

**Minutes of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board  
September 16, 2020**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and appearing in person was Chairperson Freddie Black along with Board members Jamie Anderson and Pam DePriest. Board member Steve Smith appeared via an online video link. Board member Alex Blass was absent.

The Board considered the Director's Decisions, Private Club Resume, Violation Resume, Warning Letters and Inactive Status Letters. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve the Director's Decisions, Private Club Resume, Violation Resume, Warning Letters and Inactive Status Letters, Pam DePriest seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Chairperson Black announced that the next ABC Board Meeting will be on October 21, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., which is the third Wednesday of October.

The next item the Board considered was the appeal of the Director's Order against permit no. 01678, Retail Beer on Premises held by permittee Cynthia B. Parker d/b/a CBD American Shaman + Kava Bar & Shaman Yoga located at 509 West Spring, Suite 225, Fayetteville. The Director's Order, which was issued on August 19, 2020, imposed a fine of \$500.00 and 60 days of probation for Unknowingly Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. The Permittee, Cynthia B. Parker appear via an online video link. ABC Enforcement Agent Howard Robinson also appeared via an online link. A.B.C. Staff Attorney Chip Leibovich was present and conducted the hearing for the Director. The witnesses were sworn in by Chairperson Black.

Chip Leibovich called the Permittee, Cynthia B. Parker first. The Permittee did not contest the violation and acknowledged that alcohol was unknowingly furnished to a minor. Ms. Parker asked the Board to consider leniency on the fine. She detailed to the Board steps she had taken involving improved training of her staff to ensure that this type of violation would not happen again. Ms. Parker then asked for consideration given that this offense was her first violation and that the shutdown due to the COVID virus had really hurt her business.

Chip Leibovich then called Agent Robinson to testify. Agent Robinson testified that the undercover operation was routine and that the permittee's outlet had sold to the undercover minor.

Board member Steve Smith asked Mr. Leibovich if the fine was assessed at the lowest amount for a first offense, to which Mr. Leibovich answered that it was.

Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion that the Director's Decision should be upheld. Steve Smith seconded the motion and the Board voted 4-0 to affirm the Director's Decision.

The meeting was then adjourned.

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Freddie Black, Chairperson

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Doralee Chandler, Director