

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 11, 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 Vice Chairman Chase Shelton at 4:34pm.

II. Roll Call – Mrs. Phillis Johnson called the roll. Members present were, Mr. Anthony Lascaro, Mr. Chase Shelton, Mr. Xavier Hoskins, Mr. Walter McLaughlin, Mr. Chase Tettleton, Mr. George Krause, Ms. Pamela Sandoz & Mr. Scott Wilfong.
Members absent were, Mr. Brad Cranmer.

ABC staff members present were, Mrs. Phillis Johnson, Ms. Lynn Long, Miss. Cheryl Goudy, Agent Bell, Agent Graham, Agent Montgomery, Agent Henderson, Agent Reeves, Admin. Prosecutor Paolo Messina & ABC Director Chris Cranford.

III. Invocation- Led by Agent Graham.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance- All

V. Introductions and Acknowledgments- Vice Chairman Shelton acknowledged Councilwoman Denise Amoroso.

VI. Adoption of the Minutes from the April 27, 2023 meeting. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

VII. Public Comment Note: Public comments may be made on all agenda items. Councilwoman Denise Amoroso spoke.

VIII. Review

A. Approved. Plank Petroleum LLC d/b/a Plank Petroleum, 8133 Plank Road, review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Chauna Banks – District 2

B. Approved. What if Distillery & Brewery LLC d/b/a What if Distillery & Brewery, 14141 Airline Hwy. Suite 4F, review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class M Manufacturer, Class A & B Liquor license. Motioned by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Councilman Dwight Hudson – District 9

C. Approved. The R & B Cocktail Lounge LLC d/b/a The R & B Cocktail Lounge, 3151 College Drive Suite C, review the accountant's report for issuance of a **permanent** Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Krause to delete agenda item C. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Item was deferred from February 23, 2023 meeting for re-zoning.

Councilwoman Jennifer Racca – District 12

D. Approved. Jasmines on the Bayou LLC d/b/a Jasmines on the Bayou, 6010 Jones Creek Road Suite A, review the accountant's report for issuance of a **permanent** Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Denise Amoroso – District 8

IX. Opposition Hearings- None

X. Hearings

- A. Approved. Citation #4744** issued to **Copelands Cheesecake Bistro LLC d/b/a Copelands Cheesecake Bistro**, 6171 Bluebonnet Blvd., for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1000(A)** – License required (12 Counts). The alleged violations occurred on April 12, 2023. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to recognize the payment as admission of guilt. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- B. Approved. Citation #3284** issued to **Bar Napkin LLC d/b/a Hayride Scandal**, 5110 Corporate Blvd., for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1013(6)** – Operating without a permit. As ordered by the board on April 27, 2023 to pay a fine of \$500 for the violation. The alleged violation occurred on April 4, 2023. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to recognize the payment as admission of guilt. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- C. Consolidated/Approved. Citation #4952** issued to **Stephanie Ann Smith**, address unknown, for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1007(D)** – Retail Clerk license required. The alleged violation occurred on April 11, 2023 while employed at CVS Pharmacy #6124. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Wilfong to consolidate agenda items C-D. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Agent Bell gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro to find the violation did occur and to assess the statutory fine of \$100.00 and suspend the fine. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro to amend previous motion. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro to find the violation did occur and to assess the statutory fine of \$100.00 to be paid before Ms. Smith can obtain a new ABC license.

- D. Consolidated/Approved. Citation #4951** issued to **Temonta Travez Welsh**, 2609 Cedar Ave., for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1007(D)** – Retail Clerk license required. The alleged violation occurred on April 11, 2023 while employed at CVS Pharmacy #6124. Agent Bell gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Wilfong to find the violation occurred, assess the statutory fine of \$100.00 and suspend the fine contingent on no further violations for the remainder of the year. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

XI. Business Applications – Permanent License, Motioned by Mr. Lascaro to consolidate agenda items A-D. Mr. Lascaro withdraw motion to consolidate.

- A. Approved. Adels Gas Stop 3 LLC d/b/a Adels Gas Stop 3**, 1024 O’Neal Lane, Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to approve. Hearing no objections the motion passed.
Councilwoman Denise Amoroso – District 8
- B. Approved. Jay Ambe La 2022 Inc. d/b/a Sherwood Shell Market**, 2510 S Sherwood Forest Blvd. Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to approve. Hearing no objections the motion passed.
Councilwoman Laurie Adams – District 11
- C. Deferred. Murphy’s Bar and Grill LLC d/b/a Murphy’s On Chimes**, 268 W. Chimes Street, Class a Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to extend the temporary license and require a board appearance for the first meeting in June. (June 8, 2023)
Councilwoman Carolyn Coleman – District 10
- D. Approved. Saba Food Mart 4 LLC d/b/a Hop-In**, 9818 Perkins Road, Class B Beer & Liquor license. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Hoskins to approve. Hearing no objections the motion passed.
Councilman Rowdy Gaudet – District 3

XII. Pending Litigation- None

XIII. Administrative Matters

A. Discussion – Tharwat Hamed No 2 Inc. d/b/a Big Brothers No. 2, 2023 N. Foster Dr. Fine has been paid. No action taken.

B. Discussion – Ja’Tyri One Stop & Deli LLC d/b/a Ja’Tyri One Stop & Deli, 2918 Sherwood Street. Business is no longer operating. No action taken.

XIV. Adjourn- There being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Sandoz and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to adjourn. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.