

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

**50 W. Washington St. Suite 209
Chicago, Illinois 60602**

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**April 16, 2025
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</i>
Cynthia Berg	<i>Chair</i>

ILCC Staff Present:

Lisa Gardner	<i>Executive Director</i>
Dana O'Leary	<i>Assistant Director</i>
Dusanka Marijan	<i>Licensing Administrator</i>
Patrick Schoeben	<i>HR Director</i>
Noel Quanbeck	<i>General Counsel</i>
Richard Haymaker	<i>Legal Attorney</i>
Faheem Murad	<i>I.T.</i>
Nicole Sanders	<i>Industry Education</i>
Curtis Franklin	<i>Legislative Liaison</i>
Michael Gentry	<i>Chief Fiscal Officer</i>
Jacqueline Villa	<i>Acting Commission Secretary</i>

Motion for Remote Participation of Commissioners

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

Brian Sullivan	Yes	Steven Powell	Yes
Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	Yes
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Span-Cooper	Yes

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbons and seconded by Commissioner Pulido-Sanchez to approve the minutes of the March 19th, meeting; the motion passed.

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

III. Executive Director's Report

- **2025 Legislative Session**
 - Monitoring multiple bill findings
 - Senate Bill 1634 and House Bill 2485.
- **Job Positions**
 - Chief of internal affairs David Betz started March 3rd.
 - We will begin interviewing for our open licensing supervisor, Executive 1 assistant.
 - Our Michael J. Curry interns will begin in June 2025.
- **Fiscal**
 - Fiscal Year 2025 Total Revenue - \$15.7 Million
 - 12% increase from FY24
 - 6% increase from FY19
 - \$19.2 Million in the Dram Shop Fund
 - The ILCC operating budget
- March Revenue - \$1.67 Million
 - Licensing division generated 95%.
 - Fines/Penalties and Violations generated approximately 5%.
- **Licensing**
 - March 2025 Figures
 - Active licenses - 31,206
 - 3,212 issued.
 - 281 new applications
 - Special event licenses
 - 200
- **Enforcement**
 - **Delinquency list**
 - 888 Delinquencies Reported
 - 955 Cures.
 - There were 12 Bona-Fide disputes filed for the month.
 - Inspections Totals for February
 - Total of 896 Inspections.
 - 9 were pre-licensing inspections
 - 116 were First Inspections.
 - 250 violations were cited.
 - Most common violations
 - IL Sales Tax certificate unavailable
 - Personnel not BASSET certified.
 - ILCC license not displayed.
 - Contaminated Liquor
 - Pre-mix not destroyed weekly.
 - 62 warnings were issued.
 - Most common
 - Pregnancy Sign not displayed.
 - ILCC license not being displayed.
 - IL Sales Tax certificate unavailable
 - Personnel not Basset certified.

- Local Liquor license not being available.
- Complaints
 - The ILCC received 52 complaints in March. The complaints came via the online submission form, email, phone calls, and in-person information.
 - The most common complaints were operating without a valid license, Not Basset certified, the sale of alcohol to a minor.
 - Enforcement investigated and closed 11 complaints.
- Underage Compliance Details totals for February.
 - 12 Underage Compliance missions
 - 217 establishments were checked.
 - 63 failures
 - 154 were compliant.
 - 15 prior offenders were retested for compliance.
- Online marketplace sales
 - Removed from marketplace:
 - 8 posts from Craigslist
 - 3 posts from Facebook Marketplace
 - 1 post from Offer-Up
- **Legal**
 - 123 cases pending
 - 1 distributor cases.
 - 27mretailer cases.
 - 94 sales of alcohol to minor
 - 86 first offense.
 - 6 second offense.
 - 2 third offense
 - Closed 172 cases.
 - Pre-disciplinary conferences
 - Conducted 25 pre-disciplinary conferences.
 - 8 outstanding conferences
 - SAM Conferences
 - March 18th in the Chicago office and March 25th in the Springfield office.
 - Appeals
 - 4 pending appeals
 - Last appeal status was held March 7th.
 - FOIA
 - Received 26 FOIA requests.
 - Administrative review
 - 5 are under administrative review.
- **Industry Education**
 - Bulletin
 - The ILCC spring newsletter is now available on our website
 - Basset, underage compliance, and charitable options.
 - To stay up to date on ILCC and industry news subscribe to the mailing list.
- **Gentax**
 - **We are in the process of transition from Gentax to salesforce to handle**

to majority of division's needs. This move reflects our long-term strategic plan to modernize our systems.

IV. Public Comment

No public comment was given.

V. Executive Session

Commissioner Pulido-Sanchez made a motion to move the ILCC into executive session at 1:09pm. Commissioner Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

The Commission moved back into regular session at 1:26 p.m.

VI. ALJ Parry Cases

For *ILCC v. Shirori Sushi Restaurant, Inc. – Case ID; 604188416*, Commissioner Gibbons made a MOTION TO MODIFY THE ALJ PARRY'S DECISION TO ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pulido Sanchez.

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

For *ILCC v. CRD VENTURES, Inc. – Case ID; 13115446528*, Commissioner Sullivan made a MOTION TO MODIFY THE ALJ PARRY'S DECISION TO A SEVEN DAY SUSPENSION. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper.

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

VII. Comments from the Board

Commissioner Gibbons made comments regarding a disciplinary chart for Sale of Alcohol to Minor cases.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Pulido- Sanchez made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:34 p.m. CST

ATTEST:

/S/ Jacqueline Villa, Acting Commission Secretary
