

City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2022

- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. by Secretary Yolanda Fullilove.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Barry Chase, Brian Harris, Jared Johnson, Charles Monger, II and Anna Vergos Blair. The following Commissioners were not present: Chad Hampton, Renee Poe and Johnsie Wallace Gault.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meetings (August 17, 2022 & September 8, 2022)**
– The minutes from the previous meetings were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting(s). Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Special Beer Applicant(s)**
1. Amanullah Devji – 901 Cordova Station – “Musical Night”
Date(s): October 22, 2022
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: N/A
Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)
Mr. Devji was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T28612)
 2. Shahin Samiei – 3050 Central Avenue – “10th Annual TEP Gumbo Contest”
Date(s): September 25, 2022
Time: 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Tennessee Equality Project Foundation
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 2 booth(s)
Mr. Samiei was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T8711)
 3. Lauri Prather – 61 Keel Avenue (The Kent) – “St. Jude Spirit of the Dream”
Date(s): September 29, 2022
Time: 6:000 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, Inc. (ALSAC)

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 2 booth(s)

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

(Account #T3064)

4. Lowell Hinte – 6903 Great View Drive North – “Jack-O-Lantern World”

Date(s): September 30 – October 2, 2022

October 6 – October 9, 2022

October 13 – October 16, 2022

October 20 – October 23, 2022

October 27 – October 30, 2022

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Thursday & Sunday)

6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (Friday & Saturday)

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: All Community Events

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

This application was withdrawn by the applicant.

(Account #T14955)

5. James Ortkiese – 1264 Concourse Avenue – “Crosstoberfest”

Date(s): October 8, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Crosstown Brewing Company, LLC

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

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

(Account #T16996)

V. Violations:

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

6. Rafiq Ali – 6224 Macon Road – Rins, Inc. – dba – “Macon Mart” – Citation(s) #974552

Date of Violation(s): September 9, 2021

Date Permit Approved: February 4, 2015

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

January 26, 2019 (C4, C5, D4)

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

Alnoor Walani (POA) and Attorney Alexander Wharton were present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$1,000.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Walani and Attorney Wharton agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T4778)

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

7. Rafiq Ali – 4679 Elvis Presley Boulevard – Elvis Exxon, Inc.– dba – “Elvis Exxon” – Citation(s) #909023, OS396755
Date of Violation(s): September 1, 2021
Date Permit Approved: February 1, 2017
Officer(s): Collins #13617, Gillard #1976, Martin #0410
Mr. Virji was present but did not have POA. He was not permitted to speak on behalf of this location. ***Commissioner Chase moved to continue the location to the October 5, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T12900)

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

8. Tsegaye Haile – 3015 Lamar Avenue – Best Corner Express, LLC – dba – “Best Corner Express” – Citation(s) #969387, OS-402691
Date of Violation(s): April 6, 2022
Date Permit Approved: May 18, 2011
Officer(s): Martin #0410, Murden #12150, Houston #2877
Mr. Haile was present and stipulated to the charge. ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$350.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Haile agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR4156)
9. Tarek Islam, Mohammad Khair, Mohammad Uddin, Mohammad Hossain, MD Orrashid and Mohammad Razzak – 3834 South Mendenhall Road – Dallas Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “BD Food Mart” – Citation(s) #920526, OS-402699
Date of Violation(s): May 9, 2022
Date Permit Approved: November 3, 2021
Officer(s): Scott #11978, Murden #12150
No one appeared. ***Commissioner Chase moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T26587)
10. Ammar Odeh – 605 North Perkins Road – dba – “Amigos Express” – Citation(s) #908494, OS-419286
Date of Violation(s): April 7, 2022
Date Permit Approved: June 6, 2018
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Houston #2877
Mr. Odeh was present and stipulated to the charge. ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$350.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Odeh agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T17818)
11. Yousef Salameh – 1751 South Prescott – dba – “Express 7/11 Market #2” – Citation(s) #969382, OS-419285
Date of Violation(s): April 6, 2022
Date Permit Approved: September 16, 1992
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Scott #11978
Mr. Salameh was present and stipulated to the charge. ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$350.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer***

permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed. Mr. Salameh agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR2585)

12. Mike Khmous – 4299 Winchester Road – dba – “Z Market” – Citation(s) #919624, OS-419258
Date of Violation(s): April 21, 2022
Date Permit Approved: December 18, 2019
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Scott #11978
Attorney Richard Townley and the store manager were present and stipulated to the charge. ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$350.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*** Attorney Townley and the store manager agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T23142)
13. Rezaul Chowdhury, Shahanaz Parveen and Sultana Jesmin – 3487 Summer Avenue – MMS Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Highland Food Mart” – Citation(s) #908492, OS-419288-89
Date of Violation(s): April 7, 2022
Date Permit Approved: January 22, 2020
Officer(s): Martin #0410, Ward #0502, Houston #2877
Mr. Chowdhury was present and stipulated to the charge. ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$350.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*** Mr. Chowdhury agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T23382)

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

14. Yasser M. Alnajjar – 3215 Jackson Avenue – Algaile, Inc. – dba – “Y & F Mini Mart” – Citation(s) #908798
Date of Violation(s): April 27, 2022
Date Permit Approved: December 19, 2007
Officer(s): Scott #11978, Mosby #5668
Mr. Alnajjar and Attorney Jim Curry were present and stipulated to the charge. Attorney Curry stated that it was not fair for his client to have to go to court when the law states if an individual looks 50 years of age, they do not need to show ID. ***Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to dismiss the violation. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #BR3287)
15. Fahmi Gaber – 1457 National Street – dba – “Nat-Jac Mart” – Citation(s) #919674
Date of Violation(s): April 27, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 4, 2017
Officer(s): Scott #11978, Murden #12150
No one appeared. ***Commissioner Chase moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T15808)
16. Mussa H. Alshoga – 1705 South Prescott Street – dba – “Prescott Express Market” – Citation(s) #967672
Date of Violation(s): April 6, 2022
Date Permit Approved: November 3, 2010
Officer(s): Martin #0410, Murden #12150, Houston #2877

Mr. Alshoga and Attorney Jim Curry were present and stipulated to the charge. Attorney Curry stated that it was not fair for his client to have to go to court when the law states if an individual looks 50 years of age, they do not need to show ID. **Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to dismiss the violation. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.**
(Account #BR4072)

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

17. Ashley Ross – 2857 Appling Way, Suite 101 – 360 Sports and Cigar Bar, LLC – dba – “360 Sports & Cigar Bar, LLC”
Ms. Ross was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.**
(Account #T28534)
18. Rondavius Milam – 1542 Elvis Presley Blvd. – Rockin Chair of Memphis, Inc. – dba – “Rockin Chair of Memphis”
Mr. Milam was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.**
(Account #T28561)
19. Ebony Howard – 3024 Covington Pike, Suite 8 – Smoke City 901 Hookah Lounge, LLC – dba – “Smoke City 901”
Ms. Howard was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.**
(T28322)
20. Tuyen Le – 288 North Cleveland Street – dba – “Tuyen’s Asian Bistro”
Ms. Le was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.**
(T28346)
21. Jaime Wright and Shannon Merritt – 8551 Macon Road – 901 Comics, LLC – dba – “901 Comics East”
Mr. Wright and Mr. Merritt were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, **Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.**
(T28000)
22. Adrian Granderson, Devin Butler, Robert Higgins, Joseph Johnson – 85 South 2nd Street – Suite 85 LLC – dba – “SupperClub on 2nd”
No one appeared.
(Account #T28200)
23. Eldon Pico (GM) – 21 South Cooper Street – CH Tennessee, LLC – dba – “The Memphian Hotel”

Mr. Pico was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(T28285)

24. Shereva Dortch – 1740 North Germantown Parkway, Suite 18 – Mugshots Bar & Lounge, LLC – dba – “Mugshots Bar & Lounge”
Ms. Dortch was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(T28359)

25. Anthony Latiker – 1299 Madison Avenue – Slice of Memphis, Corp – dba – “Slice of Soul”
Mr. Latiker was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T27283)

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

26. Ranjodh Singh – 3580 South Mendenhall Road – Mendenhall Gas and Express, Inc. – dba – “Mendenhall Gas and Express, Inc.”
No one appeared.
(Account #T28446)

27. Mohamood Shah – 2114 Covington Pike – Yam Investment, LLC – dba – “Covington Store”
Mr. Shah was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T28540)

28. Sakr Nasser – 5982 East Holmes Road – Holmes Food & Fuel Corp – dba – “Holmes Food & Fuel Corp”
Mr. Nasser was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T28243)

29. Sakr Nasser – 5925 East Shelby Drive – Shelby Food & Fuel Inc. – dba – “Shelby Food & Fuel Inc.”
Mr. Nasser was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T28244)

30. MD Islam – 3340 Winchester Road – AR Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Hop-In Exxon”
Mr. Islam was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T28414)

31. Wendafrashe Sime – 216 North Lauderdale Street – Betty Mart, LLC – dba – “Betty Mart”
Mr. Sime was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(T28419)

32. Ibsa Ibrahim – 740 East McLemore – Hawwii Enterprise, LLC – dba – “Hawwii Enterprise, LLC”
Mr. Ibrahim was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger seconded. The motion passed.*
(T28118)

XI. New Business

XII. Old Business

XIII. Adjournment – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Chase moved for adjournment at approximately 10:42 a.m. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*



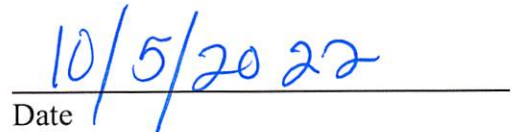
Jared Johnson, Chairman



Date



Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary



Date