



Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

Draft April 12, 2023 Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held on April 12, 2023, via web and phone.

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

Others Present: Andrew Collier, Deputy Commissioner; Wesley Lawrence; Jacob Humbert; Brandon King, Liquor Control Lieutenant; Tonia Pryce, Purchasing Coordinator; Melissa Heath, Executive Staff Assistant; Rich Morey, Director of Retail Operations; David Hamlin, Program Technician, Eleanor Ufford Leger, CEO of ESV Holdings; Kenneth Albert, Shelburne Vineyard; Chuck Lacey

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes from March 8 2023 Board Meeting, making a change and removing the last bullet on Mr. Sean Lawson Declaratory Ruling Request that states “Department does not believe this is unlawful behavior” – Moved and approved, motion Thom Lauzon and Megan Cicio unanimous
- Approve licenses issued March 1, 2023 – March 30/31, 2023 – Moved and approved. Motion Thom Lauzon, second Megan Cicio, unanimous

Public Comment:

- Chuck Lacey, Jericho Vt states – VT Lottery is exempt from federal trade regulations on Advertising. Mr. Lacey believes there is false advertising in lottery tickets sales and representation of remaining winning prizes, influenced by vendors

Licensing:

None

Enforcement:

None

Commissioner Comments:

- Sports Betting heads to Senate for Vote
- Licensing, 500 renewals left, online portal is good for the most part
- Liquor sales 2-3% weekly average
- Lottery sales 5% weekly average

Other Business:

- Einstein's Tap House is required to pay a fine \$510.00 motion, Thom Lauzon, Second Megan Cicio, unanimous.
- ESV Holdings INC Waiver Request - statutorily board cannot approve, must go to legislative ruling next year

Meeting Adjourned: 9:18

Next Meeting: May 10, 2023