

Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

Approved Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held March 11, 2020 at Division of Liquor Control, 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier, Vermont.

Members Present: Martin Manahan, Chair, Sam Guy, Ed Flanagan, and Sabina Haskell, Members

Others Present: Patrick Delaney, Commissioner, Gary Kessler, Deputy Commissioner, Jacob Humbert, Assistant Attorney General, Wesley Lawrence, Board Counsel, Kobey Shwayder, Vermont Vermouth LLC, Licensee owner, Martin Prevost, Director of Licensing, Skyler Genest, Director of Enforcement, Jessica Robles Worch, Program Technician

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approval of February 2020 Board Meeting minutes: **Motion to move to next month**
- Approval of licenses issued February 1, 2020 – February 28, 2020: **Motion Approved**

Public Comment:

- Declaratory request for reclassification of product by Vermont Vermouth LLC: **Motion to discussion about definition.**

Licensing:

- Formal Board Approval of the decision in the Matthew Reveal Matter: **Motion to move**

Commissioner Updates:

- February sales, 5% increase 6.2 % gross revenue.
- Liquor draft bills, 6 out of 13 proposed items passed to the senate:
 1. Transition to annual licensing
 2. Discontinue free tobacco license
 3. Sellers's certificate become revocable
 4. Investigator fee for festival coverage
 5. Modify about definition of Flavor Tobacco products
 6. Solicitors and Manufacturers to eliminate unnecessary notifications about daily tastings or sales calls.

- Employee survey results done and waiting for results.
- Entry to our building, working with PGS to secure our door, expect results within 30 days.
- Licensing Portal to be signed tomorrow (March 12, 2020)
- April's National Alcohol Awareness Month. Social media updates every Wednesday to bring attention about this issue.
- Two retirements at the Lottery Division and working to reclassify their positions. Looking to find fifth employee for the ICS team from Liquor division.
- Lottery sales were stagnant past month.
- Radio Ad Campaign to encourage shop locally.

Motion to move to Executive Session at 9:50 am

Meeting Adjourned at 10:48 am