

MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

September 20, 2023

PLACE: ABC Board Room - 1515 W 7th Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: PAMELA DEPREIST

On the 20th of September 2023, the ABC Board did convene in Little Rock, Arkansas for its regular monthly meeting. Chairman Blass, and Board members Anderson and Peacock were present in person, Board member Smith was present via Go-To, and Board member DePreist was absent.

The meeting started at 9:00 AM, with Chairman Blass calling the meeting to order.

The Board members accepted the Director's Decisions, Violation Resume, Warning Letters, and requests for extensions of Inactive Status Letters. Board member Jamie Anderson made a motion to approve, Board member Susan Peacock seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Chairman Blass and Board members then discussed setting the next Board meeting date, and the Board members agreed to tentatively hold the following date:

- October 25, 2023.

Next on the agenda was a hearing for Desiree Torres, Rooster's Downtown.

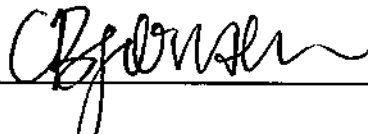
- Desiree Torres, Rooster's Downtown, 801 Garrison Avenue, Fort Smith Private Club Class B & Beer On Premises; Appeal of Violation Order of June 21, 2023. Fined \$2000; 14 day suspension; Furnished alcohol to an intoxicated person & Failure to be a good neighbor.
- Chairman Blass swore all parties in to speak on this matter.
- Agent Doug Brooks provided testimony before the Board, where ABC staff attorney, Aaron Lowrey, and Board members Anderson and Peacock questioned him.
 - Mr. Hector Torres from Rooster's then questioned Agent Brooks, where Agent Brooks responded.
- Witness, Ms. White with provided testimony, where ABC staff attorney Aaron Lowrey, Chairman Blass, and Board member Peacock questioned her.
- Permittee, Mrs. Desiree Torres provided testimony, where ABC staff attorney Aaron Lowrey, Chairman Blass, and Board members Anderson and Peacock questioned her.
 - Mr. Hector Torres also provided comments for Board member Peacock's questions for Mrs. Torres.
- ABC staff attorney, Aaron Lowrey submitted documentation related to what was discussed to the Board, and Chairman Blass accepted it as evidence.
- Mr. Colton Bland provided testimony, where ABC staff attorney, Aaron Lowrey and Chairman Blass questioned him.
- Mrs. Chrissy provided testimony, where Chairman Blass, and Board member Peacock questioned her.
- ABC staff attorney, Aaron Lowrey provided closing statements and then asked to the Board to approve the Director's Decision.

- Mrs. Torres provided closing statements.
- Chairman Blass and the Board members considered the closing statements, and Board member Anderson made a motion to uphold the Director's Decision, Board member Smith seconded, and it passed with a 4-0 vote.

The Board meeting was then adjourned.



Alex Blass, Chairman



Christy Bjornson, Director