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MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

May 2022 Minutes

DATE: May 19, 2022

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Headquarters
(Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams, recorded for replay)

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
Commissioner Eric Morrisette
Commissioner Robert Poole
Deputy Director Dana Moncrief, Maryland Department of Health
Chief of Staff James Hock, Maryland State Police

ABSENT: Vice- Chair Barbara Wahl
Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck
Jeffrey Kelly, Executive Director, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission

OTHERS: William George, Director, Field Enforcement Division
Thomas Akras, Director, Legal and Legislative Division

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alan Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Alan Silverstein called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for April 21st, 2022, Commissioner Morrisette moved to approve, and Commission Poole second the motion, and all members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting's minutes.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director George gave an accounting of the enforcement activity for the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission since the last meeting.

a. Enforcement activity

- The ATC had a very busy enforcement period since our last meeting which included eight incidents where ten parties were charged, and incidents were both alcohol and tobacco-related.
 - 938 sticks of OTP and 4,220 unstamped cigarettes were seized in tobacco-related incidents.
 - 222 containers of distilled spirits, 1,703 containers of beers, and 496 containers of wine were seized in alcohol-related incidents.
 - These events happened throughout the state in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington County.

b. License Renewals

- Update on renewals since the last meeting; our licensing unit has been able to renew 619 licenses for the 2022-2023 license cycle. 128 licenses are pending renewal for various reasons, but we are working tirelessly to resolve those issues.

c. Feasibility Study- Alcohol Awareness Database

- The Research and Administrative Support unit has prepared a feasibility study due to the Governor's Office and the General Assembly. This study was conducted to assess the probability of maintaining a statewide database consisting of alcohol awareness programs and certified individuals who received training. The study's estimated completion time frame is before our next meeting and will be presented to the commission at that time.

LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Akras gave an accounting of the legal and legislative activity for the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

a. 2022 MGA Legislative Update

- Discussed the alcoholic beverage and tobacco bills that were passed during the 2022 legislative session, as well as briefly discussed and summarized several bills that were proposed but not passed during the session.



b. Alcohol Compliance Bulletin ACB-22-001

- Published Monday, May 16th, 2022, Alcohol Compliance Bulletin 22-001 represented the launch of the rebranding and renaming of the advisory releases to bulletins concerning alcohol and tobacco matters. These bulletins are our way of providing interpretive guidance to stakeholders and the general public.

c. COMAR Update

- The Alcohol and Tobacco Commission and the Office of the Comptroller have been diligently working on recoding regulations currently in the name of the Comptroller. These regulations need to be transitioned over to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission because that is where the authority lies. Due to the diligent work, we are in the final stages before submission to the Division of the State Documents for publication.

d. MOU Update

- The current MOU with the Comptroller's Office is set to expire on June 30th, 2022. We are in the process of drafting our new MOU, with minimal changes being made to the documents. Once they've been reviewed by the Attorney General's Office and Comptroller's Office, we will bring the MOU back to the Commission for final review and signature.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alan Silverstein moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Eric Morrissette and Commissioner Robert Poole second the motion and all members present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

**Next regular meeting date is June 16th, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission meeting on May 19, 2022.



Robert Poole, Secretary

06/16/2022

Date

