

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
January 10, 2018
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER
100 WEST RANDOLPH ST. ROOM 9-040
1:00 PM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was held at the James R. Thompson Center, Chicago, Illinois 60601 Room 9-040 pursuant to notice.

Call the Roll:

Constance Beard, Chair
Donald O'Connell, Commissioner
Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner
Thomas Gibbons, Commissioner
Maria Saldana, Commissioner
Patricia Pulido Sanchez, Commissioner

Also Present:

Donovan Brovan, Executive Director
Sean O'Leary, Chief Legal Counsel
Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator
Eric Cato, Liquor Compliance Manager
Michael Wukowitch, Field Supervisor (A)
Joseph Z. Jones, Enforcement Division
Lee Roupas, BASSET Manager
Meagan Sharkey, Acting Commission Secretary

I. Director's Report

- a. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission sent out 837 Cease & Desist letters for illegal shipment of alcohol into the State of Illinois. If shipments continue, shippers may be charged with a Class 4 Felony.
- b. Of Value Regulations final draft will be provided to the Board of Commissioners at the February 2018 Board Meeting.

II. Enforcement Division

- a. In December 2017, 126 SAM compliance checks were conducted, with 23 failures, which delivers a compliance rate of 72%. Of the 126 compliance checks,

24 licensees had prior violations, 5 failed again, 79% prior violators did not sell to a minor.

- b. There were two new LC-13 partners, which included 6 inspectors, covering 43 licenses. The licenses covered are expected to be inspected by 6/30/2018.
- c. The ILCC anticipates 8 new LC-13 training partners in January, which includes 19 inspectors, covering 182 licensees to be trained. These licensees are expected to be inspected by 6/30/2018.
- d. During FY17, LC-13 partners performed 1,281 inspections resulting in 399 licensees with violations and 653 total violations. This a compliance rate of 69%.

III. Licensing Division

- a. Dusanka Marijan stated that the percentage of online renewals is 82%. Mrs. Marijan also provided a report of all new licenses issued for December 2017.
- b. Over the past five years new license applications have steadily increased.
- c. All licensees will soon receive an email notification indicating the liquor license is due for renewal. The emails will be sent 60 in advance days and again 30 days in advance of expiration.

IV. Industry Education

- a. The total number of BASSET applicants trained in December 2017 was 3,655.
- b. In 2017, the ILCC trained 80,235 BASSET applicants.
- c. The Illinois Liquor Control Commission is expected to roll out the Liquor Newsletter on January 22, 2018. The newsletter will update the liquor industry with publications as well as provide licensees with more resources for greater compliance.

V. Legal Division

- a. Two illegal importation cases were sent notices to appear before the Commission. Of the two, only one appeared, which was Richton Liquors. The licensee appeared without an attorney, and asked for a continuance to attain a lawyer. The continuance was granted and will be set for the February 2018 Board Meeting. The second licensee, Club Suavee did not appear and will be personally served by an ILCC Enforcement Agent. Club Suavee is also continued to the February 2018 Board Meeting.

- b. Lastly, the Commission was asked to vote on a Petition for Rehearing for Downstate Enterprises LLC. Commissioner Saldana made a motion to deny the Petition for Rehearing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell. Motion unanimously approved.

VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

- a. Chair Beard made a motion at 1:56P.M. to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons. Motion unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

Meagan Sharkey, Acting Commission Secretary