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# MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION February Minutes

- DATE: February 17, 2022
- TIME: 3:00 P.M.
- PLACE: Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Headquarters (Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams, recorded for replay)
- PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein Vice- Chair Barbara Wahl Commissioner Eric Morrissette
- ABSENT: Commissioner Robert Poole Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck

OTHERS: Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, Maryland Department of Heath Dana Moncrief

## CALL TO ORDER

**Chair Alan Silverstein** called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to order at 3:00 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Chair Alan Silverstein** called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and Vice-Chair Barbara Wahl moved to approve, and Commissioner Eric Morrissette second the motion and all members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous month's minutes.



## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Director Kelly)

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

- a. Enforcement activity
  - The ATC had a busy enforcement period which included eleven incidents where thirteen parties were charged, all incidents were tobacco-related.
    - 8,730 sticks of OTP and 28,042 unstamped cigarettes were seized.
    - Several upcoming operations are scheduled for this next enforcement period.
  - b. Training and Informational Advisory 007
    - The current advisory covered several key refreshers
      - Renewal process identified a large volume of wholesalers who did not submit their renewals, advisory provided a reminder for them to review their status.
      - Trade practice reminders with a focus on "free services"
      - Sampling
      - Supply chain shortages
  - c. Alcohol and Budget Hearings
    - As previously reported budget approval to include 7 Agents and 1 Administrative
    - February 24, 2022, House budget meeting available on YouTube
    - March 4, 2022, Senate budget meeting in person
  - d. Introduction of Thomas Akras
    - PowerPoint presentation regarding proposed legislative action regarding cannabis, alcohol, and tobacco.

#### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

- Dana Moncrief introduced Brooke Torton Deputy Director of Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy
  - a. Synthetic Nicotine PowerPoint presentation



#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Alan Silverstein moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Eric Morrissette second the motion and all members present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

# \*Next regular meeting date is March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission meeting on February 17, 2022.

Alan I. Silverstein, Chair

<u>03/17/2022</u>

Date

