



# City of Memphis Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes February 3, 2021

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- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 8:58 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present via teleconference: Barry Chase, Jared Johnson, Steven Reid, Ana Vergos Blair and Johnsie Wallace Gault. The following Commissioners were not present: Erna Hayslett and Renee Poe.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (January 20, 2021)** – The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Chase moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “Wholesaler” Premise Consumption:**
1. Sean Cusack and Tayo Atanda (Attorney) – 4221 Pilot Drive – Mighty Swell Cocktail Company, LLC – dba – **“Mighty Swell Spiked Seltzer”**  
Attorney Tayo Atanda was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T25047)
- V. **The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “ON” Premise Consumption:**
2. Tawanda Knight (GM) and Tayo Atanda (Attorney) – 962 Shady Grove Road – Park TRS II Operating Company – dba – **“Hampton Inn & Suites Memphis – Shady Grove”**  
Attorney Tayo Atanda was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T24999)
  3. Jake Jensen and Travis Cornelius – 344 Floyd Alley – Craft Axe Throwing LLC – dba – **“Craft Axe Throwing LLC”**  
Mr. Jake Jensen was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T24916)

4. Gerardo Perez – 3816 East Shelby Drive – dba – **“Mexico Restaurant”**  
Mr. Gerardo Perez and translator Juan Santana were present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***  
(Account #T24991)

**VI. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “OFF” Premise Consumption:**

5. John Whaley (GM) and Tayo Atanda (Attorney) – 669 Monroe Avenue, Suite 101 – GB LL Holdings LLC – dba – **“GoPuff #375”**  
Attorney Tayo Atanda was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Chase moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***  
(Account #T25017)
6. Candice Devore (POA) and Ginna Burrell (Attorney) – 113 South Main Street, Suite 101 – Dolgencorp, LLC – dba – **“DGX #22506”**  
Ms. Candice Devore and Attorney Ginna Burrell were present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***  
(Account #T24993)
7. Mussa Alshuga – 3107 Barron Avenue – dba – **“Super Discount Food Mart”**  
Mr. Mussa Alshuga was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***  
(Account #T24710)
8. Ana D. Gomez and Ruben Costilla – 3051 North Thomas Street – dba – **“Tienda Tapatia”**  
Ms. Ana D. Gomez, Ruben Costilla and translator Juan Santana were present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***  
(Account #T24843)
9. MD Haque, MD Ullah, MD Rashid, Ligang Tang and Syed Hossain – 2713 Mount Moriah Road, Suite 101 – SLM Enterprise Inc. – dba – **“Shell Food Mart”**  
Mr. MD Haque was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***  
(Account #T24967)
10. MD Rashid, Mohammad Islam, Mohammad Howlader and Syed Hossain – 4311 New Allen Road – Hope Express Inc. – dba – **“Amazing Express”**  
Mr. MD Rashid was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Chase moved to deny the beer permit application due to one of the applicants having had previous violations.***

*Commissioner Reid seconded. Commissioner Johnson asked for a roll call vote. Commissioners Chase, Reid and Wallace Gault voted yes to deny the application. Commissioners Johnson and Vergos Blair voted no. The motion passed with three to two to deny the application.*

(Account #T24697)

11. MD Hasan and Joydeep Paul – 3388 Macon Road – Macon Express Inc. – dba – “Macon Express”

Mr. Hasan present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T24851)

12. Mohammad Kalim, Phani Alturi, Mohammad Howlader and Hari Vankadara – 3210 Hickory Hill Road – HPRK Enterprise LLC – dba – “Hickory Food Mart”

Mr. Hari Vankadara was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Chase moved to deny the beer permit application due to one of the applicants having had previous violations. Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to second the motion. The motion failed. Commissioner Chase then moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T24633)

**VII. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “OFF <10%” Premise Consumption:**

13. Khwaja Muhit, Mohammed Rahman, Nusrat Shorna, MD Hossain and Tanzila Hossain – 1531 Cherry Road – Cherry Express Inc. – dba – “Cherry Express”


Mr. Khwaja Muhit was present via teleconference for this location. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T24978)

**VIII. New Business**

**IX. Old Business**

- X. Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Reid moved for adjournment at approximately 10:22 a.m. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

  
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Anna Vergos Blair, Acting Chairperson

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Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

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