

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
MARCH 11, 2020
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:

Cynthia Berg, Chairman
Donald O'Connell, Commissioner
Thomas Gibbons, Commissioner
Melody Spann Cooper, Commissioner
Julieta LaMalfa, Commissioner
Patricia Pulido Sanchez, Commissioner
Steven Powell, Commissioner

Also Present:

Chimaobi Enyia, Executive Director
Thomas Schlenhardt, Associate Director
Les Peterson, Chief of Enforcement
Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator
Pamela Paziotopoulos, Deputy General Counsel
Richard Haymaker, Attorney
Michelle Flagg, Industry Education Director
Dean Argiris, Administrative Assistant
Meagan Sharkey, Acting Commission Secretary

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbons to approve the release of the minutes of the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell.

II. Director's Report

- a. Director Enyia shared the draft version of the ILCC Strategic Plan for 2020.
- b. Director Enyia informed the Commission of a bulletin RE: COVID19 and the cancellation of the City of Chicago Parade. The bulletin is available on the ILCC Website.

- c. Director Enyia informed the Commission of the ILCC budget hearing. Director Enyia and Michael Gentry will go before the GA later this month.
- d. Director Enyia announced fourteen bills with impact to the ILCC. The Legislative team will be staying abreast of their movement.

III. Enforcement Division

- a. The ILCC completed 141 SAM compliance checks, 21 failed. Twenty-one compliance checks were repeat violators, 6 violated again. This gives a repeat violator compliance rate of 71%.
- b. The Enforcement Division reported ongoing hiring for Underage Participants.
- c. The Enforcement Division is participating in meetings to foster relationships with other law enforcement agencies.

IV. Licensing Division

- a. The percentage of online renewals is 83%, maintained from February 2019.
- b. Mrs. Marijan also provided a report of all new licenses issued for February 2020.
- c. In February 2020, the ILCC issued 231 new licenses across all categories.
- d. Marijan also announced a system enhancement of automatic updates of all active licenses on the ILCC Website.
- e. Marijan also informed the Commission legal payments online will be available shortly to licensees.

V. Industry Education

- a. The total number of BASSET applicants trained in February 2020 was 6,989.
- b. The total number of BASSET applicants in the look up is 296,388.
- c. The Industry Education Division attended IDOT, IL State Board of Education, and Secretary of State Campaigns.
- d. BASSET course was presented in Orland Park, Village Leadership Academy School and Kinzie School.

- e. The ILCC Industry Education spoke at the 15th District Licensee Meeting in the Austin neighborhood in Chicago.

VI. Legal Division

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Spann Cooper to approve the Administrative Law Judge tax recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell. The motion was unanimously approved.
- b. A motion was made by Commissioner O’Connell to approve the Administrative Law Judge default recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pulido Sanchez. The motion was unanimously approved.
- c. A motion was made by Commissioner O’Connell to dismiss the appeals for 19APP10 Kris Brower v. Columbia and 19APP15 Joe Mama’s Inc v. East Dubuque due to resolution at local level. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons. The motion was unanimously approved.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

- a. Commissioner Spann Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner O’Connell. Motion unanimously approved.

ATTEST:

Meagan Sharkey, Acting Commission Secretary