

DRAFT MINUTES

Record of Meeting of the Liquor Control Board held September 14, 2016
at 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont

LCB Members via Telephone Conference:

Stephanie O'Brien, Chair, Melissa Mazza-Paquette, John Cassarino, Thom Lauzon and Julian Sbardella, Members.

Others Present:

Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Wesley Lawrence, Board Counsel, Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General, William Goggins, Director, Education, Licensing & Enforcement, Laurie Pecor, Administrative Coordinator II.

9:03 a.m. Meeting begins.

1. Additions/Deletions to agenda: none
2. Board actions on Draft minutes, Licenses and Decisions:
 - Minutes for meeting held August 10, 2016 – Approved.
 - New licenses August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 - Approved
 - Board decisions – The Board will defer the Zen Lounge and Selly Entertainment to the October 12, 2016 Board meeting.
3. Public Comment - No one is here for public comment.
4. Discussion of the pending proposed draft rules from the Department as a result of legislation with Damian Leonard from Legislative Counsel. He provides a general overview from his perspective on what he is tasked to do or not to do. He is directed to prepare and submit a draft bill to the Legislature that makes statutory amendments to Title 7 of a technical nature to improve its clarity. He asks the Board to submit recommendations to him no later than November 15, 2016. The Department will provide the Board with a baseline of Title 7 so that everyone is working from the same document. The Board asks Damian, Jacob and Wesley to provide a timeline so that the Board can schedule a special meeting so we can keep this moving along with the November deadline as the goal.

9:40 a.m. Damian Leonard leaves the meeting

5. Discussion regarding proposed General Regulation #54 regarding retail delivery – The Board asks Wesley and Jacob to make a recommendation to the Board regarding insurance. Containers can be a can, growler, bottle, etc. Current legislation details beer or wine and not combined. There are questions concerning 3rd party clearing houses participating in the retail delivery.
6. De-listings for July – Approved as recommended.
7. Commissioner updates:
 - Warehouse staff – The Department has made significant progress with warehouse staffing issues.
 - Bailment replenishment order project looks ready to go
 - Marketing meeting – Finalizing details. Commissioner will get back to Chair O’Brien concerning the meal price issue.
 - Commissioner is attending a NABCA industry meeting of advisors to present the changes that we are implementing here in the state.
 - NABCA Conference – Finalizing details
 - Commissioner has a meeting with DII on Thursday the 22nd concerning our dissatisfaction with the pace of the POS system project.
8. Commissioner will send out a notification to the Agencies that Kim Walker is the first contact person for any questions they may have. He will also have it put in the monthly newsletter.

10:30 a.m. Member Lauzon brings up the fact that he was very disappointed that we could not accommodate the Vermont Welcome Center in Berlin.

10:32 a.m. Board adjourns.