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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR ONTROL COMMISSION
October 15, 2020
1:00 PM
Via Webex Events**

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was conducted as an audio/video conference held via the Webex Events digital platform due to the COVID-19-19 gubernatorial disaster proclamations issued on March 9, 2020, April 1, 2020, April 30, 2020, May 29, 2020, June 26, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 21, 2020, and September 18, 2020. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 (reissued under Executive Order 2020-55), the James R. Thompson Center is closed to the public. The meeting was conducted via audio conference consistent with Public Act 101-0640 and Executive Order 2020-55 and 2020-07.

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
Tom Schlenhardt, Deputy Director
Les Peterson, Chief Enforcement Officer
Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator
Michelle Flagg, Industry Education
Jason Youngberg, IT Director
Avi Zisook, Legal
Rick Haymaker, Legal
Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Gibbons to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connell. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Director's Report

- a.** Fall legislative session. The legislature is scheduled for Veto session in November, we are paying attention to conversations going around. There are no specific liquor legislative items at the moment.
- b.** ILCC continues to work with the Governor's office regarding budgeting. We are in a good place but still looking at possible scenarios under the 5% and 10% budget cuts. ILCC does not rely heavily on the General Fund, most of our operations are revenue generated.

III. ILCC Operations & Public Act 100-1050

- a.** The Interagency Agreement with Revenue has expired, the ILCC is now a completely independent agency. There are still some synergies with Gentax.
- b.** ILCC staff continues to work remotely and we continue to make sure all work, including field work is done in a safe manner with PPE. We have full capability to work remotely and have not lost efficiency.

IV. ILCC Covid-19 Directives

- a.** Region IV and Region VII mitigation efforts were removed due to increased progress in combatting Covid. Region I saw a rise and we are coordinating with local government agencies and licensees to ensure they are taking all precautions while balancing the desire to keep business going.

V. JCAR Update

- a.** No updates.

VI. Division Reports

- a.** Licensing Division
 - 1. In the past month, 95% of new applicants and renewals were done online. Kudos to Dusanka Marijan and her staff for working to get this done.
- b.** Enforcement Division
 - 1. We are still pursuing underage sales and revamped our compliance enforcement.
 - 2. ILCC is looking at online portals (Facebook, Amazon, CraigsList) to address underage purchases.
- c.** Industry Education
 - 1. Michelle Flagg did an excellent job with our College Town Summit. We had positive

feedback from this.

2. We issued our Q3 Newsletter via e-mail to all our stakeholders.

d. Legal Division

1. We cleared out our sales of alcohol to minor backlog.
2. ILCC holds Pre-Disciplinary Conferences over phone and WebEx.
3. We have held several appeals over WebEx as well.
4. The ILCC is still vetting candidates for General Counsel.
5. DOR is holding revocations for tax related cases.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

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

ATTEST:

/S/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary
