

## MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

July 19, 2023

**PLACE:** ABC Board Room - 1515 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** ALEX BLASS, CHAIRMAN; JAMIE ANDERSON; PAMELA DEPREIST;  
STEVEN SMITH; SUSAN PEACOCK

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2023, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock for its regular monthly meeting. Chairman Blass, and Board members DePreist, Anderson, Smith, were all present in person, and Board member Susan Peacock attended via Go-To.

Chairman Blass called the meeting to order.

The Board members accepted the Director's Decisions, violation resume, warning letters, and inactive status letters for the July Board. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve, Board member Pamala Depreist seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Next, Chairman Blass discussed setting the dates for the upcoming July Board meeting. Board members confirmed the dates for the August Board meeting:

- August 16, 2023

Next on the agenda was the first hearing:

- Lynn Parker, Pursprit Cannabis Co., 3390 Martin Luther King Blvd., Fayetteville MMC Dispensary; Appeal Violation Order of February 13, 2023; fined \$6250 with \$3124 suspended due to the licensee's cooperation with Enforcement, \$3124 due; Facility

failed to enter correct UIN's on cannabis sales to patients (27 counts); facility failed to record medical cannabis sale to patients:


- ABC staff attorney, Chip Leibovich presented an evidence packet, and Chairman Blass accepted it for review by the Board members.
- The licensee's attorney, Erika Gee was given room to explain why the applicant was present on this day.
- ABC Agent, Robert Bacile testified about the investigation and explained what the ABC Enforcement Division considers a "mis-grab."
  - Erika Gee questioned Agent Bacile.
  - Board member Jamie Anderson questioned Agent Bacile.
- Haley Allen, ABC, testified about mis-grabs.
  - Erika Gee questioned Mrs. Allen.
- Attorney Gee asked Pursprit Cannabis Co employee, Mr. Smith to testify, where she questioned him.
  - Attorney Gee presented evidence charts to the board members, and Chairman Blass accepted it for by the board members.
  - Mr. Smith explained what the chart contained.
    - Board member Steven Smith questioned Mr. Smith about the contents of the chart, where Mr. Smith responded.
    - Attorney Gee also followed up on Board member Steven Smith's question.
  - Attorney Gee moved on to new questions for Mr. Smith.
- ABC staff attorney, Chip Leibovich questioned Mr. Smith, where he responded.
- Attorney Gee asked Pursprit Cannabis Co employee, Mr. Gay to testify, where she questioned him.
- Attorney Gee asked the licensee, Mrs. Parker to testify, where she questioned her.
- ABC staff attorney, Chip Leibovich questioned Mrs. Parker, where she responded.

- Chairman Blass asked for closing statements, where attorney Gee stated hers, and ABC staff attorney, Chip Leibovich followed up with his.
  - Chairman Blass questioned ABC staff attorney, Chip Leibovich, where he responded.
- Board member Steven Smith provided closing statement for the ABC Board, where he motioned to uphold the director's decision, and Board member Pamela DePreist seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Following this, crowd member (name unknown) asked to speak on behalf of the industry, where Chairman Blass allowed him to speak, and so asked for consideration from the Board to allow for leniency on adjustment rules.

- Board member Steven Smith, attorney Gee, and licensee questioned the crowd member, where he responded.
- Chairman Blass offered comments on the matter.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.



Alex Blass, Chairman



Christy Bjornson, Director