

**Minutes**  
**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board**  
**City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge**  
**Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 23, 2023 4:30 p.m.**  
**9048 Airline Highway, Second Floor**

- I. Call to Order-** The regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board was called to order by Chairman Brad Cranmer at 4:32 pm.
- II. Roll Call-** Mrs. Phillis Johnson called the roll. Members present were, Mr. Brad Cranmer, Mr. Anthony Lascaro, Mr. Chase Shelton, Mr. Xavier Hoskins, Mr. Walter McLaughlin, Mr. Chase Tettleton, Mr. George Krause, Ms. Pamela Sandoz and Mr. Scott Wilfong.
- ABC Staff members present were, Mrs. Phillis Johnson, Ms. Lynn Long, Miss. Cheryl Goudy, Agent Durbin, Agent Bell, Administrative Prosecutor Paolo Messina & Director Chris Cranford.
- III. Invocation-** Silent
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Mr. Wilfong.
- V. Introductions and Acknowledgments-** None
- VI. Adoption of the Minutes from the February 9, 2023 meeting.** Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- VII. Public Comment Note:** Public comments may be made on all agenda items. None
- VIII. Review-** Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to move pass the review section and onto section **IX Opposition Hearing**. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- A. Approved. Mother’s Lounge LLC d/b/a Mother’s Lounge**, 143 Third Street, review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class A Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.  
**Councilwoman Carolyn Coleman – District 10**
- B. Approved. Speedy Plus Food Mart, LLC d/b/a Speedy Plus Food Mart**, 3745 Choctaw Drive Suite A, review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.  
**Councilman LaMont Cole – District 7**
- C. Approved. 4564 Inc. d/b/a Sky Seafood**, 4564 Bennington Avenue, review the accountant’s report for issuance of a Class A Restaurant license. Owner Ryan Suleh and Consultant Brad Gordon spoke on behalf of the business. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to approve. Substitute motion by Mr. Wilfong to extend the temporary license by 90 days and request the most recent sales figures. Mr. Lascaro opposed. The motion passed.  
**Councilwoman Jennifer Racca – District 12**  
**Item deferred from January 12, 2022 board meeting.**
- D. Extended. The R&B Cocktail Lounge LLC d/b/a The R&B Cocktail Lounge**, 3151 College Drive, Ste. C, review the accountant’s report for issuance of a Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to extend the temporary license for 90 days. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.  
**Councilwoman Jennifer Racca – District 12**

**IX. Opposition Hearings**

- A. Sustained. Royal Wine & Liquor, Inc. d/b/a Royal Wine & Liquor**, 17301 Jefferson Highway Suite 3, relative to formal opposition received against the Notice of Intent application for a Class B Beer & Liquor license at this location. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to read into the record a letter from Councilman Dwight Hudson. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Speaking on behalf of the opposition: Mr. Paul Badame, Mr. Chris Roberts, Mrs. Madeline Badame, Mr. Xavier Williams, & President of Highland Club Property Owners Association-Mrs. Lyndra Lea.

Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Krause to sustain the opposition. Chairman Cramner called for a roll call vote. Mrs. Johnson called the roll. 6 Yays, , Mr. Hoskins, Mr. Krause, Ms. Sandoz, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Tettleton, and Mr. Wilfong; 2 Nays - Mr. Lascaro, and Mr. McLaughlin. The opposition was sustained.  
**Councilman Dwight Hudson – District 9**

**X. Hearings**

- A. Approved. Citation #3282** issued to **4564 Inc. d/b/a Sky Seafood**, 4564 Bennington Ave., for violation of the City Code of Ordinances, **Section 12:601.2** – Clean Air Act. (2 Counts). The alleged violations occurred on December 11 and December 18, 2022.

Agent Stephen Bell gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued. Business owner Ryan Suleh spoke on behalf of the business. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to accept the owners' admission of guilt. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to assess the fine of \$1,000.00 and suspend \$750.00. Chairman Cranmer called for a roll call vote. Mrs. Johnson called the roll. 3 Yeas - Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Hoskins, and Mr. Wilfong; 5 Nays - Mr. Krause, Mr. Lascaro, Ms. Sandoz, Mr. Shelton and Mr. Tettleton. Motion failed.

Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Krause to approve. Mr. Tettleton withdrew his motion. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to assess the fine of \$1,000.00 and suspend \$500.00. Mr. Lascaro opposed. The motion passed.

- B. Approved. Citation #4876** issued to **Malakah LLC d/b/a V & P Seafood & Deli**, 3055 Florida Blvd., for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1002(A)** – License required to be posted; **Section 9:1013(4)** – Allowing unlicensed persons to perform services; and Section 9:1013(6) – Operating without a permit. The alleged violations occurred on January 11, 2023.

Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Shelton to recognize payment as admission of guilt. Hearing no objections, the motion passed. Mr. Lascaro opposed.

- C. Approved. Citation #4877** issued to **Fouao Mohamed Moses Said**, 3055 Florida Blvd. for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1007(D)** – Retail Clerk license required. The alleged violation occurred on January 11, 2023 while employed at V & P Seafood and Deli. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Shelton to recognize payment as admission of guilt. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

- D. Approved. Citation #4878** issued to **Almibrad Abdulmalik**, 3055 Florida Blvd., for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1007(D)** – Retail Clerk license required. The alleged violation occurred on January 11, 2023 while employed at V & P Seafood and Deli. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Shelton to recognize payment as admission of guilt. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

**XI. Business Applications – Permanent License**

- A. Approved. Bar 2, LLC d/b/a Bar 22**, 930 O’Neal Lane, Class A Beer & Liquor license.  
Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Wilfong to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed. Chairman called for a roll call vote. Mr. Wilfong-Y, Mr. Tettleton-Y, Ms. Sandoz-N, Mr. McLaughlin-Y, Mr. Lascaro-N, Mr. Krause-N, Mr. Hoskins-Y, Mr. Shelton-N, Mr. Cranmer-Y. (5Y-4N)  
**Councilwoman Denise Amoroso – District 8**  
**Item deferred from October 27, 2022 & January 12, 2023 board meeting**
- B. Consolidated/Approved. El Bodegon Latin Market LLC d/b/a El Bodegon Latin Market**, 10979 Coursey Blvd. Suite H, Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Krause to consolidate agenda item B&C. Hearing no objections, the motion passed. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Krause to approve agenda item B&C. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.  
**Councilwoman Laurie Adams – District 11**
- C. Consolidated/Approved. Friendly Express 7 Inc. d/b/a Friendly Express**, 12617 Florida Blvd., Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Krause to consolidate agenda item B&C. Hearing no objections, the motion passed. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Krause to approve agenda item B&C. Hearing no objection, the motion passed.  
**Councilman Cleve Dunn – District 6**

**XII. Pending Litigation**, None

**XIII. Administrative Matters**

- A. Discussion and Consideration – ABC Board Fine Schedule**, Motioned by Mr. Lascaro, Moved to defer until the next meeting.
- B. Discussion and Consideration – ABC Board Rule XX**, Motioned to defer by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to defer until the next meeting. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

**XIV. Adjourn**, There being no further business, A motion was made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to adjourn. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.