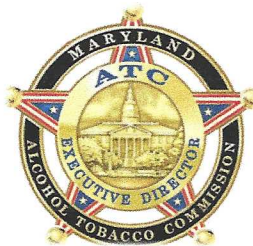


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MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

November 2021 Meeting Minutes

DATE: November 18, 2021

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

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

PRESENT: Alan Silverstein, Chair
Barbara Wahl, Vice Chair
Robert Poole, Secretary
Eric Morrissette, Commissioner

ABSENT: Betty Buck, Commissioner

OTHERS: Jeffrey A. Kelly, Executive Director
Nikardi Jallad, Maryland Department of Health, Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control
Mathew Swinburne, Legal Policies Associate Director with the Network for Public Health Law/Eastern Region

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to order at 3:08 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Silverstein called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 21, 2021, and Vice Chair Wahl moved to approve, Secretary Poole seconded the motion, and all members present voted unanimously in favor of approval.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Kelly gave an accounting of the activity for the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission since the last month's meeting.

a. Enforcement

- There were six tobacco violations with six people were charged. Contraband seizures included over 24,000 sticks of Other Tobacco Products and 83 packs of unstamped cigarettes.
- There was one alcohol violation that yielded a seizure of six containers of spirits.

b. Cannabis Meetings

- Chair Silverstein and Executive Director Kelly attended a Senate Finance Committee meeting to discuss cannabis regulation.

c. Reports Studies and Training

- ***Annual Alcohol and Tobacco*** – The ATC has completed its portion of the Annual Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Report. The report is now with the Revenue Administration Division for their final review. It is expected to be available in an electronic format soon.
- ***Brewery Production*** – Brewers will be allowed to file their taxes quarterly instead of monthly making it easier for the breweries to file.
- ***Training and Information Advisories*** – Through these advisories, the ATC provides training and information to health departments, licensing boards, regulators/inspectors, industry members, or anyone that may be interested. The ATC strives to publish at least a dozen advisories each year. The most recent advisory was largely directed to Maryland breweries to explain the new quarterly tax filing schedule, the importance of complying with tax and reporting requirements, and the associated outcomes for non-compliance.

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Nikardi Jallad)

Youth Pandemic Behavior Survey – Ms. Jallad talked about the alcohol data that they collected from the 2021 youth pandemic alcohol behavior survey and presented a power point breakdown of the statistics and data collected for youth alcohol usage for ages 14 to 19 years old.

SOCIAL EQUITY IN ADULT USE CANNABIS INDUSTRY (Mathew Swinburne)

Mr. Swinburne presented a power point program focused on various states' policies on Diversity, Equity, and inclusion in the Cannabis industry. He said that his agency is a legal non-profit and



offers legal technical support and assistance to people around the country in a broad spectrum of public health issues such as emergency powers, traumatic brain injuries, and cannabis regulation.

NEW BUSINESS

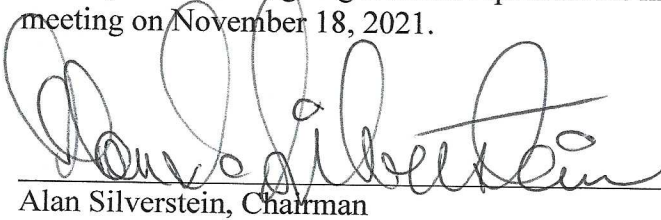
Executive Director Kelly wants to create a legal and legislative division within the ATC and will be seeking a closed executive session to discuss the reorganization with the Commissioners.

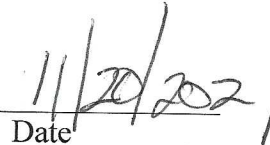
ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Wahl moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Morrissette seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

**Next regular meeting date is December 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission meeting on November 18, 2021.


Alan Silverstein, Chairman


Date

