MINUTES
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
Regular Meeting, Thursday, March 14, 2019 4:30 pm
9048 Airline Highway, Second Floor

I. Call to Order- The regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board was called to order at 4:35 pm.

II. Roll Call Ms. Phillis Johnson called the roll. Members present were: Mr. Chase Tettleton, Mr. Scott Wilfong, Ms. Pamela Sandoz, Mr. Chase Shelton, Mr. Mike Russell, Mr. Anthony Lascaro, and Mr. Chard Richard. Member absent was Mr. Keith Courville and Mr. Adam Enamorado.

ABC Staff members present were: Ms. Lynn Long, Phillis Johnson, Director Chris Cranford, Agent Larry Cooperator, Agent Michael Montgomery, Agent Williams Grahams and Assistant Administrative Prosecutor Paolo Messina.

III. Invocation – Led by Agent Graham.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance- Led by Mr. Wilfong.

V. Introductions and Acknowledgments- None.

VI. Adoption of the Minutes from the February 28, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Shelton to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

VII. Public Comment Note: Public comments may be made on all agenda items.

VIII. Review
A. Approved. Swagat Indian Cuisine LLC d/b/a Swagat Indian Cuisine, 15380 George O’Neal Lane, review the accountant’s report for issuance of a permanent Class A Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

IX. Opposition Hearings- None.

X. Hearings
A. Deferred. Citation #4127 issued to Tropical Lounge & Nightclub LLC d/b/a Tropical Lounge & Nightclub, 10455 Rieger Road, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1006 (A)(3) – Closing hours (2nd Offense); Section 9:1013 (K)(1) – Forbidden promotional practices (2 Counts); Section 9:1017 (B)(2) – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age. The alleged violations occurred on or about September 28, 2018. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro defer the Item to March 28, 2019 meeting. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

B. Deferred. Citation #4130 issued to Tropical Lounge & Nightclub LLC d/b/a Tropical Lounge & Nightclub, 10455 Rieger Road, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1006 (A) – Hours of operation; Section 9:1017 (B) (2) – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age (2 Counts); and City Code of Ordinances, Section 1:152(10) – Operation adverse to public health, safety and morals. The alleged violations occurred on or about March 1, 2019. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro defer the Item to March 28, 2019 meeting. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

C. Deferred. Citation #4126 issued to Ivelisse Capeles, 13915 Arbor Walk Drive, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1014 (B) – Misstatement of fact; and Section 9:1014 (C) – Interposed person. The alleged violations occurred on or about May 18, 2018. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro defer the Item to March 28, 2019 meeting. Hearing no objections, motion passed.
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D. Deferred. Citation #4128 issued to Luis Anthony Colon, 13915 Arbor Walk Drive, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1014 (B) – Misstatement of fact; Section 9:1014 (C) – Interposed person; and Section 9:1014 (G) – Failure to comply with provisions of the ordinance (Class A qualifications). The alleged violations occurred on or about July 19, 2018. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to defer the Item to March 28, 2019 meeting. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

E. Deferred. Citation #4134 issued to Jonathan Vargas-Abreu, 7071 Perkins Road, A, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1017 (B)(1) – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age (2 Counts). The alleged violation occurred on or about September 28, 2018 while employed at Tropical Lounge & Nightclub. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to defer the Item to March 28, 2019 meeting. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

F. Approved. Citation #3875 issued to Crestline Hotels and Resorts LLC d/b/a Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 4964 Constitution Ave., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1013 (E) – Operating without a permit. The alleged violation occurred on February 14, 2019. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Shelton to consolidate Items F and G. Agent Graham gave a brief description of incident prior to citation being issued. No One was present for the business. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Richard to assess a fine of $500 for Count 1 and a fine of $1000 for Count 2 and suspend the alcohol license until the next meeting of the ABC Board on March 28, 2019. By a vote 4 yeas (Lascaro, Richard, Sandoz, Wilfong) to 3 nays (Russell, Shelton, and Tettleton), motion passed.

G. Approved. Citation #3967 issued to Crestline Hotels and Resorts LLC d/b/a Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, 4964 Constitution Ave., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1013 (E) – Operating without a permit (Second Offense). The alleged violation occurred on February 15, 2019. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Shelton to consolidate Items F and G.

H. Approved. Citation #3958 issued to Albertsons LLC d/b/a Albertsons #712, 9650 Airline Hwy., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1002 (A) – License required to be posted; Section 9:1013 (C) – Unlicensed employee; and Section 9:1017 (B)(2) – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19, or 20 years of age. The alleged violations occurred on February 5, 2019. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to delete Section 9:1002 (A). Hearing no objections, motion passed. Agent Cooper gave a brief description of the incident prior to citation being issued. Todd Poor and Christy Lara were present representing the business. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Russell to dismiss Count 1 and assess a fine of $250 payable in 10 days. Hearing no objection, motion passed.

I. Approved. Citation #3987 issued to Sierra J. Shaw, 11322 E. Big Bend Ave., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1007 (D) – Retail Clerk license required; and Section 9:1017 (B)(1) – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19, or 20 years of age. The alleged violations occurred on February 5, 2019 while employed at Albertsons #712. Agent Cooper gave a brief description of the incident prior to citation being issued. Ms. Shaw was not present. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Richard to assess a fine of $350 and suspend any and all licenses until the fine is paid. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

J. Deleted. Citation #3874 issued to A & J 100 Inc. d/b/a A & J 100, 1124 Marque Ann Ave., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1013 (E) – Operating without a license. The alleged violation occurred on February 14, 2019. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to delete the Item. Hearing no objections, motion passed.
XI. Business Applications – Permanent License - None.

XII. Pending Litigation- None.

XIII. Administrative Matters

   A. Consideration- A Request of Commitment- HAART/OHCC Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Strategic Prevention Framework- Partnerships for Success. Present for the business is Open Health CEO Mr. Tim Young. Mr. Young gave a brief description of the program. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to co-agreement pending review by Parish Attorney. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

XIV. Adjourn- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Russell and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to adjourn. Hearing no objections, meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.