



City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2022

- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:02 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- 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 and Johnsie Wallace Gault.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (August 3, 2022)** – 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 Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Special Beer Applicant(s)**
1. Tamara Cook – 2120 Young Avenue – “Cooper Young Festival”
Date(s): September 17, 2022
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rain Date: September 18, 2022
Sponsoring Organization: Cooper Young Business Association
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 7 booth(s)
Ms. Cook was 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 #T2282)
 2. Amanda Yarbro-Dill – Cooper Street (between Central & York) – “Cooper-Young 4-Miler”
Date(s): September 16, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Cooper-Young Community Association
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)
Ms. Yarbro-Dill was 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 #T18850)
 3. Ebony Howard – 3024 Covington Pike, Suite 8 – “Smoke City 901 Grand Opening”
Date(s): August 17, 2022 – September 15, 2022
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 a.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Smoke City 901 Hookah Lounge, LLC

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Howard was 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 #T28323)

4. William Hall – 1928 Poplar Avenue – “35th Anniversary Concert for Church Health”

Date(s): September 1, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Church Health

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Mr. Hall was 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 #T2761)

5. Shereva Dortch – 1740 North Germantown Parkway – “Mugshots Grand Opening”

Date(s): August 18, 2022 – September 16, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Mugshots Bar & Lounge, LLC

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 6 booth(s)

Ms. Dortch was 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 #T28365)

Please Note: Commissioner Johnsie Wallace Gault is now present.

6. Andrew Ashby – 435 Madison Avenue – “901 Day”

Date(s): September 1, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Rain Date: September 2, 2022

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis Made Brewing Co.

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 4 booth(s)

Mr. Ashby was 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 #T2616)

7. Andrew Ashby – 768 South Cooper Street – “Cooper-York Festival”

Date(s): September 17, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Rain Date: September 18, 2022

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis Made Brewing Co.

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

Mr. Ashby was 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 #T5653)

8. John Bennett – 5770 Shelby Oaks Drive – “Mixed Martial Arts Fight”

Date(s): August 26-28, 2022

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: N/A

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

Mr. Bennett was 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 #T27256)

V. **Violations:**

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

9. Aman Devji – 645 Chelsea Avenue – RAAIN, Inc. – dba – “Chelsea Express” – Citation(s) #969361

Date of Violation(s): November 8, 2021

Date Permit Approved: August 20, 2014

Prior Violation(s): December 18, 2018 (C5, D4)

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Grandberry #1978

Attorney Jim Curry was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Attorney Jim Curry agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T2725)

VI. **The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4(2) (WITH) priors:**

10. Mohammad Ershadullah – 4150 Millbranch Road – AE Food & Fuel Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Millbranch Food Mart” – Citation(s) #OS-348907, OS-348906

Date of Violation(s): May 17, 2022

Date Permit Approved: January 20, 2021

Prior Violation(s): August 24, 2021 (C4, C5)

April 1, 2021 (C4, C5, D4)

Officer(s): Blue #2301, Ward #0502

Mr. Ershadullah and Attorney John Parker were present and stipulated to one of the charges but did not stipulate to the other. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$300.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit for the 1st violation. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Shah and Attorney John Parker agreed to the fine and probation. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to dismiss the 2nd violation. Commissioner Hampton seconded.*

(Account #T25028)

11. Sadik Abdi – 886 East Raines Road – dba – “Fast Check” – Citation(s) #OS-348909, OS-348908

Date of Violation(s): May 17, 2022

Date Permit Approved: July 2, 2003

**Prior Violation(s): August 24, 2021 (C4, C5)
April 1, 2021 (C5, D4)**

Officer(s): Blue #2301, Ward #0502

Mr. Abraham Ali was present and provided a POA. He then stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$300.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Ali agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR1685)

VII. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1(2), C4(2), C5, D4 (NO) priors:

12. William Shoup – 2124 Union Avenue – Shoup’s Midtown, LLC – dba – “Shoup’s Midtown” – Citation(s) #C-332504, 919755, C-332506

Date of Violation(s): May 19, 2022
May 23, 2022

Date Permit Approved: September 21, 2016

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Murden #12150, Grandberry #1978, Gillard #1976

Mr. Shoup was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$900.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Shoup agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T11837)

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

13. Jaganmohan Vemula, Samyuktha Muddasani, Sahithya Munagala – 643 N. McLean Blvd. – SGR Enterprises, Inc. – dba – “McLean Mart” – Citation(s) #919756, OS-361490

Date of Violation(s): May 19, 2022

Date Permit Approved: July 7, 2021

Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Murden #12150

Mr. Vemula and Attorney John Parker were 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. Shah and Attorney John Parker agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T25556)

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

14. Hussain Mawani – 3713 North Watkins Street – Frasier Food Mart, LLC – dba – “Lucky Seven and Fuel Mart” – Citation(s) #908798

Date of Violation(s): February 15, 2022

Date Permit Approved: February 18, 2009

Officer(s): Scott #11978, Mosby #5668

Indefinitely suspended on August 3, 2022/Lift indefinite suspension

Mr. Mawani was present. *Commissioner Chase moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Mawani 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Mawani agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR3612)

15. Zohra Ali – 6475 East Raines Road – S-Mart Food & Fuel Kirby, LLC – dba – “S-Mart” – Citation(s) #919654

Date of Violation(s): May 9, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 21, 2015
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Gillard #1976

Mr. Karim Heerani was present and provided a POA. He then 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 Harris seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Heerani agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T7981)

16. Rahim Umlani – 8111 Walnut Grove Road – Bloomingrove, LLC – dba – “Fill N Chill” – Citation(s) #M141834
Date of Violation(s): April 27, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 16, 2013
Officer(s): Young #10569, Parker #10480
Mr. Umlani 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Umlani agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR4633)

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

17. Mac’s Convenience Stores LLC – 601 N. Germantown Pkwy. – dba – “Circle K #4703654” – Citation(s) #M131201
Date of Violation(s): April 27, 2022
Date Permit Approved: August 16, 2017
Officer(s): Stephens #9696, Knight #3797
Store representative Bobby Huff 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Huff agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T14046)

18. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 2142 Central Avenue – dba – “MAPCO Express #3261” – Citation(s) #919658
Date of Violation(s): May 19, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 19, 2016
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Harvell #12125, Houston #2877
Store representative Timothy Pinkston 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Pinkston agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T12326)

XI. The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1 (NO) Priors:

19. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 2185 Winchester Road – dba – “MAPCO Express #3271” – Citation(s) #OS-348904
Date of Violation(s): May 17, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 19, 2016
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Blue #2301
Store representative Timothy Pinkston 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. Pinkston agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T12323)

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

20. Martin Baroi – 1707 Winchester Road – Martin Express, Inc. – dba – “Martin Food Mart” – Citation(s) #OS-348905
Date of Violation(s): May 17, 2022
Date Permit Approved: August 18, 2021
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Blue #2301
Mr. Baroi 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 Harris seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Baroi agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T26086)
21. Yasser Deumah – 3647 Millbranch Road – dba – “TRB Mini Mart” – Citation(s) #OS-409978
Date of Violation(s): May 17, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 2, 2019
Officer(s): Harvell #12125, Murden #12150
No one appeared. *Commissioner Chase moved to indefinitely the beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T22618)

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

22. Winsett Roye (GM) – 1022 Shady Grove Road – AHTRST Concessions, LLC – dba – “Embassy Suites Memphis”
Mr. Olrick Lucien (GM) was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28045)
23. Adrian Granderson, Devin Butler, Robert Higgins, Joseph Johnson – 85 South 2nd Street – Suite 85 LLC – dba – “SupperClub on 2nd”
No one appeared. No motion was made on this item.
(Account #T28200)
24. John Elkington (POA) – 221 BB King Blvd. – Gourmet Services, Inc. – dba – “Penny’s Nitty Gritty”
Mr. Elkington was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T27955)
25. Alvaro Gonzalez – 717 North White Station Road – Antigua Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, LLC – dba – “Antigua Mexican Restaurant Bar & Grill, LLC”
Mr. Gonzalez was present along with interpreter Milena Rivera. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Hampton seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28174)

XIV. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for "OFF" Premise Consumption:

26. Lynn Stephens (Manager) – 4071 Summer Avenue – The Cigarette Store LLC – dba – “Smoker Friendly #1301”

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

(Account #T28038)

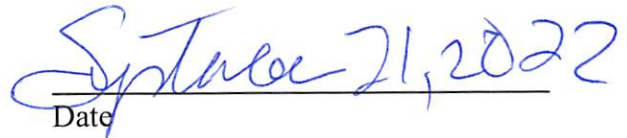
XV. New Business – Newly appointed Commissioner Mr. Charles Monger, II was introduced and welcomed to the Alcohol Commission.

XVI. Old Business

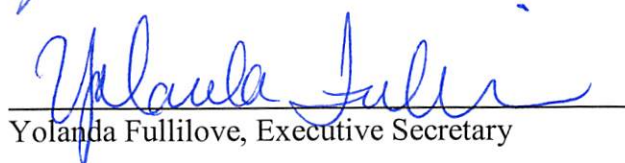
XVII. Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Hampton moved for adjournment at approximately 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.*



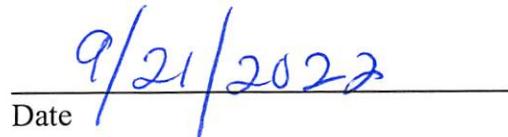
Jared Johnson, Chairman



Date



Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary



Date