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BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 08, 2026

The Arkansas Tobacco Control Board met on Thursday, January 8, 2026 for its monthly meeting in the Main Street Mall Building, located at 101 E. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Suite 119. There were six (6) Board members present.

- **Board Members Present:** Chairman Gary Proffitt, Dr. Patricia Knott, Mr. Brent Summerhill, Mr. Kerry Lott, Mr. Brandon McKinney, and Dr. Mark Wren attended virtually.

CALL TO ORDER.

- Chairman Gary Proffitt called the ATC Board meeting to order and opened the meeting welcoming the guests, staff.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Gary Proffitt requested a motion to approve the board meeting minutes from December 11, 2025. A motion was made by Dr. Patricia Knott and seconded by Mr. Brandon McKinney to approve the December 11, 2025, minutes. It passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes.

WHOLESALE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Chairman Proffitt presented three (3) new Wholesale Tobacco and Vapor product Permit application to the Board for approval.

- ❖ **BETROTHED CIGAR LOUNGE, LLC. - TEXARKANA, AR**
- ❖ **DADDY’S VAPOR DISTRO, INC. - VALENCIA, CA**
- ❖ **VAPOR PLANET MO, LLC. - NEOSHO, MO**

- A motion was made by Mr. Brent Summerhill to approve the three (3) wholesale application and seconded by Mr. Kerry Lott. The motion passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes.

NEW RETAIL PERMITS ISSUED

- Chairman Gary Proffitt requested the Board members to review and approve the list of twenty (20) new permits (those permits other than wholesale permits) issued from December 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.
- A motion was made to accept and approve the list of twenty (20) new permits issued by Mr. Brandon McKinney and seconded by Mr. Brent Summerhill. The motion passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes.

ACCEPTED OFFERS OF SETTLEMENT

- Chairman Gary Proffitt requested the Board members to review and approve the list of Accepted Offers of Settlement for the month of December 2025. A motion was made to accept the Accepted Offers of Settlement by Mr. Brent Summerhill and seconded by Mr. Brandon McKinney. The motion passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes.

EVIDENCE DESTRUCTION ORDER

- ATC Attorney Cameron Coker presented a list of evidence for older cases that needed to be destroyed. A motion was made by Mr. Brent Summerhill to approve that the evidence be destroyed, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Kerry Lott. The motion was passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes.

ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITY

- Attorney Supervisor Katie Hinojosa informed the board of the upcoming Merchant Education Meetings. They will take place on December 12, 2025, January 9, 2026, February 13, 2026, and March 13, 2026 in Little Rock at the 1509 Building. On March 20, 2026 the training will be held at the Civic Center in Forrest City, Arkansas.

CONSENT ORDER

- ATC Attorney Cameron Coker presented a consent order for case 2025-15754 for the retailer Park Ave Vape & Tobacco. A motion was made by Mr. Brent Summerhill to approve the consent order, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Brandon McKinney. The motion was passed with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

- CID Supervisor Chris Crary reported for following results for compliance checks.

September - 29 / 454 = 6.39 %

October - 29 / 503 = 5.80 %

November - 31 / 379 = 8.18 %

Results for Inspections for the month of November 2025, with 81 inspections revealed 26 stores had 39 violations. 32.10 % of stores had violations.

FDA ACTIVITY

Jody Dotson reported for the month of November 2025, FDA Agents completed 266 routine inspections with 13 potential violations resulting in a 4.89 % violation. FDA Agents completed 46 follow-up Inspections with 3 potential violations resulting in an 6.52 % violation rate for the month of November 2025.

ARKANSAS ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENTATION

- Senior Assistant Attorney General Michael Lewis gave a presentation to the Board concerning the Board's responsibilities under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act and the Administrative Procedure Act. Mr. Lewis also took question from the Board.

LEGAL UPDATE

- ATC Director Christy Bjornson addressed the Board concerning the Director's Memorandum dated December 10, 2025, in regard to the ZSTICK brand family of products listed on the Manufacturer Directory for Vapor Products and E-liquid Products (hereinafter, "Directory"). Moving forward, when a product is removed from the Directory, an email will be sent to all permit holders alerting them to the change.

ATC Director Christy Bjornson updated the Board on the timeline for implementation of the agency's new records management software and took questions from the Board.

OPEN FORUM

- Chairman Gary Proffitt asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board members. There were no questions or comments made at that time.

ADJOURNMENT

In closing, Chairman Gary Proffitt stated that the next ATC Board meeting is scheduled for February 05, 2026. A motion was made by Chairman Gary Proffitt and seconded by Mr. Kerry Lott to adjourn. It was approved with six (6) yes votes and zero (0) opposing votes. The meeting was adjourned.

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