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Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission

MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: October 21, 2021

TIME: 3:03 P.M.

LOCATION: Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Headquarters
(Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams, recorded for replay)

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
Vice Chair Barbara Wahl
Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck
Commissioner Eric Morrissette
Commissioner Robert Poole

OTHERS: Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission,
Blair Inniss, Legal Resource Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to order at 3:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Silverstein called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for September 23, 2021. Vice Chair Wahl moved to approve with a second by Chair Silverstein. All commissioners all voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous month's meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Executive Director Kelly)

a. Enforcement activity

- Since the last meeting, there were 9 incidents of various tobacco violations leading to 10 people being charged and resulting in the seizure of three vehicles, 30,281 packages or sticks of contraband OTP, and nearly 33,500 packages of contraband (unstamped) cigarettes.

b. Cannabis Meetings

- There is a meeting next Tuesday with the Senate Finance Committee to discuss legalizing the adult use of cannabis.
- The Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission will participate in the meeting along with Chair Silverstein and Executive Director Kelly.

c. Reports, Studies, and Training

- ***Annual Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Report*** – This report is very near to completion. Because of the transference of regulatory responsibilities to the ATC, great care and review is underway to ensure accuracy.
- ***Brewery Production Report*** – The brewery production report is listed as a separately required report but can be, and will be, included in the Annual Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Report.
- ***Enforcement of Tobacco Sales to Underaged Persons Annual Report*** – This report has been completed and submitted (Commissioners have been sent an electronic copy).
- ***Annual ATC and FEB (joint) Report*** – Because of the mid-fiscal year transference of regulatory responsibilities from the Comptroller to the ATC, a joint report was submitted for FY21. This report has been completed and submitted (Commissioners have been sent an electronic copy).

LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER (Blair Inniss)

Ms. Inniss reported on the Maryland Youth Pandemic Survey, a behavior survey concerning pandemic usage of electronic smoking devices by youth between the ages of 14 and 19. The survey intended to learn how targeted youth are coping and using tobacco products during the pandemic. Ms. Inniss explained the survey data/results of tobacco usage by age groups of the respondents. Survey respondents reported the most usage of PuffBars and flavors were primarily fruity followed by desserts and menthol.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Silverstein shared his experience on his recent ride-along with Agent-in-Charge Van Howeth. Calling it very interesting and educational, Chair Silverstein participated in a tobacco

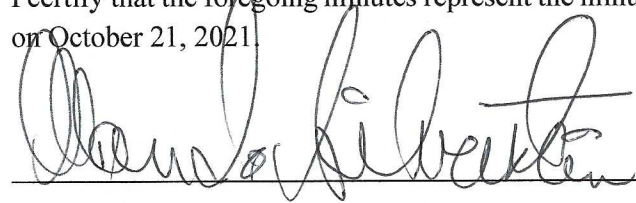
inspection that resulted in multiple seizures of contraband cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products and provided an opportunity to observe some of the enforcement procedures that ATC agents employ in carrying out their duties.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Wahl moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Commissioner Morrissette. All commissioners voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**Next regular meeting date is November 18, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission meeting on October 21, 2021.

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Robert H. Poole, Secretary

Date