

Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery

Draft November Minutes

Record of the Meeting of the Vermont Board of Liquor & Lottery held on November 8, 2023 via web.

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

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

Meeting Start: 9:00 am.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:

None

Board Actions on Consent Agenda Items:

- Approve minutes from October 11, 2023, Board Meeting – Moved to approved. Motion, Thom Lauzon and Ed Flanagan. Unanimous
- Approve licenses issued October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023 – Moved to approved. Motion, Thom Lauzon second Ed Flanagan. Unanimous

Public Comment:

- None

Licensing:

- None

Enforcement:

- None

Commissioner's Report:

- Working with FEMA to submit a claim for our losses of around 3 million dollars.
- Jelley's Deli reopened on October 30th.
- Johnson location will not be reopening at Sterling Market and is now out to bid.
- Montpelier liquor store to open by the end of this year.
- Norwich and Bonville locations are out to bid and we are reviewing locations.
- Supplier/Broker meeting last week was a success.
- Rare spirits sweep stakes end of November, 10-day window for people to participate.
- Holiday lottery ad filming this week.
- Analysis of how the flood impacted sales July – October decline in sale is about 6.3% for walk-ins and 1.65% for licensees.



Other Business:

- Action Item: Review and vote on proposed update to Sports Wagering Program Criminal Background Check Procedures, Approved July 12, 2023 – Motion, Thom Lauzon Second, Ed Flanagan. Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned: 9:16

Next Meeting: December 13, 2023