

Minutes
Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge
Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 25, 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 4:30pm.

Roll Call- Phillis Johnson called roll. Members present were, Mr. Brad Cranmer, Mr. Anthony Lascaro, Mr. Chase Shelton, Mr. Xavier Hoskins, Mr. Chase Tettleton, Mr. George Krause, Ms. Pamela Sandoz, Mr. Walter McLaughlin and Mr. Scott Wilfong.

ABC staff members present were, Ms. Lynn Long, Mrs. Phillis Johnson, Miss. Cheryl Goudy, Agent Durbin, Agent Reeves, Agent Bell, Agent Henderson, Agent Montgomery, Administrative Prosecutor Paolo Messina and ABC Director Mr. Christopher Cranford.

- II. Invocation-** Silent

- III. Pledge of Allegiance-** Led by Mr. Wilfong.

- IV. Introductions and Acknowledgments-** Chairman Cranmer acknowledged Councilman Dunn.

- V. Adoption of the Minutes from the May 13, 2023 meeting.** Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

- VI. Public Comment Note:** Public comments may be made on all agenda items. None

VII. Review

- A. Approved. CPBR LLC d/b/a Crust Pizza**, 2121 Millerville Road Suite C, review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
Councilwoman Denise Amoroso – District 8
- B. Approved. Shake Shack Louisiana LLC d/b/a Shake Shack**, 6651 Bluebonnet Blvd., review the Notice of Intent application to allow the business to proceed with a Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
Councilwoman Laurie Adams – District 11
- C. Extended. Geaux Getta Ent LLC d/b/a Plush**, 4250 Burbank Dr Suite 101, review the accountant's report for issuance of a Class A & Restaurant license. Owner Justin Anderson spoke on behalf of the business. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to extend the temporary license for 60 days and resubmit the sales figures. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
Councilwoman Jennifer Racca – District 12
- D. Approved. CEC Entertainment LLC d/b/a Chuck E Cheese**, 7680 Andrea Drive, review the accountant's report for issuance of a Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Wilfong to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
Councilman Dwight Hudson – District 9
- E. Approved. Cool Moon Hospitality LLC d/b/a Embassy Suites Baton Rouge**, 4914 Constitution Ave, review the accountant's report for issuance of a Class A & Restaurant license. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to approve. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
Councilwoman Jennifer Racca– District 12

VIII. Opposition Hearings- Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to move to agenda item IX Hearings. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

A. Opposition Denied. 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 (Second application).

Mr. & Mr. Chris Roberts spoke in opposition. Owner Mr. Nash, patrons Mrs. Richard & Mr. Spike spoke on behalf of the business. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to deny the opposition. Hearing no objections, the opposition was denied.

Councilman Dwight Hudson – District 9

IX. Hearings

- A. Approved. Citation #4955** issued to **Tim's Inc. d/b/a Tim's Food Mart**, 824 N. Ardenwood, for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1013(4)** – Allowing unlicensed person to perform services. (Second Offense within a year) The alleged violation occurred on May 5, 2023. Agent Durbin gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Ms. Sandoz to recognize Naser Saleh admission of guilt and reduce the charge to a first offense and fine the business \$500. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- B. Approved. Citation #4977** issued to **Tiger Paw Daiquiris & Grill LLC d/b/a Tiger Paw Daiquiris & Grill**, 13711 Coursey Blvd., for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1017(B)(2)** – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons, 18, 19 or 20 years of age (Second Offense within a year) The alleged violation occurred April 19, 2023. Agent Bell gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued. Owner Chris Mercier spoke on behalf of the business and admits to guilt. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Tettleton to find the violation did occur, to assess the reduced fine to first offense and \$750 fine. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.
- C. Approved. Citation #4904** issued to **Aseel Almadrahi LLC d/b/a Two Brothers Grocery**, 12333 Jefferson Hwy., Suite H for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1017(B)(2)** – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age (Second Offense within a year). The alleged violation occurred on March 21, 2023. Attorney Allison Rovira spoke on behalf of the business. Attorney Rovira admitted to all violations. Agent Durbin 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(s) did occur, to assess the fine of \$10,000 and suspend the license for 120 days. Mr. Lascaro amended his motion. Motioned by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Wilfong to assess the fine \$10,000 and suspend the license for 180 days with 120 of those days suspended, pending no further violation occur. Hearing no objections the motion passed. **(Including agenda items –IX Hearings C, D, E & F).**
- D. Approved. Citation #4905** issued to **Aseel Almadrahi LLC d/b/a Two Brothers Grocery**, 12333 Jefferson Hwy., Suite H for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1017(B)(2)** – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age (Third Offense within a year). The alleged violation occurred on March 21, 2023. Agent Durbin gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued.
- E. Approved. Citation #4905** issued to **Aseel Almadrahi LLC d/b/a Two Brothers Grocery**, 12333 Jefferson Hwy., Suite H for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1017(B)(2)** – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age (Fourth Offense within a year); **Section 9:1014.9** – Failure to check for lawful identification. The alleged violations occurred on April 13, 2023. Sergeant Lockett and Agent Henderson gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued.

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F. Approved. Citation #4905 issued to **Aseel Almadrahi LLC d/b/a Two Brothers Grocery**, 12333 Jefferson Hwy., Suite H for violation of the Wine, Beer & Liquor Ordinance, **Section 9:1017(B)(2)** – Sales of alcoholic beverages to persons 18, 19 or 20 years of age (Fifth Offense within a year); **Section 9:1014.9** – Failure to check for lawful identification (Second Offense within a year); **Section 9:1017** – Sales of alcoholic beverages to a minor. The alleged violations occurred on April 13, 2023. Sergeant Lockett and Agent Henderson gave a brief description of the incident prior to the citation being issued.

X. Business Applications – Permanent License- None

XI. Pending Litigation -

Motioned by Mr. McLaughlin and seconded by Mr. Hoskins to add a hearing of Boil & Roux to this agenda. Mrs. Johnson called the roll. (5nay-3yes) Motioned failed.

Motioned by Mr. Krause and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin to add Boil & Roux to the June 8, 2023 agenda. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

XII. Administrative Matters -

A. Add Fee to Fine Schedule – Section 1013.2 – Bring your own alcoholic beverage. Motioned by Mr. Wilfong and seconded by Mr. Lascaro to defer item to the June 8, 2023 meeting.

XIII. Adjourn- There being no further business. A motion was made by Mr. Lascaro and seconded by Mr. Krause to adjourn. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.