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MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

April 2022 Minutes

DATE: April 21, 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
Commissioner Robert Poole
Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck
Dana Moncrief, Maryland Department of Health, Deputy Director
James Hock, Maryland State Police, Chief of Staff

ABSENT:

OTHERS: Jeffrey Kelly, Executive Director, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, Maryland

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 February 17th, 2022, Commissioner Eric Morrissette moved to approve, and Vice-Chair Barbara Wahl seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting's minutes.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Kelly gave an accounting of the enforcement activity for the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission since the February meeting.

- Enforcement activity
 - The ATC has had a busy enforcement period over the past two months which included fourteen incidents where sixteen parties were charged, and incidents were both alcohol and tobacco-related.
 - Close to 62,000 sticks of OTP, and just under 5,000 unstamped cigarettes were seized in tobacco-related incidents.
 - Nearly 400 containers of distilled spirits, 52 beers, and 837 containers of wine were seized in alcohol-related incidents.
 - These events happened throughout the state in such counties as Carroll, Frederick, Prince George's, Harford, Allegany, Cecil, Washington, and Baltimore City and County.
- License Renewals
 - We are currently renewing our manufacturers and wholesalers' licenses, we have roughly 700 licenses set to expire on April 30th and renew on May 1st.
- Training and Informational Advisory
 - Three training and informational advisories were issued since our last meeting.
 - Our first advisory focuses on our current renewal process; this advisory provides our license holders explicit instructions on adequately completing the new renewal coupon. Our team has received roughly four hundred license renewals containing errors, despite precise instructions being delivered.
 - Our second advisory addressed tobacco retailers directly, due to the increase in tobacco violations. This advisory reiterates the rules as to tobacco; where it can be purchased and required stamps for cigarettes etc.
 - Our third advisory serves as another reminder accompanied with instruction on our renewal coupon for the upcoming renewal period as to our direct wine shippers.



- Cannabis and HB 1253
 - An in-depth status presentation forthcoming next month concerning both the legislative actions regarding HB1253 along with cannabis, alcohol, and tobacco.

NEW BUSINESS

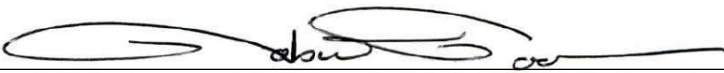
No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alan Silverstein moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Eric Morrissette and Commissioner Betty Buck second the motion and all members present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

**Next regular meeting date is May 19th, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission meeting on April 21, 2022.


Robert Poole, Secretary

05/19/2022
Date

