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MARYLAND ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, and CANNABIS COMMISSION

December 2023 Minutes

DATE: December 21, 2023

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, & Cannabis Commission Headquarters
(Meeting conducted via Google Meets, recorded for replay)

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
Vice Chair Barbara Wahl
Secretary Robert Poole
Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck
Commissioner Eric Morrissette
James E. Hock Jr., Chief of Staff, Maryland State Police
Jeffrey A. Kelly, Executive Director, Alcohol, Tobacco & Cannabis Commission

ABSENT: Dana Moncrief, Director, Maryland Department of Health

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alan Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to order at 3:03 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alan Silverstein called for a motion to approve October 19, 2023, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Barbara Wahl made a motion to approve, which Commissioner Betty Buck seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.



III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly reported the enforcement activity for the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission since the last meeting.

a. Enforcement Activity

- Since October 19th, 2023, the ATCC's Field Operations Bureau (FOB) conducted enforcement activities, including 40 reportable incidents.
 - The FOB seized:
 - 185,885 other tobacco products (OTB), yielding a tax loss of \$116,273.40.
 - 14,343 packs of unstamped cigarettes, yielding a tax loss of \$52,316.25.
 - 152 containers of distilled spirits.
 - 198 containers of beer.
 - 1 still.
 - Allegany, Anne Arundle, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Prince George's, Saint Mary's County, Washington, Wicomico.

b. Annual Reports

- The Annual Alcohol Tax Reports and Sales of Tobacco to Underage Minors Report were submitted.

c. Events

- CANMD Event.
- Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association Event.

d. Inspections since July 1, 2023

- 696 alcohol inspections.
- 595 tobacco and cannabis inspections.
- 353 cannabis inspections - cannabis advisories were issued.

e. HR / Staffing

- 22 new positions were received on July 1st, 2023.
 - 14 of these positions were sworn agent positions.
 - All but 9 of these positions have been filled.



- o 6 of these positions have accepted offers and will begin working in the next 2 pay cycles.
- Director Kelly introduced ATCC's new Communications officer Michael Nguyen.
 - o Initially, Michael will be primarily tasked with revamping the ATCC website.
- f. New Business
 - Director Kelly requested the Commissioners send a headshot for the updated website.
 - The Maryland State Licensing Beverage Association, Maryland Beer Wholesalers Association, and the Licensed Beverage Distributors of Maryland are hosting their Opening day event for the opening of the General Assembly on January 10th. All the Commissioners have been invited to attend.
- g. Michael Nguyen Introduction
 - Executive Director Kelly then gave the floor to Communications Officer Michael Nguyen to give a brief introduction of himself.
 - o Michael was previously the communications officer for the Baltimore Community Foundation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS


- a. There was no new business to report.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alan Silverstein made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Betty Buck seconded. All members present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:19 PM.

** Next meeting is January 18, 2023, at 3:00 PM.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on January 18, 2024.


 Robert Poole (Jan 26, 2024 15:38 EST)
 Robert Poole, Secretary

Jan 26, 2024
 Date









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