

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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Minutes of the July 23, 2020 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Meeting

A meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board called to order via Zoom (due to the COVID19 outbreak and in accordance with guidelines issued by the State of New Jersey for conducting public meetings) at 6:01 p.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	ABSENT
Commissioner Stephen Bond	X

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES of the July 9, 2020 meeting

Motion to approve the minutes.

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

2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS – EXHIBIT B

Chairman stated he reviewed the list and there are no issues. Per Board secretary, she sent an email to the board earlier today with a revised Exhibit B including one more license that just paid their \$200 fee to the State. Quick discussion ensued.

Motion to approve Exhibit B renewals.

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

2020-2021 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL –SPECIAL RULING

Liquor License #0905-33-185-008, Teddy Bear Investments, LLC ‘POCKET’ mailing address 111 Paterson Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey

Per Detective Caruso, this pocket license requires a special ruling since the license has been inactive for two years. Quick discussion ensued.

Motion to approve special ruling renewal.

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

PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER

Liquor License #0905-44-035-007, Washington Liquors, LLC, 211 Washington Street TO Hoboken Wines, LLC, 221 Washington Street, Hoboken, New Jersey

Per Detective Caruso license is sold to one individual whose family owns a couple of liquor stores in Jersey City. Detective Caruso advised there were no issues per the investigation. Mr. John Censits, owner and Stephanie Zager, the contact who worked on the application, both also participated via Zoom. The board attorney swore in Mr. Censits. Mr. Censits stated he currently owns Hoboken Wines and will be leaving the store open. This is a rebranding of the liquor store. Per Chair, there are no issues and no encumbrances. Quick discussion ensued.

Motion to approve the transfer.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- John Allen mentioned while at dinner in Hoboken last night with his family he wants to commend the diligence of our ABC Police Force investigators, Lieutenant Kucz and Detective Caruso, for their work out on foot patrol despite the heavy rain and flooding last night.
- Board secretary stated the next meeting is August 13th.

Chairman Blanos motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Bond and both members unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10p.m.