

City of Memphis Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes February 15, 2023

- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:10 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Brian Harris, Jared Johnson, Charles Monger II, Anna Vergos Blair and Johnsie Wallace Gault. The following Commissioners were not present: Barry Chase, Chad Hampton and Renee Poe.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (January 18, 2023)** – 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 Harris seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Special Beer Applicant (s):**
1. Berenice Lopez – 5770 Shelby Oaks Drive – “Afro-Latino Night Fiesta”
Date(s): February 24, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group
Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)
Ms. Lopez was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T22476)
 2. Eric Mason – 903 South Cooper Street – “St. Patrick’s Day Festival”
Date(s): March 17, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Celtic Crossing Irish Pub
Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)
Mr. Mason 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 #T3054)
 3. Michelle Dooner – 61 Keel Avenue – “Whiskey Warmer”
Date(s): March 3, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Leadership Memphis

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Dooner 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 #T28125)

4. Peggy Foster – Shelby Farms Park – “Puppy Up Memphis Walk”

Date(s): April 23, 2023

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: The Puppy Up Foundation

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Foster 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 #T29369)

5. Savannah Boster – 935 Farm Road – “All in for Animals Charity Poker Tournament”

Date(s): February 18, 2023

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Humane Society of Memphis & Shelby County

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Boster 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 #T23056)

6. Jose Rodriguez – 4835 American Way – “Rodeo Event Series”

Date(s): March 11, 2023 – April 8, 2023

Time: 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Rodeo Event Center Series

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

Mr. Rodriguez 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 #T17004)

7. Clark Ortkiese – 1264 Concourse Avenue – “Memphis Listening Lab - Stereo Sessions”

Date(s): March 8, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Crosstown Brewing Company, LLC

Purpose of Funds: For Profit; 1 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)

8. Clark Ortkiese – 1264 Concourse Avenue – “Memphis Listening Lab - Stereo Sessions”

Date(s): April 12, 2023 and May 10, 2023

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Crosstown Brewing Company, LLC

Purpose of Funds: For Profit; 1 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)

9. Deborah Litch – 630 Perkins Extended – “Spring Faire”

Date(s): April 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Rain Date: May 6, 2023

Sponsoring: Theatre Memphis

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T27357)

V. New Liquor Store(s)

10. MD Khalil and Adel Hanshali – 4633 Tchulahoma Road – TSLW Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “5 Star Liquor and Wine”

Mr. Khalil was 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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T29208)

VI. Liquor Store(s) Transfer of Ownership

11. Karnail Singh – 3167 Barron Avenue – KG Group, LLC – dba – “Globe Liquors”

Mr. Singh was 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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T29275)

VII.

Violations:

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4x3, C5, D4 (WITH) priors:

12. Saleh Altareb – 2251 Elvis Presley Blvd. – Almotareb, Inc. – dba – “King of Discount Mini Mart” – Citation(s) #969132, OS413713, OS413714, OS413715
Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 15, 2014
Prior Violation(s): January 17, 2019 (C5, D4)
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Murden #5703
Mr. Altareb and Attorney Jim Curry were present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Altareb agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T3396)

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

13. MD Alam, Mdabdur Rakib and MD Hasan – 1372 Elvis Presley Blvd. – RRM Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Elvis Presley Food Mart” – Citation(s) #969106, OS419613
Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022
Date Permit Approved: January 20, 2021
Prior Violation(s): May 31, 2022 (C4x2, C5, D4)
Officer(s): Scott #11978, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
Mr. Alam was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Alam agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T24966)

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

14. Nabil Haimed and Abdullah Algumaei – 3467 Range Line Road – Frayser Discount Mart, LLC – dba – “Frayser Discount Mart” – Citation(s) #919688
Date of Violation(s): August 22, 2022
Date Permit Approved: November 17, 2021
Prior Violation(s): February 22, 2022 (C4)
Officer(s): Wiley#14519, Ward #0502, Martin #0410
Mr. Haimed was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Haimed agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T26238)

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

15. Yousef Salameh – 1751 South Prescott Street – dba – “Express 7/11 Market #2” – Citation(s) #920585, OS361500
Indefinitely suspended on January 18, 2023/Lift indefinite suspension
Date of Violation(s): August 15, 2022
Date Permit Approved: September 16, 1992

Prior Violation(s): April 6, 2022 (C4, D4)

Officer(s): Scott # 11978, Murden #12150

Mr. Salameh and Attorney Jim Curry were present. *Commissioner Monger II moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Harris seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Salameh and Attorney Jim Curry 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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Salameh agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR2585)

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

16. Mohammad Rubel, Mohammad Ershdullah, Mdabdur Rakib and Syed Hossain – 2810 South Perkins Road – Rera Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Perkins Food Mart” – Citation(s) #969109

Date of Violation(s): August 23, 2022

Date Permit Approved: September 2, 2020

Prior Violation(s): June 21, 2021 (C4, C5, D4)

Officer(s): Wiley #14519, Martin #0502, Grandberry #1978

Mr. Rubel was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Rubel agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T24466)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4x2 (WITH) priors:

17. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 6566 Winchester Road – dba – “MAPCO Express #3288” – Citation(s) #OS413708, OS413707

Date of Violation(s): August 14, 2022

Date Permit Approved: October 19, 2016

Prior Violation(s): July 19, 2022 (C5)

Officer(s): Murden #12150, Wiley #14519

Kevin Sparks (District Manager) was present and stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to fine the location \$400.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Sparks agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T12328)

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

18. Ephriem Umema and Alemayehu Thirunhe – 563 East Mallory Avenue – G Guard, Inc. – dba – “Roma Mart” – Citation(s) #OS413717

Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022

Date Permit Approved: December 22, 2016

Prior Violation(s): March 18, 2021 (C4, C5)

Officer(s): Murden #5703, Houston #2877

Mr. Thirunhe was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Thirunhe agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR4452)

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

19. Hisham Mohammed Abu-Sell – 1570 East Alcy Road – dba – “Quick Check” – Citation(s) #969134, OS413716
Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022
Date Permit Approved: March 4, 1998
Officer(s): Murden #12150, Houston #2877
Mr. Abu-Sell was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Abu-Sell agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR26)

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

20. Hamiar Ahmed Ali – 2157 East Alcy Road – dba – “Brother’s Food Mart” – Citation(s) #919907
Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022
Date Permit Approved: October 7, 2009
Officer(s): Martin #0410, Scott #11978, Ward #0502
Mr. Ali was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Ali agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR3742)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4x2, C5 (NO) priors:

21. Mac’s Convenience Stores, LLC – 8000 Winchester Road – dba – “Circle K #4703659” – Citation(s) #975364, OS413704, OS413700
Date of Violation(s): August 18, 2022
Date Permit Approved: August 16, 2017
Officer(s): Martin #0410, Wiley #14519, Murden #12150
Chad Long (District Manager) was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Long agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T14014)

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

22. Armias Mekuria – 547 East Mallory Avenue – dba – “F & A Grocery” – Citation(s) #919905
Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022
Date Permit Approved: June 18, 2014
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410, Scott #11978
Mr. Mekuria was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Mekuria agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T1602)

23. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 5009 Park Avenue – dba – “MAPCO Express #3283” – Citation(s) #969108
 Date of Violation(s): August 23, 2022
 Date Permit Approved: October 19, 2016
 Officer(s): Martin #0410, Ward #0502, Gillard #1970
 Kevin Sparks (District Manager) was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Sparks agreed to the fine and probation.
 (Account #T12317)
24. Shadi Hawari – 2898 South Perkins Road, Suite 110 – Rooster Market, LLC – dba – “Rooster Market” – Citation(s) #919110
 Date of Violation(s): August 23, 2022
 Date Permit Approved: February 5, 2020
 Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Wiley #14519, Houston #2877
 Mr. Hawari was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Hawari agreed to the fine and probation.
 (Account #T23475)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4x2 (NO) priors:

25. MD Ullaha, Muhammad Waheduzzaman and Amanullah Sajwani – 1974 Whitten Road – Reliable Food and Fuel, Inc. – dba – “Kangaroo Express” – Citation(s) #OS419475, OS419476
Indefinitely suspended on January 18, 2023/Lift indefinite suspension
 Date of Violation(s): August 11, 2022
 Date Permit Approved: August 19, 2020
 Officer(s): Wiley #14519, Ward #0502
 Mr. Waheduzzaman and Attorney Jim Curry were present. *Commissioner Monger II moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Waheduzzaman and Attorney Jim Curry 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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Waheduzzaman agreed to the fine and probation.
 (Account #T24424)
26. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 2454 Elvis Presley Blvd. – dba – “Mapco Express #3165” – Citation(s) #OS419614, OS419615
 Date of Violation(s): August 25, 2022
 Date Permit Approved: October 19, 2016
 Officer(s): Scott #11978
 Kevin Sparks (District Manager) was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Sparks agreed to the fine and probation.
 (Account #T12314)

27. Rafat Khmous and Talaat Khmous – 2889 South Perkins Road – Perkins Market Place, LLC – dba – “Perkins Market Place, LLC” – Citation(s) #OS419611, OS419612
 Date of Violation(s): August 23, 2022
 Date Permit Approved: January 6, 2021
 Officer(s): Gillard #1970, Ward #0502
 Mr. Talaat Khmous was present and stipulated to the charges. *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 Monger II seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Khmous agreed to the fine and probation.
 (Account #T24881)
28. Murphy Oil USA, Inc. – 7705 Winchester Road – dba – “Murphy #8674” – Citation(s) #OS413705, OS413706
 Date of Violation(s): August 18, 2022
 Date Permit Approved: August 15, 2012
 Officer(s): Murden #12150, Wiley #14519
 Due to unforeseen circumstances at the store’s location, the GM was not able to appear. *Commissioner Boyd moved to continue this location to the March 1, 2023 AC meeting. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
 (Account #BR4432)

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

29. Misael Bautista Castelan – 4069 Summer Avenue – Mi Palmar Mexican Restaurant, Inc. – dba – “Mi Palmar Mexican Restaurant”
 Mr. Castelan was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger II seconded. The motion passed.*
 (Account #T29043)
30. Claire Li and Zai Yi Xu – 7684 Winchester Road – JC 7684 Memphis, LLC – dba – “The Juicy Crab”
 Ms. Li was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Monger II seconded. The motion passed.*
 (Account #T29105)

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


31. Hisham Alazeb and Mousa Al-ammari – 3315 Hacks Cross Road, Ste.103 – dba – “Kwality Market”
 Mr. Alazeb was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
 (Account #T29156)
32. Farhan Iqbal – 3276 Poplar Avenue – Poplar C Store, LLC – dba – “BP Food Mart”
 Mr. Iqbal was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
 (Account #T29192)

33. Shahnawaz Virani (POA) for Hanif Popatia – 3999 Knight Arnold Road – 3999 Knight Express, LLC – dba – “3999 Knight Arnold Express, LLC”
Mr. Virani was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28818)
34. Shahnawaz Virani (POA) for Hanif Popatia – 4002 Knight Arnold Road – 4002 Knight Express, LLC – dba – “4002 Knight Arnold Express, LLC”
Mr. Virani was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28819)
35. Wafa Dabeek, Muhammedmahdi Owda and Ammar Abunemeh – 3566 Walker Avenue – Scooties Mighty Mart, LLC – dba – “Scooties Mighty Mart”
Mr. Abunemeh was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Harris moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T28580)

X. **New Business**

XI. **Old Business**


XII. **Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Boyd moved for adjournment at approximately 10:54 a.m. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*



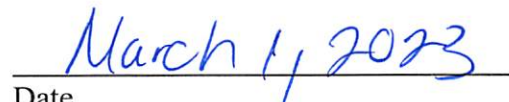
Jared Johnson, Chairman



Date



Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary



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