

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
JUNE 4, 2015
WILLARD ICE BUILDING – MEDIA ROOM
10:30AM
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was held at the Willard Ice Building, 101 W. Jefferson, Springfield, Illinois in the Media Room pursuant to notice.

Call the Roll:

Maria Saldana, Commissioner
Bill Morris, Commissioner
Jim Pandolfi, Commissioner
Amy C. Kurson, Commissioner (joining after initial call)
Don O'Connell, Commissioner
Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner

Also Present:

Ivan Fernandez, Acting Associate Director
Richard Haymaker, Chief Legal Counsel
Tina Tsatsoulis, Legal Counsel
Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary

I. Docket Review

A. Citation Docket

Tina Tsatsoulis stated that there is a fourth sale of alcohol to minor violation (Marly's Pub) on the docket as well as three third-time sales. The remaining cases are second time offenses.

B. Revenue Docket

Tina Tsatsoulis stated that there are nine cases on the Revenue docket, but it is anticipated that only two licensees will be present at the hearing.

II. General Matters

A. Restoration Hardware Update

Mr. Haymaker explained that Restoration Hardware has not yet submitted a licensing application because the conditions are still being discussed. Restoration Hardware intends to submit an affidavit regarding cross-promotion. Mr. Haymaker stated that Restoration Hardware has represented that Michael

Polenske intends to be a consultant rather than an officer. Mr. Haymaker stated that Senate Bill 1516 was initially submitted to give the Commission authority to issue interpretive opinions. The bill has since been amended to remove the tied-house exception which would have permitted Restoration Hardware to hold cross-tier interests in wineries and a Chicago retailer. Nevertheless, the last revised and approved version of SB 1516 creates an exception to the tied house ban that seems to apply to Restoration Hardware.

Restoration Hardware plans to submit a liquor license under the conditions stated in SB 1516. WSDI attorney Jim Webster stated that the industry has tied house concerns if the license is issued. Commissioner O'Connell stated that we will discuss this subject further at the June 24th meeting.

B. Rules/Trade Practice Policy Update

Richard Haymaker advised the Commission on past actions, current actions, and future plans regarding rulemaking. Thus far, the ILCC has published thirteen rules (three were amendments, and ten were new rules). Currently, the emergency BASSET rule is set to be published on June 5th. This rule will become effective once it is published. A companion proposed rulemaking was filed with the emergency rule which will progress as any normal rulemaking would. Mr. Haymaker added that the ILCC anticipated mandatory BASSET training to be state-wide in the future.

Mr. Haymaker explained that the consignment sales rule had no objection from JCAR and is in the process of being published.

Commissioner O'Connell commended previous Chairman Stephen Schnorf and the industry for their efforts regarding rulemaking.

III. Adjournment

Commissioner Pandolfi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Morris. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 am.

ATTEST:



Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary