

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION September 16, 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 gubernatorial disaster proclamations issued on March 9, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 24, 2020, and August 21, 2020. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 (reissued under Executive Order 2020-52), 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 2020-52 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

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 August 13, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

## II. Executive Director's Report

a. Fall legislative session. The ILCC is monitoring what industry members may be moving or wanting to move and encouraging those associations to share with us their initiatives so that we can provide input and provide recommendations for legislative proposals through legal analysis.

b. Governor's Office has asked the ILCC to reduce our budget by 5% this year, and 10% by next year. We will work with our CFO to look at every contract and every cost savings we can find for efficiency while reducing our budget.

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

All staff continues to work remotely. We are taking appropriate precautions and staff that needs to go into the office will have all the necessary PPE supplied at the office.

The ILCC was in the process of moving out of the JRTC. The ILCC needed to be close to Department of Revenue and the Secretary of State, for convenience of our licensees and our operational overlap. Therefore, we have identified Daley Plaza. There is no significant cost for rent of the space.

## IV. ILCC Covid-19 Directives

Over the past month, the ILCC has worked to partner with IDPH and local municipalities for mitigation measures. Region IV (Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington Counties) and Region V (Kankakee and Will Counties) received mitigation guidance which include hours of operations, dining operations, and other mitigation efforts.

## V. JCAR Update

a. No updates.

## VI. Division Reports

### a. Licensing Division

- Licensing went live with accepting new applications online. This is the first step in entirely automating our licensing process.

### b. Enforcement Division

- Governor and IDPH issued a mask order and the ILCC will continue to enforce mask orders and will incorporate them into their inspections.

- We provide an opportunity for voluntary compliance in the inspection but repeat offenders of deliberate disregard for the public health and safety will be issued violations.
- The ILCC is looking at innovative ways to continue its underage compliance investigations considering the increase of online liquor sales and deliveries.

#### c. Industry Education

- Our College Summit is October 14th, 2020 and will be done online and will address the issues servers are facing with alcohol service, substance abuse prevention, law enforcement agencies and neighborhood/parent organizations will also participate.
- The ILCC newsletter will go out at the end of September.
- We are updating our ILCC Local Commissioner handbook to include lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### d. Legal Division

- We are vetting candidates to serve as the new General Counsel.
- No tax cases, but Pre-Disciplinary Conferences and Sale of Alcohol to Minors (SAMs) cases continue as discussed in last month's Commissioner's meeting.

### VII. Public Comment

- Southern Wine & Glazers, Illinois Restaurant Association, and Breakthru Beverage regarding credit card payments.
- Pastor Corey Brooks – Operation H.O.O.D.
- Dimitri Christopoulos – Christopoulos Law regarding Credit Card Payments
- Michael Evans – Southern Glazers regarding Credit Card Payments.
- James Webster, Webster Law Partners, Credit Card Payments

### VIII. Appeals

- 19 CA 02 Stretch's Sports Bar vs. City of Waukegan.

Motion to Affirm City of Waukegan's Order by Commissioner O'Connell, seconded by Commissioner Pulido-Sanchez. Motion carries unanimously.

- 19 APP 12 T &G Enterprises I, LLC dba Tailgaters vs. City of LeRoy.

Motion to dismiss by Commissioner Gibbons, seconded by Commissioner LaMalfa. Motion carries unanimously.

IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

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

ATTEST:

/s/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary