

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL
COMMISSION
July 14, 2021
1:00 PM
Via Webex Events**

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/1, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission held its monthly Commission meeting at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601.

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 Gardner, *Executive Director*
Thomas Schlenhardt, *Associate Director*
Dusanka Marijan, *Licensing Administrator*
Michelle Flagg, *Industry Education*
Jason Youngberg, *IT Director*
Rick Haymaker, *Legal*
Persis Dhankher, *IT*
Dean Argiris, *Acting Commission Secretary*
Patrick Schoeben, *Executive Assistant*

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes of the May 12th, 2021, with an amendment that the date accurately reflect April 21st, 2021. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons.

Yeas – 7, Nays- 0, Abstain - 0

- b. A second motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper to approve the minutes of June 16, 2021.

Yeas – 7, Nays- 0, Abstain - 0

III. Executive Director Lisa McLeod Report

- a. The ILCC has now moved to the Daley Center and we are working out the minor kinks so that we can be prepared to open to the public in the first week of August.

- b. Our new General Counsel, Noel Quanbeck, will start his first day on Friday, June 16th.
- c. The ILCC will begin interviews for our new licensing assistant position and we are going to hire seven new trainees. Three to four inspector trainees and four investigator trainees.
- d. Legislative session ended last month with the passage of HB2620, which had a lot of implications for the ILCC, as it relates to licensing and enforcement. The office is working diligently to ensure implementation of the new requirements.
- e. There has been an increase in Special Events licenses issued from 236 (April 2021), to 785 (June 2021), as the State moved into Phase 5 of the Covid mitigation plans and places began to fully reopen.

IV. Receive Comments from the Board

- a. None.

V. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons.

Yeas – 7, Nays- 0, Abstain - 0

ATTEST:

/S/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary