

**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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**July 17th, 2024
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>
Julieta LaMalfa	<i>Commissioner Remote</i>
Steven Powell	<i>Commissioner</i>
Pat Pulido Sanchez	<i>Commissioner</i>
Brian Sullivan	<i>Commissioner Remote</i>
Cynthia Berg	<i>Chair</i>

ILCC Staff Present:

Dana O’Leary	<i>Associate Director</i>
Dusanka Marijan	<i>Licensing Administrator</i>
Noel Sanchez	<i>Enforcement</i>
Faheem Murad	<i>I.T.</i>
Noel Quanbeck	<i>General Counsel</i>
Nicole Sanders	<i>Industry Education</i>
Abraham Zisook	<i>Legal</i>
Curtis Franklin	<i>Legislative Liaison</i>
Jackie Villa	<i>Acting Commission Secretary</i>

Motion for Remote Participation of Commissioners LaMalfa and Sullivan

A motion was made by Commissioner Spann-Cooper to allow Commissioners LaMalfa and Sullivan to participate remotely and was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes	Thomas Gibbons	Yes
Steven Powell	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes		

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Span-Cooper to approve the amended minutes of the June 12th, 2024, meeting; the motion passed.

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

III. Executive Director’s Report

We were able to achieve a few notable accomplishments, the first half of the year. Some of them

being that we now are to accept online fine payments. Licensees can now schedule pre disciplinary conferences online. We have had an increased industry community and media presence, we have our revamped website, we have the passage of the ILCC legislative initiatives, senate bill 2745 and senate bill 2625, we also hit the passage of an increase operating budget of approximately 2.25 million that we can use to hire additional staff and update our operations and equipment. Our 2023 – 2024 fiscal year compliance audit is now complete and additional details will be provided at the next months meeting. And I would like to welcome Patrick Schoeben as the new ILCC’s new HR Director. He has been with the ILCC for several years and has worn a lot of hats during his tenure with us. We are happy to have him in his new role and look forward to all the amazing things he is going to do in it. Our next meeting is going to be on August 14th in our Springfield office. That date does deviate slightly from our regular calendar, so I just want everyone to know it’s going to be on the 14th of august in Springfield. We will be at the state fair august 8 through the 18th and our youth awareness alcohol summit is going to take place on august 13 from 10 to 3. Hopefully everyone is going to be able to attend those events and visit us at the state fair. I want to thank the staff, the commissioners, and the industry stakeholders.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

V. Executive Session

Commissioner Powell made a motion to move the ILCC into Executive Session at 1:12 p.m. Commissioner Gibbons seconded the motion.

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

The Commission moved back into regular session at 1:18 p.m.

Present

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

VI. Release of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Powell made a motion to release confidential meeting minutes for closed session for November 2021, January 2022, March 2023, May 2023, July 2023, November 2023 March 2024, April 2024, and June 2024. Commissioner Spann-Cooper seconded the motion.

Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes	Thomas Gibbons	No
Julieta LaMalfa	Yes	Steven Powell	Yes
Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes	Brian Sullivan	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes		

Commissioner Powell made a motion to not release confidential meeting minutes for closed session for April 2023, June 2023, September 2023, October 2023, December 2023, February 2024, and May 2024. Commissioner Gibbons.

Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes	Thomas Gibbons	No
Julieta LaMalfa	Yes	Steven Powell	Yes
Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes	Brian Sullivan	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes		

VII. Comments from the Board

Commissioner Gibbons commented on the enforcement report was very encouraging, and the underage compliance investigations are great are encourages them to continue.

VIII. Adjournment

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m. CST.

ATTEST:

/S/ Jackie Villa, Acting Commission Secretary
