



# City of Memphis

## Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

### April 6, 2022

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- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:03 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Johnsie Wallace Gault, Jared Johnson, Brian Harris, Renee Poe and Anna Vergos Blair. The following Commissioners were not present: Chad Hampton, Steven Reid and Barry Chase.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (March 16, 2022)** – The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Special Beer Applicant(s)**
1. David Acey, Sr. – 4<sup>th</sup> & Beale Street (Robert R. Church Park) – “Africa In April Cultural Awareness Festival”  
Date(s): April 21-24, 2022  
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: N/A  
Sponsoring Organization: Africa in April Cultural Awareness Festival, Inc.  
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 2 booth(s)  
Mr. Acey was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.  
(Account #T5407)
  2. Angela Meekins – Wagner Place & Riverfront Drive – “Rajun Cajun Crawfish Festival”  
Date(s): April 24, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: N/A  
Sponsoring Organization: Porter-Leath  
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 5 booth(s)  
Ms. Meekins was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.  
(Account #T9252)
  3. Sandra Robertson – 959 South Cooper Street – “Cinco de Mayo”  
Date(s): May 5, 2022  
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Café Ole

Purpose of Funds: For Profit; 2 booth(s)

Ms. Robertson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T2610)

4. James Holt – 940 Early Maxwell Boulevard – “Memphis in May Beale Street Music Festival”

Date(s): April 29 – May 1, 2022

May 11 – 14, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis in May International Festival, Inc.

Purpose of Funds: Charitable; 18 stationary, 70 mobile booth(s)

Mr. Holt was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T8639)

5. James Holt – 200 Beale Street (Handy Park) – “Memphis in May Great American River Run”

Date(s): May 28, 2022

Time: 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis in May International Festival, Inc.

Purpose of Funds: Charitable; 1 stationary booth(s)

Mr. Holt was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T8639)

6. James Houston – 777 Walnut Grove Road – “Summit Grappling Championships”

Date(s): April 16, 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. Houston was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T26189)

V. **Violations:**

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

7. Ahmad Abushanab – 4810 Cromwell Avenue – dba – “Cromwell Pizza & Deli” – Citation(s) #939885, OS394268

Date of Violation(s): August 3, 2021

Date Permit Approved: December 7, 2011

**Prior Violation(s): August 10, 2018 (C5)**

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Houston #2877

Mr. Ahmed and Attorney Jim Curry were 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Ahmed agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR4263)

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

8. Dhananjay Kumar, Mohammad Islam, Sanjay Roy & Mohammed Sharif – 1723 Jackson Avenue – RIDS Group, Inc. – dba – “Super Stop” – Citation(s) #969231

Date of Violation(s): September 16, 2021

Date Permit Approved: August 5, 2020

**Prior Violation(s): June 26, 2018 (C5, D4)**

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Murden #12150, Martin #0410

Mr. Kumar 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Kumar agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T24047)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C4 (WITH) priors:**

9. Shadi Hawari – 2546 Mount Moriah Road, Suite 102 – Mart 21, LLC – dba – “Mart 21, LLC” – Citation(s) #C335591

Date of Violation(s): July 11, 2021

Date Permit Approved: July 2, 2018

**Prior Violation(s): June 8, 2018 (C4)**

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Ward #0502

Mr. Hawari and Attorney Jim Curry were present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Boyd moved to fine the location \$400.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Hawari agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T17990)

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

10. Intasar Jaber – 2240 Whitten Road – JJ Mart Inc. – dba – “JJ Mart” – Citation(s) #OS399082

Date of Violation(s): September 15, 2021

Date Permit Approved: November 15, 2017

**Prior Violation(s): April 13, 2021 (C5, D4)**

Officer(s): Murden #12150, Ward #0502

Mrs. Jaber and Mr. Ghasan Jaber were present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$200.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Mrs. Jaber agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T15763)

11. Hlall Nasser – 5925 East Shelby Drive – Shelby Food Center, Inc. #1 – dba – “Shelby Food Center, Inc. #1” – Citation(s) #OS394074, OS394073

Date of Violation(s): August 5, 2021

Date Permit Approved: May 15, 2019

**Prior Violation(s): April 11, 2021 (C4, C5)  
February 20, 2020 (C1, C5, D4)**

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Ward #0502

No one appeared. *Commissioner Poe moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T21105)

12. Dina Mousa – 4232 Winchester Road – Rum Valley, Inc. – dba – “Corner Grocery” – Citation(s) #OS394139, OS394140

Date of Violation(s): July 29, 2021

Date Permit Approved: November 15, 2017

**Prior Violation(s): June 18, 2018 (C5)**

Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Ward #0502

Mr. Alfsout was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$200.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Alfsout agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T16187)

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

13. Moffazzal Hossain, Rana Sohail, MD Nazrul & MD Masud Alam – 4544 Stage Road – Food N Fuel Market, LLC – dba – “Food N Fuel Mart” – Citation(s) #939732, OS396754

Date of Violation(s): August 26, 2021

Date Permit Approved: September 18, 2019

Officer(s): Collins#13617, Houston #2877, Gillard #1976

Mr. MD Masud Alam was present. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to continue this location to the April 20, 2022 AC meeting. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded.* The motion passed.

(Account #T21622)

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

14. Nasir Ali – 4177 South Mendenhall Road, Suite 102 – dba – “Exxon Mendenhall” – Citation(s) #939882

Date of Violation(s): July 27, 2021

Date Permit Approved: January 1, 2020

Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Ward #0502

Mr. Ali was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Ali agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T23290)

15. MD Islam – 3474 Elvis Presley Blvd. – M and S Food Mart, Inc. – dba – “Hop In Exxon” – Citation(s) #940032

Date of Violation(s): August 24, 2021

Date Permit Approved: July 15, 2020

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Collins #13167

No one appeared. *Commissioner Poe moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T24225)

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

16. Abdulelah Saba – 4147 South Third Street – dba – “Near Stop Mart” – Citation(s) #939893, OS396704  
Date of Violation(s): September 2, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: June 16, 2021  
Officer(s): Collins #13617, Ward #0502  
No one appeared. *Commissioner Poe moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #t25249)

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

17. Mac's Convenience Stores LLC – 5075 Stage Road – dba – “Circle K #4703667” – Citation(s) OS396753  
Date of Violation(s): August 26, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: August 17, 2017  
Officer(s): Collins #13617  
Ms. Rachael Buford 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 Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Ms. Buford agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T14036)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5 (NO) priors:**

18. Jeet Guraya & Jasjit Guraya – 1312 East Shelby Drive – J & J Food Mart, Inc. – dba – “Jeet Express” – Citation(s) # 909020  
Date of Violation(s): September 1, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: March 4, 2020  
Officer(s): Collins #13617, Gillard #1976  
Mr. Jasjit Guraya was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Guraya agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T23703)

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

19. Mac's Convenience Stores LLC – 1685 Union Avenue – dba – “Circle K #4703675” – Citation(s) OS399090, OS399091  
Date of Violation(s): November 11, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: August 17, 2017  
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Grandberry #1978  
Ms. Rachael Buford 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.* Ms. Buford agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T14044)

20. Taher Aldafari – 2344 Pendleton Street – dba – “NBN Market” – Citation(s) OS366523  
Date of Violation(s): September 7, 2021

Date Permit Approved: December 8, 2015

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Gillard #1976

Mr. Aldafari and Attorney Jim Curry were 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Aldafari agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR3616)

21. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 3703 Jackson Avenue – MAPCO Express, Inc. – dba – “MAPCO Express #3174” – Citation(s) #C335589

Date of Violation(s): July 9, 2021

Date Permit Approved: October 19, 2016

Officer(s): Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Mr. Timothy and Attorney Patrick Hillard were 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Timothy agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T12302)

22. Etetu Wonde – 3820 South Mendenhall Road – dba – “Fayroo Quick Deli and Soul Food” – Citation(s) #OS394136

Date of Violation(s): July 27, 2021

Date Permit Approved: February 6, 2013

Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Ward #0502

***Commissioner Poe moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***

(Account #BR4497)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1 (NO) priors:**

23. Mac's Convenience Stores LLC – 4010 Austin Peay Highway – dba – “Circle K #4703671” – Citation(s) OS396751

Date of Violation(s): August 26, 2021

Date Permit Approved: August 17, 2017

Officer(s): Collins #13617

Ms. Rachael Buford 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.*** Ms. Buford agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T14033)

24. Mac's Convenience Stores LLC – 1834 Madison Avenue – dba – “Circle K #4703669” – Citation(s) OS399088

Date of Violation(s): November 10, 2021

Date Permit Approved: August 17, 2017

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Scott #11978

Ms. Rachael Buford 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 Poe seconded. The motion passed.*** Ms. Buford agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T14048)

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

25. Matthew Martin, Matthew Sexton, Joshua Argo, Barrett Argo, Joseph Goodwin, Nicholas Riley, Chad Barton & James Blair – 405 North Cleveland Street – Spectacular, LLC – dba – “Black Lodge”

Mr. Martin and Mr. Barton were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T27119)

26. Ryan Glosson – 993 South Cooper Street – Bain Barbecue & Bakery, LLC – dba – “Bain Barbecue & Bakery”

Mr. Glosson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T27169)

27. Paul Gilliam, Mary Oglesby, Mckenzie Nelson, John Revord & Emily Dell – 1835 Union Avenue – FDPT, LLC – dba – “Cameo”

Ms. Strong was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Poe moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T27177)

28. Christopher Sanders – 4656 American Way – REDZONE LLC – dba – “Daja Vu”

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

(Account #T27182)

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

29. Nagendra Seelam & Saphthagiri Sangem – 2205 East Holmes Road – Blue Diamond Enterprise LLC – dba – “Blue Diamond BP”

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

(Account #T26985)

30. MD Anamul Hogue – 1098 Springdale Street – Stop & Shop, Inc. – dba – “Stop & Shop”

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

(Account #T26837)

**VIII. New Liquor Store(s):**

31. Harish Yakkala, Gopika Katary, Praveen Reddy & Shari Elks (Attorney) – 5150 Summer Avenue – Summer and I40 Liquors, Inc. – dba – “Summer and I40 Liquors”

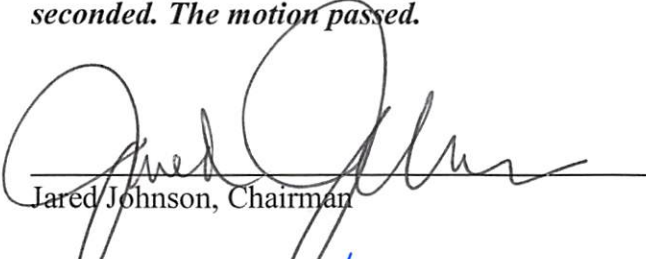
Ms. Katary and Mr. Reddy were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to recommend to the Mayor and the Mayor will recommend to the State for approval. Commissioner Poe seconded. The motion passed.*


(Account#27142)


IX. **New Business**

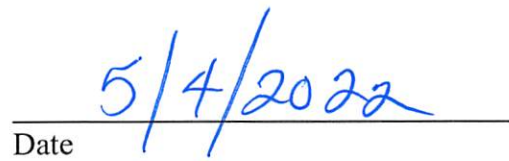
X. **Old Business**

XI. **Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Poe moved for adjournment at approximately 10:32 a.m. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

  
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Jared Johnson, Chairman

  
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Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

  
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