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Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission

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January 2024 Minutes

DATE: January 18, 2024

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
Jeffrey A. Kelly, Executive Director, Alcohol, Tobacco
& Cannabis Commission

ABSENT: Dana Moncrief, Director, Maryland Department of Health
James E. Hock Jr., Chief of Staff, 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 December 21, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Eric Morrissette made a motion to approve, which Commissioner Elizabeth (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 December 21, 2023, the ATCC's Field Operations Bureau (FOB) conducted enforcement activities, including one hundred eighty-eight (188) tobacco inspections, one hundred seventy-four (174) alcohol inspections, and one hundred and eight cannabis (108) inspections. Twenty-two (22) of these inspections resulted in reportable incidents.
 - Reportable Incidents: From these twenty-two (22) reportable incidents, the FOB seized:
 - Forty-seven thousand six hundred and eleven (47,611) other tobacco products (OTP), yielding a tax loss of \$33,323.73.
 - One thousand nine hundred and seventy-three (1,973) packs of unstamped cigarettes, yielding a tax loss of \$7,398.75.
 - Twenty (20) containers of distilled spirits.
 - One hundred fifty-one (151) containers of beer.
 - These incidents took place in Baltimore County, Baltimore City, Prince George's County, Wicomico County, Somerset County, Dorchester County, Queen Anne's County, Washington County, Montgomery County and Cecil County and Anne Arundel County. Including several repeats within some of these counties.
 - Year-to-date Inspection Goals: Executive Director Jeff Kelly reported that for fiscal year 2024, ATCC has reached:
 - 74% of our year-to-date goal for tobacco inspections.
 - 50% of our year-to-date goal for alcohol inspections.
 - 75% of our year-to-date goal for cannabis inspections.

b. Events

- Cannabis Outreach Events
 - One Cannabis outreach event was held for the Maryland Judiciary on January 9th.

c. HR / Staffing

- There are only eight (8) vacancies in total. Two (2) of these vacancies will be filled next week. Three (3) will be filled in about three (3) weeks. We expect to have the remaining vacancies filled by February's meeting.
 - ATCC Staff Volunteer Day
- d. Maryland General Assembly
- Maryland Governor Wes Moore presented his budget to the Maryland General Assembly on Wednesday, January 17th.
 - o Executive Director Jeff Kelly is happy to report that the allocation for the ATCC was virtually what we asked for. With this proposed funding the ATCC plans to improve its computer and licensing systems. Additionally, the Governor's budget supports ATCC's deficiency request that will be used to cover unanticipated operational costs such as rent and equipment for new hires.
 - Executive Director Jeff Kelly called on the Commission, requesting that they encourage the General Assembly to support the Governor's allocation for ATCC if they have the opportunity.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Alan Silverstein called on Secretary Robert Poole regarding in-person meetings.


- a. Secretary Robert Poole proposed quarterly in-person meetings to develop rapport. All members present were in favor of quarterly in-person meetings so long as the schedule was sent and approved by all members ahead of time.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

** Next meeting is February 15, 2024, 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 (Feb 15, 2024 15:33 EST)
 Robert Poole, Secretary

Feb 15, 2024

Date







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