

MINUTES OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

April 10, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: ALEX BLASS, CHAIRMAN; JAMIE ANDERSON; SUSAN PEACOCK;
HANNAH RAY

MEMBERS ABSENT: STEVEN SMITH

On the 10th of April 2024, the ABC Board did convene at Little Rock for its regular monthly meeting. Chairman Blass, and Board members Anderson and Ray attended in person. Board member Peacock attended via Go-To. Board member Smith was absent.

The meeting started at 9:06 AM, with Chairman Blass calling the meeting to order.

The Board members discussed setting the date for the May ABC Board meeting. With a potential hearing being brought before the Board in May, Chairman Blass notified the Board that Board member Peacock may be out of town on the 15th of May. ABC Director Christy Bjornson informed the Board that it would be best practice for as many Board members as possible to be present, particularly if a hearing is scheduled, but there are accommodations available to attend via Go-To. She also notified the Board that if the quorum is met, meetings can continue to be held. ABC Director Bjornson and the Board members agreed to tentatively set the May Board meeting on May 15, 2024. ABC Director Bjornson also informed the Board that an email can be sent in advance of each meeting that have hearings to notify the Board if all members need to be present based on the nature of case.

Next, 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.

ABC Director Bjornson then presented a PowerPoint before the Board, detailing administrative updates the ABC.


- Chairman Blass asked for a record to be kept of the number of attendees present at monthly ABC Seminars, to watch for trends throughout the year, and ABC Director Bjornson agreed.
- ABC Director Bjornson and the Board members discussed moving the upcoming Board meetings to the ATC Board room, and all agreed to test out the change.

Board member Hannah Ray asked ABC Director Bjornson about ABC budget, where she informed the Board that the budget is currently being reviewed by herself and Regulatory Administrator, Trent Minner.


Board member Jamie Anderson asked ABC Director Bjornson about if any changes in fine amounts for violations, where she informed the Board that she had not looked recently and

could not give a full answer at the time, but due to ABC administration getting caught up on violations, fine amounts are coming in more consistently.

The Board meeting was then adjourned at 9:26 AM.



Alex Blass, Chairman



Christy Bjornson, Director