



City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

July 6, 2022

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- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:09 a.m.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Barry Chase, Chad Hampton, Brian Harris, Jared Johnson and Anna Vergos Blair. The following Commissioners were not present: Renee Poe, Steven Reid and Johnsie Wallace Gault.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meetings (June 1, 2022 and June 15, 2022)** – The minutes from the previous meetings were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Chase moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Special Beer Applicant(s)**
1. Jared Bulluck – 3050 Central Avenue – “Cocktails and Chemistry”
Date(s): July 15, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: N/A
Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)
Mr. Bulluck was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Jared moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T17883)
 2. Sherry McClure – 335 South Hollywood – “Memphis Chicken and Beer Festival”
Date(s): August 6, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: iHeart Media/ Merge Memphis
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 30 booth(s)
Ms. McClure and Caroline Hall were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T5913)

V. **Violations:**

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4,C5, D4 (WITH) priors:

3. Mohammed Ali Omer – 2238 Airways Boulevard – dba – “Airways Grocery” – Citation(s) #939900, OS396651, 919616
Date of Violation(s): September 7, 2021
April 19, 2022
Date Permit Approved: December 20, 2016
Prior Violation(s): April 16, 2021(C4, C5, D4)
Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Collins #13617
Mr. Omer was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$1,300.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Omer agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR2841)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4,C5 (WITH) priors:

4. Hazem Shoman & Peter Shehata – 1369 Sycamore View Road – EGY Management III, Inc. – dba – “Exxon” – Citation(s) #969427, OS369709
Date of Violation(s): September 8, 2021
Date Permit Approved: June 30, 2012
Prior Violation(s): January 26, 2019 (C4, C5, D4)
Officer(s): Harvell #12125, Ward #0502, Martin #0410
Mr. Shoman was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$950.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Shoman agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR4369)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C4, C5, D4 (NO) priors:

5. Sonny Nguyen – 3237 Winchester Road – Apex Enterprise, LLC. – dba – “Cash Saver” – Citation(s) #939767, #OS399070, #OS394143, #OS394144
Date of Violation(s): August 4, 2021
Date Permit Approved: **(New beer application. See Off Premise Beer Application Item #25)**
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410
Mr. Nguyen was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$700.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Nguyen agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T25871)

VI. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C4, C5, (NO) priors:

6. Bilques Alafari – 4355 South Third Street - dba – “City Gas Express” – Citation(s) #939471 #OS369703
Date of Violation(s): September 9, 2021
Date Permit Approved: January 22, 2020
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Collins #13617, Martin #0410
Mr. Ahmed Samin (POA) was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$700.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Samin agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T23375)

VII. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D12 (NO) priors:

7. Dahan Altareb – 2025 East Shelby Drive – E. Shelby Drive Hop In, Inc. – dba – “E. Shelby Drive Hop In ” – Citation(s) #969270, 136050
Date of Violation(s): August 31, 2021
Date Permit Approved: December 16, 2015
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Grandberry #1978
Khalil Nagjee and Attorney Jim Curry were present and stipulated to one charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Nagjee agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T8484)

VIII. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (NO) priors:

8. Md Khalil – 3524 Covington Pike – Covington Pike Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Covington Food Mart” – Citation(s) #939733
Date of Violation(s): August 26, 2021
Date Permit Approved: April 21, 2021
Officer(s): Collins #13617, Gillard #1976, Houston #2877
Mr. Abdullah was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Chase moved to continue the location to the July 20, 2022 A C meeting. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T25364)

IX. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5, (NO) priors:

9. Ismael Zandani – 4770 Horn Lake Road – dba – “Community Grocery” – Citation(s) #9696422, #OS369702
Date of Violation(s): September 2, 2021
Date Permit Approved: December 7, 2011
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Collins #13617, Martin #0410
Mr. Zandani was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Zandani agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR4276)

X. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4 (NO) priors:

10. Natnael Kebede – 1736 South Prescott Street – 1559 Lamar Express, Inc. – dba – “NH Prescott Mart” – Citation(s) #OS366525
Date of Violation(s): September 7, 2021
Date Permit Approved: August 20, 2014
Officer(s): Gillard #1976, Ward #0502, Martin #0410
Mr. Kebede was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Kebede agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T1203)

XI. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “ON” Premise Consumption:

11. Rhiannon McBride (Controller/Accountant) – 2785 New Brunswick Road – Onyx Wolfchase Hotel, LLC – dba – “Onyx Wolfchase Hotel, LLC”
Ms. McBride was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(T27866)
12. Rodney Wright and Deandre Forbes – 3188 North Watkins – The Excitement Restaurant and Lounge, LLC – dba – “The Excitement Restaurant and Lounge”
Mr. Wright and Mr. Forbes were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(T27485)
13. Weiping Zhou (POA) for Juanhong Chen – 1838 Union Avenue – Flame Ramen Memphis, Inc. – dba – “Flame Ramen”
Mr. Zhou was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T26695)
14. Milton Hugh, Jr. – 251 Riverside Drive – Viking USA, LLC – dba – “Viking Mississippi”
Attorney Ben Fox was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27759)
15. Tawanda Knight (Manager) – 962 Shady Grove Road South – AHTRST Concessions, LLC – dba – “Hampton Inn & Suites Memphis Shady Grove”
No one appeared.
Continued to the July 20, 2022 meeting
(Account #T27388)
16. Zhao Zheng, Guohua Liu and Shihe Zheng – 5848 Winchester Road – Tokyo Grill Winchester, Inc. – dba – “Tokyo Grill”
Sihe Zheng and translator Bifu Liu were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27842)
17. Robert Peterson (General Manager) – 1080 North Germantown Parkway – Malco Stage Road, LLC – dba – “Malco Cordova Cinema”
Mr. Peterson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27967)
18. Luis Hernandez & Juan Hernandez(POA) – 2945 Millbranch Road – La Cocina Mexicana LLC – dba – “La Cocina Mexicana LLC”

Mr. Juan Hernandez and translator Amala Hernandez were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28015)

19. Lekisha Wade & Marquise Jefferies – 5162 Millbranch Road – Partee’s Place Inc. – dba – “Partee’s Place Inc.”

Ms. Wade was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28015)

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

20. Zubair Nagjee & Nasir Nagjee – 1033 Harbor Avenue – Harbor Avenue, Inc. – dba – “Gene’s Food Mart”

Mr. Zubair Nagjee was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27975)

21. Salah Saleh – 642 East Shelby Drive – Abo Omar, Inc. – dba – “Shelby Mart”

Mr. Saleh was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account#T27261)

22. Nickolas Barbian & Christopher Nigro – 516 Tennessee Street – Big River Market, LLC – dba – “Big River Market”

Mr. Barbian was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(T27094)

23. Jalil Chaudhry – 2966 Carnes Avenue – Zak Groceries, LLC – dba – “Zak Groceries”

Mr. Chaudhry was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27264)

24. Bei Xie – 4306 Macon Road – Berclair Well Station, LLC – dba – “Lana’s Market”

Ms. Xie was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27797)

25. Sonny Nguyen – 3237 Winchester Road – Apex Enterprises, LLC – dba – “Cash Saver”

Mr. Nguyen was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T25871)

XIII. Special Hearing

26. Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Inc. – 1934 Poplar Avenue – dba – Café Brooks
Ms. Patty Burt was present. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #BR262)

XIV. **New Business**

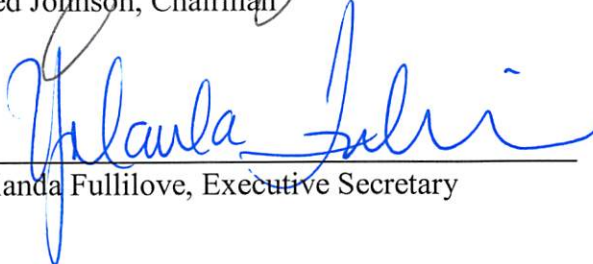
XV. **Old Business**

XVI. **Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Chase moved for adjournment at approximately 11:01 a.m. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*



Jared Johnson, Chairman

Date August 3, 2022



Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

Date Aug 3, 2022