division

- General Counsel Pamela Paziotopoulos announced she is leaving the ILCC and thanked the Commission for the opportunity

VII. Appeals

- 19APP11-Glogovsky Real Estate LLC--Series 12610 Rockland dba Scooters v. Lake County: The Commission unanimously voted to deny the Petition for Rehearing.
- 20APP01 Andy's Subs 1, LLC v. Pulaski County: The Commission unanimously voted to reverse the decision of the Pulaski County Liquor Commission.
- 20APP08 Kris Brower, Elijah Brower, Isaiah Brower, Bruce Freeland, Cindy Huseman, and Michael Wheatley v. Columbia: The Commission unanimously voted dismiss the appeal.

VIII. Public Comment

- None

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary