

MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

April 19, 2023

On the 19th of April, 2023, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting and in attendance were newly Alex Blass, Chairman, Jamie Anderson, Pam DePriest, Steve Smith and Susan Peacock. Chairman Blass attended via Zoom.

The Board accepted the Director's Decisions, violation resume, warning letters and request for extension of inactive status letters. Board member Pam DePriest made a motion to approve, Jamie Anderson seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Chairman Blass announced that the next ABC Board meeting will be held on May 17, 2023.

First hearing on the agenda was for Joseph Hupp, Permittee d/b/a The Crooked Rooster Bar & Grill, located at 105 West Main, Huntsville. Mr. Hupp applied for a new restaurant mixed drink permit, that was granted February 16, 2023. The issuance of this permit was appealed by the opposition. Mr. Hupp testified on his own behalf. Agent Jody Dodson testified regarding his application investigation and his compliance checks of the business, after the permit was issued. Mayor Travis Dodson and Chief of Police Todd Thomas both testified in support of the business. Mr. Lonnie Silers, Connie Burks and Donna Franks testified in opposition. After hearing all testimony and reviewing all exhibits, a motion was made to uphold the Director's issuance of the permit. Board member Steve Smith made the motion, Jamie Anderson seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.

Second hearing on the agenda was for Laurel Reynolds, Permittee d/b/a The Dive Bar, 1130 No. Gaskill Street, Huntsville. Ms. Reynolds applied for an on premises retail beer and on premises wine permit that was granted March 21, 2023. The issuance of this permit was appealed by the opposition. Ms. Reynolds testified on her own behalf. Agent Jody Dodson testified regarding his application investigation. Mayor Travis Dodson and Chief of Police Todd Thomas testified in support of the business. Mr. Lonnie Siler testified in opposition. After hearing all testimony and reviewing all exhibits, a motion was made to uphold the Director's issuance of the permit. Board member Jamie Anderson made the motion, Susan Peacock seconded the motion, the motion passed 5-0.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.

Alex Blass, Chairman

Michael Lewis, Interim Director