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MARYLAND ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION January Minutes

DATE: January 20, 2022

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission Headquarters
(Meeting conducted via Microsoft Teams, recorded for replay)

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
Vice Chair Barbara Wahl
Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck
Commissioner Eric Morrissette

ABSENT: Commissioner Robert Poole

OTHERS: Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly, Alcohol and Tobacco Commission
Brooke Torton, Legal Resource Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alan Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to order at 3:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chair Alan Silverstein called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes for December 16th, 2021, and Vice Chair Barbara Wahl moved to approve and Commissioner Eric Morrissette second the motion and all members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous month's minutes.



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (Director Kelly)

Director Kelly gave an accounting of the enforcement activity for the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission since the last month's meeting.

a. Enforcement activity

- The ATC had eight incidents where parties were charged, referred for charges, or referred to the Liquor Board(s) for further action. These incidents consisted of four alcohol cases, one alcohol and tobacco case combined, and three tobacco cases.
 - The tobacco cases consisted of the seizure of nearly 9,400 sticks of OTP (Other tobacco products) and 26 packs of cigarettes. The alcohol seizures consisted of 116 containers of spirits, 605 containers of beer, and 2 containers of wine.
 - Three of our alcohol cases involved unusual circumstances. One case involved a wholesaler delivering to an unlicensed retailer and two cases involved wholesalers stocking shelves for retailers. The law and code specify that wholesalers are responsible to verify that a retailer has a current, active license and there are strict guidelines concerning wholesalers providing anything of value, such as free labor, to retailers.

b. Maryland General Assembly

- i. ***Legislative Update- Alcohol, Cannabis*** - With the General Assembly in session a little over a week, there have been 9 alcohol bills introduced, 8 local and 1 state, and 2 tobacco bills, 1 state and 1 local.

c. Introduction of Dana Moncrief New MDH Representative

LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

- Brooke Torton, Managing Director of the Legal Resource Center for Public Health-
Brief Legislative Update- Tobacco
 - i. Explained two tobacco bills and discussed an additional legislative bill regarding Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT). The NRT bill would provide pharmacists the ability to assist the people that come directly to them for NRT.

NEW BUSINESS

- Director Kelly mentioned a potential synthetic tobacco presentation for the commission's next meeting.
- Director Kelly met with the Economic Matters Committee Chairman CT Wilson from Charles County. Mr. Wilson expressed his support for the commission.
- Governor Hogan introduced budget allowances

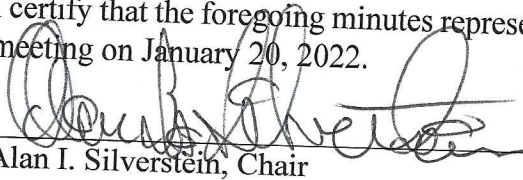


ADJOURNMENT

Chair Alan Silverstein moved to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Eric Morrissette second the motion and all members present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

**Next regular meeting date is February 17th, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission meeting on January 20, 2022.



Alan I. Silverstein, Chair



Date

