

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL
COMMISSION
January 20, 2021
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 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, October 16, 2020, and November 13, 2020, December 11, 2020, and January 8, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 (reissued under Executive Order 2021-01), 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 2020-07 (reissued by Executive Order 2021-01).

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, Associate 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 Powell to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gibbons. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Director's Report

- a. December was spent reviewing all of our goals, objectives, and operations and developed them into the annual strategic plan.

III. ILCC Operations & Public Act 100-1050

- a. We are looking to onboard a new HR manager February 1st.
- b. We are still 100% remote with COVID-19, vaccination and infection rates will gauge returning to the office.
 - ILCC has not lost efficiency.
- c. We are onboarding 1 position for IT.

IV. ILCC COVID-19 Directives

- a. Since January, there have not been any new COVID-19 directives.
- b. Regions 8, 9, 10, 11 are in Tier 2
- c. Regions 1 and 6 are in Tier 1
- d. Regions 3, and 5 are in Phase 4
- e. Our license renewals have automatically been extended until March 31st, 2021.

V. Legislative Updates

- a. We are keeping an eye legislation in the 102nd General Assembly to keep tabs on anything COVID related.
- b. The following legislation was passed during lame duck session:
 - SB54
- c. HB 3393 did not pass the 101st GA, but ILCC will continue to monitor it.

VI. Diversity & Inclusion

- a. The G.A. asked about industry diversification and as a result, the ILCC is working with the industry to get a comprehensive look at the industry.

VII. Division Reports

- a. Licensing Division
 - Licensing is looking to go 100% online with new applicants.
- b. Enforcement Division
 - The ILCC is improving our training and will continue to evolve the training as the industry evolves.

c. Industry Education

- The ILCC is looking to host new content and increase our digital footprint.

d. Legal Division

- Converting Electronic with docketing systems.

VIII. Public Comment

None

IX. Receive Comments from the Board

Commissioner O’Connell would like the upcoming appeals to be posted well in advance so that Commissioners can decide which cases they want to sit in on.

X. Executive Session

Commissioner O’Connell made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

19 CA 02 – Stretch’s Sports Bar & Grill v. Waukegan
20 APP 02 – The Public League, Inc. v. City of Harvey
20 APP 14 – Terzoloni Group LLC v. Melrose Park
20 APP 15 – Raven’s Place v. Blue Island

XI. Appeals

- a. The ILCC will schedule regular meeting dates for appeals, in an effort for better clarity and interaction between the ILCC and attorneys for both parties.

- b. *19 CA 02 – Stretch’s Sports Bar & Grill v. Waukegan*

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner O’Connell to deny a rehearing.

Yea- 7 Nay- 0 Abstain- 0

- c. *20 App. 02 – The Public League, Inc. v. City of Harvey*

A motion was made by Commissioner O’Connell and seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper to grant a motion to dismiss the appeal per agreement by both parties.

Yea- 7 Nay- 0 Abstain- 0

d. *20 App. 14 – Terzoloni Group LLC v. Melrose Park*

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Gibbons to grant a motion to dismiss the appeal per agreement by both parties.

Yea- 7 Nay- 0 Abstain- 0

e. *20 App. 15 – Raven’s Place v. Blue Island* - A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner O’Connell to grant Raven’s Place withdrawal.

Yea- 7 Nay- 0 Abstain- 0

XII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

/S/ Dean Argiris, Acting Commission Secretary