

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
JULY 16, 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, pursuant to the Governor's Covid-19 Emergency Order Declaration of March 17, 2020, and subsequent reissuing of the same, was held remotely using a digital conferencing platform, in accordance with Executive Order 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
Pamela Paziotopoulos, General Counsel
Tom Schlenhardt, Deputy Director
Les Peterson, Chief Enforcement Officer
Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator
Jason Youngberg, IT Director
Richard Haymaker, Legal
Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell to approve the release of the minutes of the June 16, 2020 Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Spann Cooper.

II. Director's Report

- a. ILCC operations. Staff continues to work from home and are fully capable to and have the capacity to work remotely. Productivity remains consistent and we are

seeing upticks in services and responses. Access to the JRTC remains restricted to necessity only.

- b. The ILCC is looking to be more efficient in communication and more scope, knowledge and investigative capacity in our enforcement division and we have four enforcement positions are approved through the Civil Service Commission and is going through our HR process.
- c. Legal has had many requests for policy changes through our legal department. ILCC encourages people to continue to use the Advisory Opinion Request forms on our website.
- d. ILCC Covid directives were issued to ease some of the strain on the industry while maintaining an ordered market. We ask for full, voluntary compliance with Phase 4, so we don't go back in the reopening plan. ILCC relies on local governance to enforce and issued a summary authority bulletin ahead of the July 4th weekend, to ensure a collaborative effort and help licensees to voluntarily comply while giving local authorities knowledge of what tools are available to them.
- e. JCAR hearing was scheduled for July 14, 2020 on Quantity Discounting and JCAR moved to extend the timetable for another 45 days. We will hear when that rule will be back before JCAR.

III. Licensing Division

- a. 98% online renewals.
- b. We are going to pilot the ability to submit new license applications electronically. We had to devise a plan with the City of Chicago, through Covid, to accept applications through e-mail, which has worked phenomenally. This will help us chart a path to have a fully automated application process.

IV. Enforcement Division

- a. Focused on increasing training and revamping our entire training database.
- b. We are revamping our look with polos and badges so that we can have a very clear standard of professionalism when we go into our establishments.
- c. ILCC has been working with National Liquor Law Enforcement Association to determine national trends and enforcement techniques for voluntary compliance with Covid closures and reopening.

V. Industry Education

- a. Our newsletter has posted on our website. This goes to our list serve, local agencies, legislators.

VI. Legal Division

- a. Tax cases will be resumed in September, according to Department of Revenue.
- b. Sale of Alcohol to Minor cases will be picked up after Labor Day.

VII. Public Comment

- a. Danielle D'Allesandro – Illinois Craft Brewers Guild

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:

Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary