

Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

Draft December Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held on December 13, 2023 via web.

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

Others Present: Andrew Collier, Deputy Commissioner; Wesley Lawrence; Jacob Humbert; Katie Fleury; Melissa Heath; Brandon King; Andrew Topps; Chris Rice; Saba Asgedom; Josh (guest); Martin Prevost; Raifer Allen; Brenda Strickland; David Hamlin; Tonia Pryce; Xixia Johnson, Geoff Zochodne; Rich Morey

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda: None

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes from November 2023 Board Meeting – Moved and approved, motion Thom Lauzon, second Ed Flanagan, unanimous vote.
- Approve licenses issued November 1, 2022 – November 30, 2023 – Moved and approved.

Public Comment: None

Licensing: None

Enforcement: None

Commissioner Comments:

- Continuing discussions with FEMA
- 2 802Spirt stores are set to open in Poultney and Wallingford by end of the year.
- Started working with BGS for new warehouse/office space hoping to find and start building in the next 24 months.
- Extended bid period for Johnson store
- Lottery sales are tracking up.
- Liquor sales have been holding flat fiscal year to date.
- Sports wagering contracts have been signed with the 3 operators.
- Kim McLeod will be retiring at the end of the month. We wish her the best on this great achievement.
- Melissa Heath has hit her 1 year anniversary!

Other Business:

- Action Item: Board to review and approve Vermont Lottery audit presented by Bret Hodgdon of Davis & Hodgdon CPA's – Motion to accept audit Ed Flanagan second Thom Lauzon
 - Bret Hodgdon Presents the Audit.
 - Reserved for the unclaimed and expired prizes is 8 million dollars.
- Action Item: Board to approve board meeting schedule for 2024 – 2nd Wednesday of the month motion Thom second Megan
- VT Supreme Court affirmed the DLL Board ruling RE: Einstein's Tap House LLC, DLL Docket # 2023-001.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:29am

Next Meeting: January 10, 2024