

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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Minutes of the January 9, 2020 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Meeting

The meeting called to order at 6:04p.m. The Open Public Meeting Act statement read by Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS	
Chairman Paul Blanos	X
Vice Chairman Robert W. Phillips	X
Commissioner Stephen Bond	ABSENT

Also Present: John Allen, Esq., attorney for the board; Suzanne Hetman, board secretary; Alyssa Witsch, prosecutor for the City of Hoboken; Detective Anthony Caruso of the Hoboken Police Department ABC Unit; and Daisy Amado, recording secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting

Tabled to next meeting as Chairman was not present for the December 12th meeting and Commissioner Bond is absent tonight.

2019-2020 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Liquor License number 0905-33-108-008, 557 1st Street Corp. 'Pocket' mailing address 106 Lyon Court, Jersey City, NJ 07305

Board secretary and Detective Caruso advised an investigation is currently being conducted by the State on this license. No action may be taken other than this board renewing the license.

Motion to approve.

BOARD MEMBER	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Chairman Blanos	X		X			
Vice Chair Phillips		X	X			
Commissioner Bond						X

Liquor License number 0905-44-118-008, 1100 Washington Liquor, LLC 'Pocket' mailing address c/o Matthew McDowell, 39 North Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

Board secretary advised she received the tax clearance certificate on December 12th. Brief discussion on who owns the license.

Motion to approve.

BOARD MEMBER	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Chairman Blanos	X		X			
Vice Chair Phillips		X	X			
Commissioner Bond						X

Liquor License number 0905-32-020-011, Goodfellas Bar & Grill, LLC, 36-42 Newark Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Board secretary advised she recently received the tax clearance certificate, this is the old Biggies, and they are looking to open shortly. Detective Caruso advised he would talk to them tomorrow to ensure everything is in order.

Motion to approve.

BOARD MEMBER	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Chairman Blanos	X		X			
Vice Chair Phillips		X	X			
Commissioner Bond						X

HEARINGS

Liquor License number 0905-44-006-006, continuation Chudhry, Zafar d/b/a Hoboken Discount Liquor, 98 Willow Avenue, Hoboken, NJ, Case number 19-21 and 19-30

Prosecutor Alyssa Witsch advised she has not received the motion to enforce subpoena back yet and attorney for the licensee, Robert Williams, is available for the February 23 ABC meeting so the matter has been scheduled for that day. John Allen advised the factual witness has failed to appear and has not provided a firm commitment so prosecutor is compelling witness through Superior Court enforcement, as we cannot enforce. Brief discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS – no new business discussed.

Vice Chair Phillips motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Chair Blanos and both members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.