

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2016  
MICHAEL A. BILANDIC BUILDING – ROOM C-500  
12:00 PM  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The regular meeting of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission was held at the Michael A. Bilandic Building, 160 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601 room C-500 pursuant to notice.

Call the Roll:

Constance Beard, Chair  
Cynthia Cronin Cahill, Commissioner  
Donald O'Connell, Commissioner  
Maria Saldana, Commissioner (joining after initial call at 1:23pm)  
Amy Kurson, 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. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell to approve and release the minutes of the December 9, 2015 Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cahill and unanimously approved by the Commission.

II. Executive Director Summary

Executive Director U-Jung Choe announced that Ivan Fernandez is now the Enforcement Director of the ILCC. Director Choe added that Richard Haymaker would be providing information regarding current legislation.

III. Investigations Division Report

Ivan Fernandez stated that ILCC agents, who were previously reporting through the Department of Revenue, are now reporting through the ILCC. Mr. Fernandez added that approval has been given to fill vacant agent positions. Commissioner Kurson

inquired about the number of agents currently employed by the ILCC. Mr. Fernandez explained that there are 14 filled positions, with one agent on medical leave and one newly hired. Director Beard added that the ILCC would like to fill agent vacancies to prepare for when the LC-13 Pilot Program is rolled out statewide.

The LC-13 Pilot Program is currently running in Naperville and Charleston; the ILCC will collect data from these local municipalities at a later date to detect trends in liquor violations. Naperville is using fire inspectors to perform inspections, while Charleston is using police officers. Mr. Fernandez explained that training for inspections includes a three hour presentation and an additional three hours in the field. Commissioner O'Connell inquired about underage compliance checks. Mr. Fernandez informed that the checks are ongoing but are limited to 15 businesses.

Mr. Fernandez informed the Commission that a letter was sent to the University of Illinois regarding Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. The ILCC has received cooperation at the local level (bar entry age is reduced to 21 years at the time of the event). Commissioner Cahill added that the Commission is serious about underage consumption and will continue to monitor college towns.

#### IV. Legal Division Report

##### A. Licensing Fee Increase

Richard Haymaker explained that the following two factors were considered while deciding on the proposed licensing fee increase:

1. The rate of inflation from the time the fees were last raised (around 65%). Significant increases are seen for distributor and non-resident dealer applications. Distributor fees are in the middle compared to fees in other states.
2. Staff members want to express that it is not their intent that every dollar be used for alcohol regulation. A portion of the funds collected will go toward the LC-13 Pilot Program as well as the incorporation of local law enforcement/state police while conducting underage compliance checks.

B. Tina Tsatsoulis stated that there are 13 cases on the citation docket, with a third sale of alcohol to minor case continued to April. Two of the three non-sufficient funds matter were resolved before the hearing.

Ms. Tsatsoulis also explained that a petition for rehearing was filed for appeal case no. 16 SA 01 (Backstreet Entertainment). A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connell to grant a rehearing in this matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Cahill and unanimously approved by the Commission.

V. Licensing Division Report

Dusanka Marijan stated that the ILCC does not yet accept credit cards for online license renewals. Ms. Marijan showed the Commission a video (available on the ILCC website) which details the steps for renewing a licensing application online. In the future, there will be a video available showing how to register brands.

VI. Industry Education Division Report

Ted Penesis informed the Commission about the Your Actions Matter campaign. The Commission suggested that Mr. Penesis draft a sample e-mail which would be sent to members of the Illinois Principal's Association. This e-mail would explain different relevant topics including the Social Host Law.

Director Choe welcomed any suggestions the Commission might have (now or in the future) regarding potential campaign ideas.

VII. Closing Remarks and Adjournment to Hearing

Commissioner O'Connell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kurson. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:32pm.

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Mary McNulty, Commission Secretary