



**ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL
COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

December 20th, 2023

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

**Richard J. Daley Center
50 W. Washington St.
Chicago, Illinois 60602**

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**December 20th, 2023
1:00 PM**

Call the Roll:

Chair Berg called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

I. Present

Melody Spann-Cooper	<i>Commissioner</i>	
Thomas Gibbons	<i>Commissioner</i>	
Pat Pulido Sanchez	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Remote</i>
Brian Sullivan	<i>Commissioner</i>	
Cynthia Berg	<i>Chair</i>	
Steven Powell	<i>Commissioner</i>	<i>Remote</i>
Julieta LaMalfa	<i>Commissioner</i>	

ILCC Staff Present:

Lisa Gardner	<i>Executive Director</i>
Dana O’Leary	<i>Associate Director</i>
Dusanka Marijan	<i>Licensing Administrator</i>
Faheem Murad	<i>I.T.</i>
Madeline Small	<i>Human Resources</i>
Noel Quanbeck	<i>General Counsel</i>
Nicole Sanders	<i>Industry Education</i>
Rick Haymaker	<i>Legal</i>
Curtis Franklin	<i>Legislative Liaison</i>
Dean Argiris	<i>Acting Commission Secretary</i>

Motion for Remote Participation of Commissioner Pulido Sanchez & Powell

A motion was made by Commissioner Spann-Cooper to allow Commissioner Pulido Sanchez and Commissioner Powell to participate remotely and was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes		

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner LaMalfa to approve the amended minutes of the November 15th, 2023, meeting; the motion passed.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes
Steven Powell	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes		

III. Approval of the 2024 Commissioner Calendar

A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbons to vote on the 2024 Commission Calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LaMalfa.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes
Steven Powell	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes		

IV. Executive Director's Report

A video presentation was played, recapping the significant achievements, events, and updates the ILCC participated in throughout the 2023 year. Including the new Bentley the BASSET hound mascot, online applications for new retailers, filing the co-branded product rule, and much more.

Announced the upcoming legal webinar on the appeals process scheduled for Feb 28th, 2024. The newsletter is to be released by the end of the year. A licensing survey is to be released shortly.

The Director thanks the ILCC staff, Commissioners, and industry stakeholders for all their efforts through the year.

V. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

VI. Executive Session

Commissioner Powell made a motion to move the ILCC into Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. Commissioner Spann-Cooper seconded the motion.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes.
Brian Sullivan	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes		

VII. Regular Session

The Commission moved back into regular session at 1:20 p.m.

Present

Melody Spann-Cooper	Commissioner	
Thomas Gibbons	Commissioner	
Pat Pulido Sanchez	Commissioner	Remote
Brian Sullivan	Commissioner	
Cynthia Berg	Chair	
Steven Powell	Commissioner	Remote
Julieta LaMalfa	Commissioner	

VIII. Appeals

For 23 APP 14 (*Ron's Lounge, Inc. v. Lebanon (Petition for Rehearing)*), Commissioner Powell made a MOTION TO DENY THE PETITION FOR REHEARING. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes.
Brian Sullivan	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes		

IX. Comments from the Board

No comments.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Powell made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes.
Brian Sullivan	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes		

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m. CST.

ATTEST:

/S/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary
