

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OPEN SESSION
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION
JANUARY 6, 2016
JAMES R. THOMPSON CENTER – ROOM 9-040
12:00 PM
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was held at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601 room 9-040 pursuant to notice.

Call the Roll:

Constance Beard, Chair
Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner
Bill Morris, Commissioner
Donald O'Connell, Commissioner
Maria Saldana, Commissioner (joining after initial call at 12:08)
Amy Kurson, Commissioner
James Pandolfi, Commissioner

Also Present:

U-Jung Choe, Executive Director
Ivan Fernandez, Associate Director
Richard Haymaker, Chief Legal Counsel
Tina Tsatsoulis, Legal Counsel
Dusanka Marijan, Licensing Administrator
Ted Penesis, Industry Education/Parental Responsibility
Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary

I. Docket Review

A. Citation Docket

Tina Tsatsoulis stated that there are two 3rd sale of alcohol to minor cases on the docket.

B. Revenue Docket

Tina Tsatsoulis stated that Grand Bear Lodge is continuing to pay pursuant to the agreement with the Department of Revenue.

II. Staff Update

A. Industry Education/Tobacco Compliance/Parental Responsibility

Ted Penesis informed the Commission that the SYNAR report was successfully submitted under the 20% rate. Mr. Penesis added that there has recently been a decline in tobacco use among adolescents.

B. Licensing

Dusanka Marijan explained that staff has been working to increase the online renewal rate. Going forward, downloads will take place at 7am, 9am, 12pm, 3pm, and after 5pm each business day which will allow staff to receive up-to-date information on applications.

Ms. Marijan also provided the Commission with a report of all current pending licenses.

C. Legal

Tina Tsatsoulis stated that she contacted the Illinois State Police (ISP) to inquire about underage alcohol compliance checks. ISP informed that no compliance checks would be done in the month of January, but perhaps in the late winter or early spring. Ms. Tsatsoulis also reached out to representatives of Western Illinois University who expressed disinterest in student volunteers. IDOR has confirmed that it would not be able to cover liability insurance if the volunteers are not being paid for their services.

Chair Beard urged staff to look into the possibility of offering contracts to underage participants which would result in liability coverage.

Commissioner Cahill requested that staff prepare a letter to address issues surrounding Unofficial St. Patrick's Day in Champaign on behalf of the Commission.

III. Old Business

A. Local Inspections Update

Ivan Fernandez stated that Charleston will be the next city for the LC-13 Pilot Program. For each inspection completed, a \$75 stipend will be given (which will not be paid until a budget is passed). Commissioner O'Connell added that after a year, staff should have an indication of revenue generated for the program.

B. Rule Changes Summary

Richard Haymaker stated that drafts of rules were posted on the ILCC website and the comment period ended on December 4th. Staff reviewed all comments

thoroughly, and some suggested changes were made. One rule was withdrawn (100.275), and two were held for further consideration (100.415 and 100.500). A motion was made by Commissioner Morris to move forward with the rulemaking process for 100.490, 100.435, and 100.430. Motion seconded by Commissioner O'Connell. Motion unanimously approved by the Commission.

Mr. Haymaker added that staff is preparing an outline that reorganizes existing rules. Staff anticipates having seven different sections with a primary focus on the tied-house issues.

Director Choe added that industry members should submit comments pertaining to tied-house issues and inducements so that staff can reference them when drafting rules.

IV. New Business

A. 2016 Legislation

Director Choe informed the Commission about potential fee increases. After reviewing license application fees in other states, staff feels that an increase is justified. In an effort to incentivize online renewals, lower fees would be offered for completing renewal applications online.

This subject was tabled for discussion at the next Commission meeting.

V. Off-Agenda Item

Richard Haymaker stated that the Illinois Liquor Control Commission is hosting the Nation Conference of State Liquor Administrators (NCSLA) annual conference from June 26th – June 29th. Mr. Haymaker added that there is no cost to the state for hosting the conference.

VI. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pandolfi. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:36pm.

ATTEST:



Mary McNully, Commission Secretary