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Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission

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September 2024 Minutes

DATE: September 19, 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

ABSENT: Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck
Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion
Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly

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. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Legal and Legislative Director Tom Akras reported on the commission updates and enforcement activity for the month of August 2024.

a. Organizational Restructure

- Effective 9/11/2024 the ATCC now has three divisions, including the Field Enforcement Division, Legal and Legislative Division, and the newly created Regulatory, Licensing and Administrative Services Division.

b. Enforcement Activity

- Inspections
 - o One hundred, thirty-nine (139) Alcohol Inspections
 - o Two hundred, twenty-five (225) Tobacco / Cannabis Inspections
 - o Fifteen (15) Cannabis Advisories Issued
- Reportable Incidents: Twenty-one (21)
 - o Fifty-four thousand, nine hundred fifty-three (54,953) sticks of OTP yielding a tax loss of \$38,467.10
 - o Six hundred eighty-four (684) packs of cigarettes yielding a tax loss of \$3,420.00
 - o Two hundred thirty-nine (239) containers of distilled spirits
 - o Two hundred fifty-five (255) containers of beer
 - o Two (2) containers of wine.

c. Regulatory, Licensing and Administrative Services Division

Regulatory, Licensing and Administrative Services Director Andrew Waters reported on updates for this division as of August 2024.

- Open Positions: Two (2)
 - o Fiscal Officer – primarily responsible for analyzing and preparing ATCC’s budget and manage the agencies finances.
 - o Licensing Unit Supervisor - primarily responsible for running the licensing unit.
 - o Interviews for these positions start next week.
- October Renewal’s

- o This is ATCC's largest renewal period. We renewal roughly 5,000 permits during this renewal period.
- o So far, 510 licenses and permits have been renewed.

d. Legal & Legislative Division

Legal and Legislative Director Tom Akras reported on the updates for this division for the month of August 2024.

- Senate Finance Committee Tour
 - o The Senate Finance Committee visited ATCC's headquarters on September 12th, 2024.
 - o They were provided with a tour of our offices and our confiscation storage unit.
 - o Chair Alan Silverstein provided remarks on the Senate Finance Committee's visit.
- Tobacconist Workgroup
 - o Senate Bill 244 was passed during the 2024 legislative session which did several things including:
 1. Incorporated vaping into the Clean Indoor Air Act
 2. Incorporated vaping into the military exemption, so now members of the military must be 21 to purchase vaping products.
 3. Created a group which studies tobacconist licenses that were able to also have beverage licenses issued to them.
 - a. There are about 13 of these licenses around the State.
 - b. The goal is to publish recommendations from the study by July 1, 2025.
- New Website & Social Media Accounts
 - o Communications Officer Mike Nguyen reported on the new ATCC website and social media account launch.
 1. Four (4) key messaging goals:
 - a. Clarify ATCC's Role
 - b. Educate on the Three-Tier System
 - c. Distinguish ATCC's Responsibilities

d. Advocate for Responsible Practices

2. New platform

a. ATCC switched to the WordPress platform to be able to respond to stakeholders as quickly as possible by:

i. Improving navigation

ii. Building foundation for future growth

3. Summer Newsletter

a. Two issues have been published (Winter & Summer 2024)

b. The Newsletter will be released quarterly moving forward

4. New Social Media Accounts

a. The goal of the social media accounts is to share information about what the ATCC does, what our functions are as an agency, and to help the community understand the rules regarding the three industries we work in.

- OLA Audit

- o OLA Audit team was on site at ATCC headquarters from mid-June to late August.

- o The ATCC expects for OLA to issue its report by October or November of 2024.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was reported.

V. ADJOURNMENT

At 3:27 PM, Chair Al Silverstein Commissioner called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn, which Commissioner Alan Silverstein seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

** Next meeting is October 17, 2024, at 3:00 PM.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on September 19, 2024.

Robert Poole
Robert Poole (Nov 26, 2024 14:28 EST)
Robert Poole, Secretary

Nov 26, 2024
Date







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