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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
OF STATE POLICE

May 2024 Minutes

DATE: May 16, 2024

TIME: 3:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
Secretary Robert Poole
Commissioner Eric Morrissette
Jeffrey A. Kelly, Executive Director, Alcohol, Tobacco
& Cannabis Commission

ABSENT: Vice Chair Barbara Wahl
Commissioner Betty Buck
Elizabeth Kromm, Maryland Department of Health
James E. Hock Jr., Maryland State Police

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alan Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to order at 3:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alan Silverstein called for a motion to approve February 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Secretary Robert Poole made a motion to approve, which Commissioner Eric Morrissette seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

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

a. Enforcement Activity

- Since February 15, 2024, the ATCC's Field Operations Bureau (FOB) conducted enforcement activities, including four hundred (400) tobacco and cannabis inspections, and two hundred thirty-seven (237) alcohol inspections. Forty-three (43) of these inspections resulted in Cannabis Advisory's being issued.
- Seizures & Confiscations:
 - Forty-nine thousand six hundred ninety-eight (49,698) sticks of other tobacco products (OTP), yielding a tax loss of nearly \$35,000.
 - Three hundred fifty-eight (358) packs of unstamped cigarettes, yielding a tax loss of \$1,343.
 - Six (6) containers of distilled spirits.
 - Six (6) containers of wine.
 - These incidents took place in Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Caroline County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Harford County, Montgomery County, Prince Georges County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Washington County, and Worcester County. Including several repeats within some of these counties.

b. Legal & Legislative

- The Legal & Legislative team will give a full update of the 2024 General Assembly session during the June 2024 meeting.
- Commissioner Staffing
 - As of April 25, 2024, Governor Moore signed and thus enacted House Bill 253, Chapter 241 of the Acts of 2024, which impacted the ATCC in the following two ways:
 1. The ATTC is now authorized to charge certain violations of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article by citation, instead of a statement of charges; and
 2. HB253 reduced the number of Commissioners appointed to the ATCC from seven (7) to five (5), thereby reducing the number of Commissioners needed for a quorum from five (5) to three (3).

c. HR / Staffing

- Open Positions


- o The ATCC currently has three (3) open positions:
 - 1. Administrator V – Regulatory and Research Section Manager
 - 2. Licensing Specialist (2 positions)
- d. Lab Testing
 - The ATCC is in the process of procuring a lab to test suspected cannabis products that have been seized through our agent’s enforcement efforts.
 - Working with the Maryland State Police (MSP), the ATCC has identified two laboratories that have the capacity to conduct the necessary test related to cannabis enforcement.
 - The ATCC is in the process of working with the MSP to determine if it can contract with these labs through the State’s procurement process.
- e. FY24 Budget Update
 - The ATCC remains committed to ensuring that it spends the funds allocated to it in compliance with budget passed by the legislature by the end of FY24.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Eric Morrissette seconded. All members present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

** Next meeting is June 20, 2024, at 3:00 PM.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on May 16, 2024.


[Robert Poole \(Jun 21, 2024 14:12 EDT\)](#)
Robert Poole, Secretary

Jun 21, 2024
Date







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