I. Call to Order- The regular scheduled meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board was called to order at 4:32 pm.

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

ABC Staff members present were: Ms. Lynn Long, Ms. Casandra Jeanlouis, Director Chris Cranford, Agent Michael Montgomery, Agent Barry Durbin, Agent Williams Grahams and Assistant Administrative Prosecutor Paolo Messina.

III. Invocation – Led by Agent Graham.

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

V. Introductions and Acknowledgments - None

VI. Adoption of the Minutes from the March 28, 2019 meeting. - A motion was made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Richard 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. Ooh Dat Sports Bar & Grill LLC d/b/a Ooh Dat Sports Bar & Grill, 4886 Plank Road, review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class A Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Erika Greene – District 5

B. Deferred. Schlitz & Giggles Third Street LLC d/b/a Schlitz & Giggles, 301 3rd Street, review the accountant’s report for issuance of permanent Class A Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Courville to defer the Item for 90 days. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Tara Wicker – District 10

IX. Opposition Hearings

A. Approved. Ebony Hulbert & Arthur Wheeler d/b/a A & G Grocery, 1306 Thomas Delpit Drive, relative to formal opposition received against the Notice of Intent application for a Class B Beer & Liquor license.

Letter was presented on the behalf of Councilwoman Tara Wicker expressing her objections to the licensing of Ebony Hulbert & Wheeler d/b/a A & G Grocery.

Present and speaking on behalf of Ebony Hulbert & Wheeler d/b/a A & G Grocery: Mr. Arthur Wheeler and Ebony Hulbert.

A motion was made by Mr. Courville and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to deny opposition. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

Councilwoman Tara Wicker – District 10
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 (2 Counts). The alleged violations occurred on or about September 28, 2018. This Item was previously deferred from the March 28 meeting. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to defer the Item for 30 days. 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. The Item was previously deferred from the March 28 meeting. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to defer the Item for 30 days. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

C. 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. This Item was previously deferred from the March 28 meeting. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to defer the Item for 30 days. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

D. 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. The alleged violation occurred on September 28, 2018 while employed at Tropical Lounge & Nightclub. This Item was previously deferred from the March 28 meeting. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to defer the Item for 30 days. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

E. Deferred. Citation #4132 issued to Ryane Gonzalez-Travieso, 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. The alleged violation occurred on September 28, 2018 while employed at Tropical Lounge and Nightclub. This Item was previously deferred from March 28 meeting. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to defer the Item for 30 days. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

F. Approved. Citation #4042 issued to Abazeed Inc. d/b/a Scotlandville Convenience Store, 1375 Rosenwald, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1013 (C) – Allowing unlicensed employee to perform services; and Section 9:1007 – Consumption of alcohol on the licensed premises. The alleged violations occurred on February 21, 2019. Agent Durbin gave a brief description of the incident prior to citation being issued. The owner Mr. Alheladi Abdulla was present the business. Motion was made by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to suspend fine. The chairman called for a roll call vote. The vote was 3 Yeas (Courville, Lascaro, and Sandoz); 3 Nays (Richard, Shelton, and Tettleton), the motion failed. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Courville that violation did occurred, assess a fine of $400, reducing the original fine by 50%. Hearing no objections, motion passed.
G. Approved. Citation #4043 issued to Sabri Saleh Al-Soufi, 911 Laurel St., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1007 – Retail Clerk license required. The alleged violation occurred on February 21, 2019 while employed at Scotlandville Convenience Store. Agent Durbin gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued. Mr. Al-Soufi was present and spoke on his own behalf. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Courville that violation did occur and suspend the fine. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

H. Approved. Citation #3969 issued to CMRG-BR Investments LP d/b/a Wingstop #539, 9880 Bluebonnet Blvd., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1013 (E) – Operating without a permit. The alleged violation occurred on March 15, 2019. Agent Graham gave a brief descriptions of the incident prior to the citation being issued. No one was present for the business. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz that violation did occur and assess a fine of $500 and suspend the license until the fine is paid. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

I. Approved. Citation #3970 issued to S & R Hotels LLC d/b/a Best Western Richmond Suites, 2683 Energy Drive, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance. Section 9:1013 (E) – Operating without a permit. The alleged violation occurred on March 15, 2019. Agent Graham gave a brief descriptions of the incident prior to the citation being issued. No one was present for the business. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Tettleton that violation did occur and assess a fine of $500 and suspend the license until fine is paid. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

J. Approved. Citation #3950 issued to D & T LLC d/b/a Food N Geaux, 15913 Old Hammond Hwy., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1017(A) – Unlawful sales of alcoholic beverages to a minor. The alleged violation occurred on March 25, 2019. Agent Graham gave a brief descriptions of the incident prior to the citation being issued. The owner Trung Tuan Vu was present for the business and testified on behalf of the business. A motion was made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to consolidate items J-K. Hearing no objections, motion passed. Motioned by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz that violation did occur and assessed the fine of $250 and suspended the license for ten days. The chairmain called for a roll call vote. The vote was 6 yeas (Courville, Lascaro, Richard, Sandoz, Shelton, Tettleton) and 0 nays, motion passed.

K. Citation #3972 issued to Haun Nguyen, 15517 Woodwick Ave., violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1017(A)(1) – Unlawful sales of alcoholic beverages to a minor. The alleged violation occurred on March 25, 2019 while employed at Food N Geaux, 15913 Old Hammond Hwy. Agent Graham gave a brief descriptions the incident prior to the citation being issued. Mr. Nguyen was present. A motion was made by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Richard that violation did occur and assessed the fine of $250 and suspended the license for 30 days. The chairman called for a roll call vote. The vote was 5 yeas (Lascaro, Richard, Sandoz, Shelton, and Tettleton) and 1 Nay (Courville), motion passed.

L. Deleted. Citation #4016 issued to NRP Enterprises LLC d/b/a Johnny’s Pizza, 14790 Wax Road, violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, Section 9:1013(C) – Unlicensed Employee (2nd Offense). The alleged violation occurred on April 3, 2019. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Courville to delete the item. Note: the violation was recognized and paid. Hearing no objections, motion passed.

XI. Business Applications – Permanent License
Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Shelton to consolidate items A-K except Item D. Hearing no objections, motion passed. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Richard to approve items A-K except Item D. Hearing no objections motion passed. Note: Ms. Sandoz recused herself.

Councilwoman Tara Wicker – District 10

C. Approved. Uncle Earls Perkins Road LLC d/b/a Uncle Earls, 3753 Perkins Rd Ste A, Class A Beer & Liquor license. (Ratify)
Councilwoman Barbara Freiberg – District 12

D. Denied. Tropical Lounge & Nightclub LLC d/b/a Tropical Lounge & Nightclub, 10455 Rieger Road, Class A Beer & Liquor license.
Councilman Matt Watson – District 11
Present and speaking on behalf of ABC Board: Agent Montgomery and Assistant Administrative Prosecutor Paolo Messina.
Present and speaking on behalf of Tropical Lounge & Nightclub LLC d/b/a Tropical Lounge & Nightclub: Attorney Chris Alexander, Ivelisse Capeles, Jonathan Vargas, and Ryane Gonzales.
After all testimony was heard a motion was made by Mr. Tettleton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to deny the permanent license. The chairman called for a roll call vote. With a vote of 5 Yeas (Lascaro, Richard, Sandoz, Shelton, and Tettleton) and 0 Nays, the motion passed.

E. Approved. Smugglers Cove LLC d/b/a Smugglers Cove, 5625 Essen Lane, Class A Beer & Liquor license.
Councilman Matt Watson – District 11

F. Approved. Veer Mahavir LLC d/b/a Home Food Mart, 7980 Airline Hwy, Class B Beer & Liquor license.
Councilwoman Donna Collins-Lewis – District 6

G. Approved. Zooliphant LLC d/b/a The Bookstore, 10466 Airline Hwy., Class A Beer & Liquor license.
Councilman Matt Watson – District 11

H. Approved. Abu Rayan Inc. d/b/a Rite Stop, 7270 Greenwell Street, Class B Beer & Liquor.
Councilwoman Erika Green – District 5

I. Approved. Corporate Hotels LLC d/b/a Tru by Hilton, 2562 Citi Place, Class B Beer & Liquor license.
Councilwoman Barbara Freiberg – District 12

J. Approved. Happy’s Downtown LLC d/b/a Happy’s Irish Pub, 136 3rd Street, Class A Beer & Liquor license.
Councilwoman Tara Wicker – District 10

K. Approved. Louisiana Steakhouse LLC d/b/a Sullivan’s Steakhouse, 5252 Corporate Blvd. Class A Caterer license.
Councilwoman Barbara Freiberg - 12

XII. Pending Litigation- None.

XIII. Administrative Matters- None.

XIV. Adjourn- There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to adjourn. Hearing no objections, meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.