The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and
Davidson County...
Metro Beer Board
Minutes

| Meeting Date: | Wednesday- February 24, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M. |
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| Teleconference Info: | Call: 415-655-0002 |
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| BOARD MEMBERS | STAFF PRESENT | MEMBER <br> ATTENDANCE | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Mr. Brian Taylor, Chairperson <br> Kia Jarmon, Vice Chairperson <br> Mr. Christopher M. Bellamy <br> Mr. William Conway | Benton McDonough, Director |  |  |
| Mr. Joe Perlen | Terrence Darby Sr, ASO IV |  |  |
| Ms. Bailey Spaulding | Douglas James Jr, Inspector II |  |  |
| Ms. Delfine Fox | Darrell Hardrick, Inspector I |  |  |
| Mr. Matthew Garth, Attorney | Melvin Brown Jr., Special <br> Assistant to the Director |  |  |
|  | Amanda Webb, Office |  |  |
| Specialist |  |  |  |

* CALL TO ORDER

At 5:32 p.m., Chairman Brian Taylor called the meeting to order.

* ROLL CALL

Chairman Taylor called roll to determine the existence of a quorum.
Present: Mr. William Conway, Mr. Joe Perlen, Ms. Bailey Spaulding, Ms. Delfine Fox, Chairman Brian Taylor.

Having deemed the existence of a quorum, Chairman Taylor proceeded with essential business.
(Vice chair, Kia Jarmon, joined the meeting)

* DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY BY TELECONFERENCE

Legal Counsel, Matthew Garth, instructed the board that Governor Lee's Executive Order 16, later extended by Executive Order 71, enabled local boards and commissions to conduct board meetings virtually only if the board deems the business coming before the board to be essential business, the board chooses to conduct such business in electronic format, and the board waives any rules to the contrary. Mr. Conway then made a motion to formally adopt Counsel's explanation. The motion was then seconded by Mr. Perlen.

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor.

* APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES


## APPEAL OF DECISIONS

If you are not satisfied with a decision of the Metropolitan Beer Permit Board regarding your application or your hearing, you may appeal the decision to the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court pursuant to the requirements set forth in T.C.A. 57-5-108. The decisions of the Metropolitan Beer Permit Board take effect on a date to be determined by the board. However, you may file an appeal within 60 days of the date of entry of the board's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Approval of the February 11, 2021 Minutes:
Approval By: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor

## APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL

(3) ANA PROPERTIES INC, 2402 Dickerson Pike 37207, GARIBALDI MARKET
(4) HASD, LLC, 811 Gallatin Ave 37206, TAILGATE BREWERY EAST NASHVILLE
(5) Shep's Nashville LLC, 1000 Main St 37206, SHEP'S DELICATESSEN
(6) Southern Grist Brewing Company, LLC 1201 Porter Rd 37206, SOUTHERN GRIST

## BREWING COMPANY

DLVRYCRBSD
(OLD LOCATION)
(Dist. \#06)
(7) Smith \& Lentz Brewing Company, LLC, 903 Main St 37206, SMITH \& LENTZ

BREWING COMPANY, LLC
DLVRYCRBSD
(OLD LOCATION)
(Dist. \#06)
(8) Family Dollar of TN, Inc, 1152 Gallatin Pike S 37115, FAMILY DOLLAR \#22297
(9) Flag Store, LLC, 2511 Dickerson Pike 37207, FLAG STORE MARKET \& VAPE OFF-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
T20-27026
(Dist. \#08)
(10) NNP Royal 2 LLC, 511 Royal Pkwy 37214, FAIRFIELD INN \& SUITES NASHVILLE AIRPORT

ON-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(11) TNFold LLC, 2408 Lebanon Pike 37214, TNFOLD LLC DLVRYCRBSD
(NEW LOCATION)
(12) Sonesta International Hotels Corporation, 1100 Airport Center Dr 37214, T21-27046 SONESTA SELECT NASHVILLE AIRPORT SUITES ON/OFF-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(13) Sister Cities of Nashville, 1004 4Th Ave N 37219, SISTER CITIES OF NASHVILLE

October 29, 2020
(14) Daddys Dogs Catering LLC, 5205 Centennial Blvd 37209, DADDYS DOGS CATERING LLC
CATERER
(OLD LOCATION)

T20-26527
(Dist. \#20)
(15) Southern Grist Brewing Company, LLC 5012 Centennial Blvd 37209, SOUTHERN

GRIST BREWING COMPANY
DLVRYCRBSD
(OLD LOCATION)
(Dist. \#20)
(16) Cost Plus, Inc., 6728 Charlotte Pike 37209, WORLD MARKET \#300

T21-27068
OFF-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
(Dist. \#20)
(17) Midtown Hotel Partners LLC, 109 29Th Ave N 37203, FAIRFIELD INN \&

T20-26772
SUITES NASHVILLE/VANDERBILT
ON-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(Dist. \#21)
(18) 831 International Investment Professional, LLC, 1722 West End Ave 37203, T20-26945

SHAUB SHABU HOT POT \& BARBECUE
ON-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(Dist. \#21)
(19) Melad Sawiers, 4037 Nolensville Pike 37211, KOTO DISCOUNT TOBACCO

OFF-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
(Dist. \#26)
(20) Four Corners Yacht Club, Inc, 4027 Lavergne Couchville Pike 37013, FOUR

T20-26739
CORNERS MARINA
DLVRYCRBSD
(OLD LOCATION)
(Dist. \#33)
Chairman Taylor read the applications recommended for final approval by staff. Mr. Conway made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for final approval of the aforementioned applicants. Mr. Perlen seconded the motion.

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
Nay: None.
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor.

## DEFER INDEFINITELY

(21) Grams, LLC, 632 Old Hickory Blvd W 37115, GRAMS

ON/OFF-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(Dist. \#08)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(22) JKO Enterprises, Inc, 4580 Rachels Ln 37076, NATCHEZ HILLS AT THE HERMITAGE T21-27075

ON-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(Dist. \#11)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(23) JS YOUNG ENTERPRISE CORP, 989 Murfreesboro Pike 37217, LA MEXICANA

MARKET
OFF-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(24) BT NASHVILLE, LLC, 2102 Blair Blvd 37212, BROWN'S DINER

T21-27071
ON-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(25) GB Nashville, LLC, 505 12Th Ave S 37203, THE GUMBO BROS. DLVRYCRBSD
(NEW LOCATION)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(26) GB Nashville, LLC, 505 12Th Ave S 37203, THE GUMBO BROS.

ON-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(Dist. \#19)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(27) Hops and Crafts LLC, 319 12Th Ave S 37203, HOPS AND CRAFTS

ON/OFF-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(28) GB Nashville, LLC, 505 12Th Ave S 37203, THE GUMBO BROS.
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(29) Shake Shack Tennessee LLC, 5002 Broadway PI 37203, SHAKE SHACK

ON-SALE
(NEW LOCATION)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(30) Tenn South Distillery LLC, 122 3Rd Ave S 37201, BIG MACHINE BREWERY \&
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(31) NAshville Dolphins, 95 White Bridge Pike 37205, NASHVILLE DOLPHINS
(SPECIAL EVENT NEW)
March 7, 2021
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
(32) Tenn South Distillery LLC, 122 3Rd Ave S 37201, BIG MACHINE BREWERY \&

## DISTILLERY

WHOLESALES
(NAME CHANGE)
(Dist. \#19)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)
Chairman Taylor read the applications recommended for indefinite deferral by staff. Mr. Conway made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for indefinite deferral of the aforementioned applicants. Mr. Perlen seconded the motion.

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
Nay: None.
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor.

## REQUEST TO WITHDRAW

(33) Hops and Crafts Gulch LLC, 319 12Th Ave S 37203, HOPS AND CRAFTS GULCH LLC

ON/OFF-SALE
(CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP)
(Dist. \#19)
Chairman Taylor read the applicants requesting withdraw. Mr. Conway made a motion to accept the staff's recommendation for withdraw of the aforementioned applicants. Mr. Perlen seconded the motion.

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
Nay: None.
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor.

## TRIALS

(34) Amal Mena, 3900 CLARKSVILLE PIKE 37218, JERRY'S CITGO

19-26170
OFF-SALE
(Dist. \#01)
(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140C It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to make or permit to be made any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one years of age.
T.C.A 57-5-301(a)(1) prior to making a sale of beer for off-premise consumption, state law requires identification for the sale of beer.
M.C.L 7.08.140T It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises; To Wit: 39-17-1508. Required packaging - It is unlawful for any person to sell cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products except in the original, sealed package in which they were placed by the manufacturer that bears the health warning required by federal law on or about October 20, 2020)

COMPLAINANTS: Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S. Brown Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector II Douglas James Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector I Darrell Hardrick

## SUBPOENA: Amal S. Mena

Wael G. Kaldes
PRIOR VIOLATIONS: BBM 11/7/19: 7.08.140C -Beer Sales to Minor; $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 0 0}$ CP Pd 11/19/19
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: \$3750 Civil Penalty or 21 Day Suspension and 120 Day Probation
2/23/21 Attorney Request to Defer One Meeting - Email received from Attorney Cleveland Bain requesting to defer the hearing one meeting due to a calendar error on their part.

Counsel for the Respondent requested an additional deferral, due to a misunderstanding and scheduling conflict. Mr. Conway made a motion to defer the hearing to Thursday, March 11, 2021. That motion was then seconded by Mr. Perlen.

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
(35) Punjab, Inc., 2804 West End AVE 37203, Kwik Sak \#625

OFF-SALE
(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140C It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to make or permit to be made any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one years of age on or about December 28, 2020).

COMPLAINANTS: Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S. Brown Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector II Douglas James Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector I Darrell Hardrick

SUBPOENA: Ashok Kumar
Surath Sengupta

PIOR VIOLATIONS: BBM 3/14/19: 7.08.140C - Beer Sales to Minor; \$2500 CP Pd 3/29/19
BBM 11/5/20: 7.08.140C - Beer Sales to Minor; \$2500 CP Pd 12/3/20
BBM 1/14/21: 7.08.140C - Beer Sales to Minor and 57-5-301(a)(1) - ID Required
\$3000 CP Pd 2/2/21
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: 30 Day Suspension and 180 Probation
It was determined that the business owner was not subpoenaed as originally believed. Vice Chair Jarmon made a motion to defer the hearing one meeting to Thursday, March $11^{\text {th }}$, to enable the staff to subpoena the business owner. That motion was then seconded by Mr. Conway.

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
(36) Julio Arias Sicilia, 12 E THOMPSON LN 37211, DANIELA'S RESTAURANT

18-25525
ON-SALE
(Dist. \#16)
(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140T It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises In violation of MPHD Order \#12 of the Chief Medical Officer, by operating after hours, not observing the mask mandate and not practicing social distancing protocols which are also violations of state criminal statute: TCA 68-2602, on or about December 05, 2020).

COMPLAINANTS: Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S. Brown Jr
Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector II Douglas James Jr

## Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector I Darrell Hardrick

SUBPOENA: Julio Arias Sicilia
NO PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: \$3000 Civil Penalty or 7 Day Suspension and 30 Day Probation
The Respondent pleaded "not guilty" to the charges alleged in the complaint. Hugh Atkins, a representative from the Metro Public Health Department, testified in the matter. Mr. Atkins testified that on December 5, 2020, personnel from the Beer Board, Public Health Department, and Metro Police Department were conducting checks to make sure permit holders were adhering to Public Health Orders 11:00 p.m. curfew. Mr. Atkins testified that the curfew was 11:00 p.m., but that they discovered up to 50 people on the premises after midnight. Melvin Brown, a Special Assistant to the Executive Director of the Metro Beer Board, testified that he was on location and that it took some time for the personnel to gain entry to the location. Mr. Brown testified that he too witnessed a number of people on premises past the required curfew.

Board Member, Delfine Fox, recused herself from this particular matter in order to provide Spanish interpreter services to the Respondent.

Respondent, Julio Arias Sicilia, testified that he was unaware of the curfew and that there was a private party on the premises, but the business was closed to the public at that time. Further, the Respondent testified that there was some fear at the sight of the government personnel outside of his business.

Mr. Conway made a motion to sustain the complaint. That motion was then seconded by Mr. Perlen.

Aye: Conway, Perlen, Spaulding
No: VC Jarmon
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
Recusal: Fox
Mr. Conway then made a motion for a reduced $\mathbf{\$ 1 5 0 0}$ civil penalty or a seven-day suspension followed by 30 day probation. That motion was seconded by Mr. Perlen.

Aye: Conway, Perlen, Spaulding
No: VC Jarmon
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor

Recusal: Fox
(37) Kajin, Inc., 2521 A NOLENSVILLE PIKE 37211, NASHVILLE HOOKAH BAR

ON-SALE
(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140T It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises, in violation of MPHD Order \#12 of the Chief Medical Officer, by operating after hours, which is also a violation of state criminal statute. To wit: TCA 68-2-602 Violations of rules and regulations of county board - Penalty. Any person who violates a county board of health regulation commits a Class $\mathbf{C}$ misdemeanor on or about November 09, 2020).

COMPLAINANTS: Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S. Brown Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector II Douglas James Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector I Darrell Hardrick

SUBPOENA: Athrea Shlemon, Marina Shlemon

## NO PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS

Respondent pleaded "Not Guilty" to the charges.
VC Jarmon made a motion to dismiss the complaint. That motion was seconded by Mr. Conway. (*see testimony below)

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
(38) Kajin, Inc., 2521 A NOLENSVILLE PIKE 37211, NASHVILLE HOOKAH BAR
(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140T It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises, in violation of MPHD Order \#12 of the Chief Medical Officer, by operating after hours, which is also a violation of state criminal statute. To wit: TCA 68-2-602 Violations of rules and regulations of county board - Penalty. Any person who violates a county board of health regulation commits a Class C misdemeanor. on or
about November 23, 2020).
Complainants: Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S. Brown Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector II Douglas James Jr

Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector I Darrell Hardrick
SUBPOENA: Athrea Shlemon Marina Shlemon

NO PREVIOUS VIOLATION
Respondent pleaded "Not Guilty" to the charges.
VC Jarmon made a motion to dismiss the complaint. That motion was seconded by Mr. Conway. (*see testimony below)

Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
(39) Kajin, Inc., 2521 A NOLENSVILLE PIKE 37211, NASHVILLE HOOKAH BAR

20-26472

ON-SALE
(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140T It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises, in violation of MPHD Order \#12 of the Chief Medical Officer. Patrons were observed without mask and not practicing social distancing, which is also a violation of state criminal statute. To wit: TCA 68-2-602 Violations of rules and regulations of county board - Penalty. Any person who violates a county board of health regulation commits a Class C misdemeanor on or about December 6, 2020).

COMPLAINANTS: Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S. Brown Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector II Douglas James Jr Metropolitan Beer Permit Inspector I Darrell Hardrick

SUBPOENA: Athrea Shlemon,

## Marina Shlemon

## NO PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: \$2000 Civil Penalty or 7 Day Suspension and 30 Day Probation
Respondent pleaded "Not Guilty" to the charges.
*Respondent testified that she was not present for the first matter, but was of the understanding that no citation was ever issued. Mr. Atkins, representing the Metro Public Health Department, testified that he was not present for the first violation. Mr. Atkins testified that the Respondent was found to be in violation of the curfew. Mr. Brown testified that he was not present for the first complaint, but did believe a citation was issued that evening. Mr. Atkins testified that the Respondent was again found to be in violation of the curfew the second time. Mr. Atkins testified that the department personnel were on premises at 11:45 when curfew was 11:00 p.m. The Respondent testified that their clock was approximately one hour behind and that they were unaware that they were operating beyond curfew. Mr. Atkins testified that well over 100 people were on premises when the location was capped at 80 and they were operating beyond curfew.

VC Jarmon made a motion to sustain the complaint. That motion was seconded by Mr. Perlen.
Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
Mr. Conway then made a motion for a $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 0 0}$ civil penalty or 7-day suspension and 30-day probation.
Aye: VC Jarmon, Conway, Perlen, Spaulding, Fox
No: N/A
Present Not Voting: Chairman Taylor
(40) ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

## (41) <br> EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Mr. McDonough updated the board members as to the current status of revenue collected by the board year-to-date.
(42) ADJOURNMENT

Having determined no further business was pending before the board, Chairman Taylor adjourned
the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


