



Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

February 9th, 2022 Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held on February 9, 2022, via web and phone.

Members Present: Martin Manahan, Chair, Thom Lauzon, Megan Cicio, Ed Flanagan

Others Present: Wendy Knight, Commissioner; Andrew Collier, Deputy Commissioner; Wesley Lawrence; Jacob Humbert; Brian Evans; Skyler Genest; Tonia Pryce; Katie Fleury; Cheryl Mowel; Sylvia Buzzell; Danielle Jensen; Tammy Pidgeon; Martin Prevost; Skip Whitman; Heather Duke; Brandon King; Brendan Day; Erik Volk; Brian Mclaughlin; Bruce Douglas; Mike Gammal

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes from January 12, 2022 Board Meeting – Motion Ed Flanagan second Thom Lauzon - Moved and approved. unanimous
- Approve licenses issued January 1, 2021 – January 31, 2021 – Motion Ed Flanagan second Thom Lauzon - Moved and approved. unanimous
- Listing rec. motion Ed Flanagan second Thom Lauzon – Moved and approved. unanimous

Public Comment: None

Licensing:

Licensing Food Trucks – licensed premise truck / trailer must be in a place where water and power are available – must hold health license, must have bathroom facilities available to patrons, must hold outside consumption – all rules and regulations for outside consumption must be in place. Motion Thom Lauzon second Ed Flanagan - unanimous for acceptance and approval of these licenses

Enforcement: none

Commissioner Comments:

Liquor Control:

- Sales: January 5% increase
- Out of stock 13-15%
- 106 out of stocks came into the warehouse last week and 49 this week
- Launched 10 racks of cocktails show case products put into drinks piloting at mad river distillery for 6 months.
- Online licensing project is still going well expected to launch around June/July
- Agency contract transfers slowing down



- Legislative session in House General - liquor bills including direct to consumers – exclusion of RTD's and fortified wines. Potentially a new cider definition that the Vermont Cider Association put together.
- FOB's - no spikes in pricing

Lottery:

- Sales down in January 26% compared to last January.
- New games for the first time in 2 years. Fast play games, 3 new regular games
- Educate and Innovate funded by lottery for STEM
- Big Country Radio likes Big Country Cash promotion.
- Scientific Games conversion is going well
- Sports betting to legislation
- iLottery and keynote in budget request
- Megabucks discussion in tristate meeting on Friday
- Presented to House Appropriation FY23 budget request.

Other Business:

Meeting Adjourned: 9:53am

Executive Session Begin: 10:00am

Executive Session End: 10:20am

Next Meeting: March 9, 2022