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December 2024 Minutes

DATE: December 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

Vice Chair Eric Morrissette Secretary Robert Poole

Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion

ABSENT: Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck

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 the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Eric Morrissette made a motion to approve, which Secretary Robert Poole seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Jeff Kelly reported on the commission updates and enforcement activity for the month of November 2024.

- a. Enforcement Activity
 - Inspections
 - o Two hundred, four (204) Alcohol Inspections
 - o Two hundred, twenty-five (225) Tobacco / Cannabis Inspections
 - Reportable Incidents: Seven (7)
 - o Nineteen thousand, two hundred fifty-three (19,253) sticks of OTP yielding a tax loss of \$17,985.00.
 - o Three hundred, thirty (330) packs of cigarettes yielding a tax loss of \$1,650.00.
- b. Regulatory, Licensing and Administrative Services Division
 - Nothing to report this month.
- c. Legal & Legislative Division
 - 2025 Legislative Session
 - o Departmental Bills
 - 1. The ATCC has submitted two departmental bills to the General Assembly for the 2025 legislative session.
 - 2. The ATCC has met with the chairs from the appropriate committees in the House and Senate. The chairs have agreed to sponsor the bills.

IV. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- a. Dana Moncrief spoke on recent public health concerns related to adverse effects related to vaping and cannabis.
 - MDH is investigating several instances.

- MDH requests that if you know of anything that's happened to vaping and cannabis among young people that you report the incident to them, 911, or poison control.
- MDH is working closely with the ATCC and MCA regarding these cases.
- Symptoms have been presented in the emergency room and may include nausea, vomiting, agitation, slurred speech.
- b. Staff Volunteer Day
 - The ATCC hosted their second Staff Volunteer Day in partnership with the Franciscan Center. The Franciscan Center provides, food, clothing, and a wide variety of social resources to people in need.
- c. 2025 Legislative Session
 - General Assembly opening day is Wednesday, January 8th.

V. <u>GUEST SPEAKER</u>

- a. Chair Al Silverstein introduced guest speaker Dr. Raimee Eck from the Maryland Public Health Association, and Alcohol, Tobacco & Cannabis Network.
- b. Dr. Eck presented Alcohol and Cannabis Policy 101.
 - The Public Health Perspective
 - Maryland 2025 General Assembly Session
 - o Alcohol
 - 1. Allowing for sales of beer and wine in grocery stores to mitigate food deserts.
 - 2. Numerous local jurisdiction bills to clarify rules/regs and/or expand license types, fees, etc.
 - Cannabis
 - 1. On-site consumption sites license.
 - 2. Legislation related to employee protections for cannabis use outside of work hours.
 - Resources

VI. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

At 3:40 PM, Chair Al Silverstein Commissioner called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Eric Morrissette made a motion to adjourn, which Secretary Robert Poole seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

* Next meeting is January 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM.

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

Robert Poole (Feb 4, 2025 11:51 EST)	Feb 4, 2025
Robert Poole, Secretary	Date

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