



Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

January Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held on January 11, 2023 via web and phone.

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

Others Present: Wendy Knight, Commissioner; Andrew Collier, Deputy Commissioner; Wesley Lawrence; Jacob Humbert; Skyler Genest, Sr. Director of Licensee Operation; Tonia Pryce, Purchasing Coordinator; Katie Fleury, Program Technician; Melissa Heath, Executive Assistant; Rich Morey, Director of Retail Operations; Brandon King, Executive Officer of Compliance & Enforcement; Tammy Pidgeon, Sales Supervisor; Lisa Allard, Financial Director; Tom Remp, Marketing Manager; Kevin Campo, Liquor Merchandising Specialist; Patrick Ross, Liquor Investigator; Michael Welch, Liquor Investigator

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes from December 2022 Board Meeting – Moved and approved. motion Thom Lauzon, Second Sam Guy unanimous
- Approve licenses issued December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 –Moved and approved. Thom Lauzon second Sam Guy
- Resolution to Set Board Regular Meeting Dates for 2023 and Beyond – Second Wednesday of each month

Public Comment:

- None

Licensing:

- None

Enforcement:

- None

Commissioner Comments:

- MegaMillions 1 Billion Dollars sales up 20%
- Introduction of new employees Kevin Campo, Tom Remp, Brian Monroe, and Ben Kinne
- Charles Martin starts Tuesday as our Director of Communications and Legislative affairs
- Meeting with suppliers
- NABCA Meeting - planned Trip to Virginia warehouse to view logistics
- 2 legislative reports due – tobacco compliance reports and alcohol off site consumption (drinks to go) report
- New committee jurisdiction – house government ops, Michael McCarthy, chair
- Money appropriations committees
- Budget Address by the Governor on Friday
- Vermont lottery day at the state house is March 24th
- Continuing to work with sci game conversion
- RFP Getting it staged for sports betting ready – expect sports betting pass this year not wait until July.
- Retail network 802 still continuing to evaluate
- Middlebury new 802 Spirits store open on Friday ‘Hair and the Dog’
- Build to Lease option for proposed Warehouse

Other Business:

- Review and Discussion of Declaratory Ruling Requests
- Vermont Vermouth – department position on this is the remediation is more of a legislative prevision rather than the Board discission. Gen Reg 45 and Gen Reg 29, declaratory request is for the Board to deny – Motion to accept ruling as presented Motion by Thom unanimous vote notation – Aware of department working on a solution to this
- Robert Downey – Department Position – title 7 203 is not at play here. The answer to the first two questions is yes. Question 3 is federally allowed but title 7 is a bit lacking in this in anything other than vinous suggestion is take it legislatively. Suggestions for questions 1 and 2 to be approved and question 3 to be denied. Motion Thom Second Megan/Sam unanimous
- Discission on for Barry McKee DBA Best Buds – Board came to conclusion tobacco license should be revoked – Motion Ed Second Megan

Meeting Adjourned: 9:32am

Next Meeting: February 8, 2023