

**MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD**  
**January 17, 2018**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were Freddie Black, Chairman, Thomas P. Powell, Jr., Steve Smith, and Jaime Anderson.

Director of ABC Enforcement, Boyce Hamlett, briefed the ABC Board on matters concerning Medical Marijuana. His agents have offered classes throughout the state on law enforcement's response to medical marijuana. He also discussed medical marijuana's impact on the Enforcement Division. He then provided an update on Enforcement's automobile fleet.

Director Mary Robin Casteel updated the Board and announced the name of the agency's new medical marijuana attorney, Dannielle Hoefler.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, Private Club Resume, Violation Resume, Waning Letters and Inactive Status Letters. Mr. Thomas Powell moved to approve all above matters. Mr. Steve Smith seconded the motion. The Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

Chairman Freddie Black read into the record Act 1211 (1995). The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board unanimously voted to continue their per diem rate of sixty (\$60.00) dollars a day for ABC Board business. Mr. Thomas Powell moved to approve the per diem rate. Mr. Jaime Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Board considered Jeffrey Born, Roux's Cajun Creole, 2235 Dave Ward Drive, Private Club; Reconsideration for Permanent Restrictions by ABC Board – March 15, 2017; No Alcohol Sold Between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Mr. Jeffrey Born (permittee) was present with a request for extended hours. Mr. Born provided testimony to support his request. Agent Ken Peatross was also present and provided testimony on recent compliance checks. After considering all testimony, Mr. Steve Smith made a motion to allow the outlet to extend its hours on Friday and Saturdays until 2 a.m. after completing the remainder of its probation period set by the ABC Board in March 2017. Thomas Powell seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Board considered the application of Lawrence J. Gatta, Dollar General Store #18033, 904 East Main Street, Blytheville – Beer Off Premises & Small Farm Wine-Retail (New) – Refused by Director October 19, 2017; Objection received from Trinity Baptist Church. In attendance providing testimony in support of this application were Attorney Benjamin Shipley representing Dollar General Stores and Jon Jasper, District Manager of Dollar General Store #18033. Also present and providing statements concerning objections by Trinity Baptist Church and the distance from church property to Dollar General Store was ABC Enforcement Agent Jesse King. After hearing all testimony in the case, Mr. Powell made a motion to overturn the Director's Decision and approve the permit conditioned upon not having any outside

advertising of beer and wine. Mr. Jamie Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

The Board considered the application of Prongue S. Griffin, Griffin's Restaurant & Lounge, 138 West Parkin Street, Parkin Beer On Premises (New); Refused by Director, November 16, 2017; Objection by Prosecuting Attorney. Mr. Prongue Griffin was present and provided testimony in support of this application. Deputy Jeff Nichols of the Cross County Sheriff's Office was present in opposition to this application and provided testimony. Also present providing testimony regarding this application was ABC Enforcement Agent Jesse King. After hearing all testimony in the case, Mr. Jaime Anderson made a motion to uphold the Director's Decision and deny the application for Griffin's Restaurant & Lounge. Motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Powell. Motion passed with a vote of 4-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is scheduled for February 14, 2018.

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FREDDIE BLACK, CHAIRMAN

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MARY ROBIN CASTEEL, DIRECTOR