PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2018 NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA

Tim Holden, Chairman Mike Negra, Board Member Michael Newsome, Board Member Charlie Mooney, Executive Director John Stark, Board Secretary Office of Chief Counsel
Bureau of Licensing
Bureau of Human Resources
Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing

Office of Retail Operations
Bureau of Product Selection
Financial Report
Other Issues

PUBLIC MEETING - 11:00 A.M

Board Secretary John K. Stark indicated that a quorum of the Board was present and Chairman Holden called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Bryan Troop, Legislative Affairs Office

A. Motion to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes of the October 17, 2018 meeting.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve previous Board Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on the printed agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) TRANSFEROR: Perry Plaza Classic Lanes, Inc.

2230 Broad Street Erie, Pennsylvania 16503 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-5664 LID 39095 Application for Conversion of Suspension to Fine

TRANSFEREE: UGAF, LLC

6 Sassafras Street Erie, Pennsylvania 16503

Restaurant Liquor License No. R-5664

LID 94085

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve Conversion of Suspension to a

Fine of \$1,000.00.

(2) Phoenicia Fine Middle Eastern Cuisine, LLC

154 Northampton Street Easton, Pennsylvania 18042-3647 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-7878 LID 63033

License.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra
Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve Conditional Licensing Agreement.

(3) Liveevil, Inc.

262-266 Market Street Sunbury, Pennsylvania 17801-3405 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-16319 LID 58324 Request to Rescind Conditional

Proposed Conditional Licensing

Agreement to Allow for the

Reinstatement of the Liquor

Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve Request to Rescind Conditional

Licensing Agreement.

(4) Liu's Torresdale, Inc.

5500 Torresdale Aveue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134-1625 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-11256 LID 66672 Citation No. 17-0670 Appeal of Adjudication and Order of Administrative Law Judge

Motion Made: Board Member Negra
Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Attorney Fox described this appeal and the next appeal Citation No.18-0346, concerns the 400-square-foot serving area and is a mirror image of the past 13 or so appeals on the same issue. This Licensee was cited twice for having less than the 400 square feet (182 square feet and 140 square feet of serving area, respectively). Chief Counsel's Office again recommends affirming the ALJ, based on the violation of section 102 of the Liquor Code.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Affirm Administrative Law Judge's

Decision.

(5) Liu's Torresdale, Inc.

5500 Torresdale Aveue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134-1625 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-11256 LID 66672 Citation No. 18-0346 Appeal of Adjudication and Order of Administrative Law Judge

Motion Made: Board Member Negra
Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Affirm Administrative Law Judge's

Decision.

(6) T D Beer, Inc.

2262 E. Allegheny Avenue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19134-3831 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-11382 LID 67601 Citation No. 17-0634 Appeal of Adjudication and Order of Administrative Law Judge

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Attorney Fox explained this licensee was cited, among other things, for having less than a 400-square-foot area accessible to the public. Its area was measured at 206 square feet, resulting in a violation of section 102 of the Liquor Code. It is recommended the appeal be dismissed and the ALJ affirmed.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Affirm Administrative Law Judge's

Decision.

(7) David Perretta v. PLCB

Appeal to Commonwealth Court

Office of Open Records Docket No. AP 2018-1597

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Chief Counsel Diaz addressed this RTK issue where a former employee requested information under the Right To Know Law seeking to reveal the individual who filed an EEO complaint against him. OOR granted his request and directed the PLCB to provide the information concerning the complaining individual. It is the opinion of the Chief Counsel that this is clearly protected information and OOR is wrong in directing the release of the information. Therefore, Chief Counsel recommends that the OOR order be appealed.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Appeal to Commonwealth Court

From the Bureau of Licensing Tisha Albert, Director of Regulatory Affairs

Barbara Peifer, Director, Bureau of Licensing

(1) Benj, LLC t/a Haggs Hotel Renewal - Hotel

H-242 (LID No. 66276) Case No. 18-9067 5661 Main Street, P. O. Box 325 Upper Bern Township Shartlesville, Berks County

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Chariman Holden asked if there was anyone present from the Licensee, Benj, Inc. No response.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Refuse Renewal.

(2) Big Gingers, LLC

R-8964 (LID No. 88063) Case No. 18-9063

931 Liberty Avenue

Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Appointment of Manager –

Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Negra
Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve Appointment of Manager.

(3) Bill's Best Organic BBQ Sauces, LLC

(LID No. 92893)

57 South Keswick Avenue Cheltenham Township

Glenside, Montgomery County

New & Requests for an Interior Connection with Another Business, to Conduct Another Business on the Licensed

Premises & Dual

Employment-Brewery

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve New Application and

Requests for an Interior Connection with Another Business, to Conduct Another Business on the Licensed Premises and Dual Employment.

(4) Smokin Joe's Tobacco Shop, Inc. t/a Smokin Joe's – Honesdale

R-2731 (LID No. 83724) Case No. 18-9078

263 Willow Avenue

Honesdale, Wayne County

Extension of License & Request to Conduct Another Business on

the Licensed Premises -

Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Negra

Seconded:

Board Decision: Member Negra requested a Hold on this application.

(5) Smokin Joe's Tobacco Shop, Inc.

t/a Smokin Joe's

R-20530 (LID No. 88186) Case No. 18-9079

2447 Elmira Street Athens Township Sayre, Bradford County Place-to-Place Transfer & Request to Conduct Another Business on the Licensed Premises - Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Negra

Seconded:

Board Decision: Member Negra requested a Hold on this application.

(6) Eastvale Inn & Restaurant, Inc.

R-17511 (LID No. 18727) Case No. 2018-18727

318 Second Avenue

Beaver Falls, Beaver County

Renewal – District 6

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve Renewal with Existing

Conditional Licensing Agreement.

(7) West Side Republican Club of Bethlehem, Inc.

Renewal – District 4

C-717 (LID No. 685) Case No. 2018-685 1207 West Broad Street Bethlehem, Lehigh County

Motion Made:

Board Member Negra

Seconded:

Board Decision: Hold by Member Negra for a Conditional Licensing Agreement.

Personnel Actions

There were 6 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) Sade Fitzgerald Removal
- (2) Trenton Ford Removal
- (3) Steven Ganz Removal
- (4) Stephen Murray Removal
- (5) Mark Ryan Removal
- (6) Weston Townsend Removal

Motion Made: Board Member Negra
Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve all Personnel Actions.

Procurement Actions:

(1) Cisco Smartnet Maintenance and Support Renewal – Provide Cisco Smartnet hardware and software maintenance for the PLCB's Cisco network components such as switches, routers, access points, and other appliances. These components are installed in Distribution Centers, Regional Offices, PLCB Central Office, and Point of Sale (POS) stores.

Procured via DGS Statewide Contract #4400011887 – VENDOR: **ePlus Technology Inc.** – TERM: One (1) year – **\$120,098.12 estimated cost** which represents a 34% decrease over last year's cost of \$182,322.28 due to reduced quantity of components requiring maintenance.

(2) **Steel Shelving for Store** #0929 – Steel shelving for relocation of standard to premium Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #0929 in Chalfont.

Procured via DGS Statewide Contract #4400016767 – VENDOR: **Kent Fixtures Corp.** – **\$52,622.01 estimated cost.**

(3) **Steel Shelving for Store** #1007 – Steel shelving for relocation of premium Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #1007 in Cranberry.

Procured via DGS Statewide Contract #4400016767 – VENDOR: **Kent Fixtures Corp.** – **\$56,816.97 estimated cost.**

(4) Furniture for Store #1007 – Wall units for relocation of premium Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #1007 in Cranberry.

Procured via DGS Statewide Contract #4400013989 – VENDOR: TC Millwork – \$56,638.87 estimated cost.

(5) Furniture for Store #4632 – Wall units and display table for relocation of standard to premium Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #4632 in North Wales.

Procured via DGS Statewide Contract #4400013989 – VENDOR: TC Millwork – \$96,242.93 estimated cost.

(6) Furniture for Store #1533 – Wall units for premium rebrand of existing Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #1533 in Phoenixville.

Procured via DGS Statewide Contract #4400013989 – VENDOR: TC Millwork – \$59,238.11 estimated cost.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve all Procurement Actions.

Inter-Agency Charges:

None

- 1. #0205 149 5th Avenue, McKeesport Amendment
- 2. #3919 Allentown Towne Center, 4777 Tilghman St., Allentown Amendment
- 3. #5802 Price Chopper Plaza, 16750 State Rt. 706, Montrose Amendment
- 4. #0231 Robinson Town Center, 1106 Park Manor Blvd., Pittsburgh Relocation / Additional Space
- 5. #09XX Marketplace at Neshaminy, 500 Rockland Drive, Bensalem Relocation / Consolidation (0908 & 0918)
- 6. #23XX 127 West Lancaster Avenue, Wayne Relocation / Consolidation (1513 & 2306)

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve all Retail Operations Actions.

1. Regular New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE	REASON
Constellation Brands Inc	
Black Box Rose 3 L	2, 3, 5, 9
Kim Crawford Rose 750 ML	2, 3, 5, 9
Pip Imports and Domestics LLC	
Gerberas Garnacha Red Wine Spain 750 ML	9, 12
Gerberas Dry Rose Spain 750 ML	9, 12
Sand Castle Winery Inc	
Sand Castle Dry Vermouth 750 ML	8

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Sand Castle Sweet Vermouth 750 ML

Sazerac Comp		1 2 5
_	ht Rye Whiskey 750 ML	1, 2, 5
Southern Com	fort Whiskey 80 Proof 750 ML	2, 3
RECOMMEND	ED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action	
2. Regular PA	A Spirits New Items	
BRAND NAM	IE AND SIZE	REASON
Blackbird Dis	tillery	
Blackbird Dist	16	
Blackbird Dist	16	
Blackbird Dist	illery Hot Cinnamon Corn Shine 76 Proof 750 ML	16
RECOMMENDE	ED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action	
	New Items – Recommended Listings	
	Reason Codes	
1	. Strong marketing support	
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	. Growing segment . National rollout	
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	. High dollar profit potential	
1	0. Trade out	
	1. High quality for the value	
	2. Innovative product/flavor	
	3. High sales through other PLCB channels (Luxury, Online, SLO)	
	Underrepresented category/segment Hole in selection – consumer/store requests	
	6. PA Spirits	
	7. PA Wines	
1	8. Licensee only	

3. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE CODE

North Wales Wines

Gascon Colosal Red Blend 750 ML 6544

Sazerac North America Inc

Wave Baja Vodka 60 Proof 750 ML 9477

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective November 30, 2018

4. Regular Recommended Delist Revision

BRAND NAME AND SIZE CODE

RESCIND

Southern Wine and Spirits PA

Clos De Nouys Demi Sec Vouvray 750 ML

Heidsieck and Co Monopole Blue Top Brut NV 750 ML

45245

Note: Sent to the board as recommended delist 8-22-18

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

Motion Made: Board Member Negra
Seconded: Board Member Newsome

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to Approve all Bureau of Product Selection/

Marketing Actions.

FINANCIAL REPORT Michael J. Burns, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board State Stores Fund Comparative Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

	August 31, 2018	August 31, 2017		
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Current assets:				
Cash	\$ 49,576,085	\$ 44,503,896		
Investments - short term	225,099,623	207,671,868		
Accounts and claims receivable, net	357,928	1,231,509		
Due from other funds - Note 8	-	2,143		
Merchandise inventories, net	262,630,267	260,357,598		
Operating supplies	568,975	236,282		
Prepaid expenses	1,727,435	3,613,621		
Total current assets	539,960,313	517,616,917		
Non-current assets:				
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	322,973	322,973		
Depreciable capital assets:				
Building	20,873,018	19,816,479		
Leasehold improvements	612,301	582,597		
Machinery and equipment	48,444,591	47,485,191		
Intangibles - internally generated software	25,990,043	29,572,750		
Less: accumulated depreciation	68,073,335	63,002,362		
Net depreciable capital assets	27,846,618	34,454,655		
Total non-current capital assets	28,169,591	34,777,628		
Total Horr-current capital assets	20,109,391			
Total assets	\$ 568,129,904	\$ 552,394,545		
Total deferred outflows of resources - Note 4	\$ 88,550,800	\$ 132,598,773		
LIABILITIES				
Current liabilities:				
Trade accounts payable	\$ 267,143,927	\$ 265,512,053		
Other accounts payable	25,331,046	26,211,586		
Accrued expenses	19,764,399	19,278,414		
OPEB - Note 5	11,976,000	17,767,000		
Self-insurance, workers' compensation - Note 6	8,637,029	7,739,857		
Due to other funds - Note 8	3,593,327	3,405,517		
Due to fiduciary funds - Note 8	2,812,681	2,634,321		
Due to other governments - Note 8	752,536	691,769		
Total current liabilities	340,010,945	343,240,517		
Management But 990				
Non-current liabilities:	704 070 000	0.44 0.00 0.00		
OPEB - Note 5	781,379,000	841,082,000		
Self-insurance, workers' compensation - Note 6	47,949,448	42,256,546		
Net pension liability - Note 4	445,997,473	482,443,490		
Compensated absences - Note 1	20,809,984	18,904,788		
Total non-current liabilities	1,296,135,905	1,384,686,824		
Total liabilities	\$ 1,636,146,850	\$ 1,727,927,341		
Total deferred inflows of resources - Note 4	\$ 104,798,959	\$ 20,057,976		
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 28,169,591	\$ 34,777,628		
Deficit	(1,112,434,696)	(1,097,769,627)		
Total net position	\$ (1,084,265,105)	\$ (1,062,991,999)		
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board State Stores Fund

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Month Ending August 31, 2018 and August 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

2018-19		2017-18		
Sales net of taxes Cost of goods sold	; —	\$ 172,764,609 (118,667,207)	4	(112,843,991)
Gross profit from sales		54,097,402		49,838,653
Operating (expenses):				
Retail operations	(32,905,054)		(33,391,304)	
Marketing & merchandising	(1,333,239)		(1,076,927)	
Supply chain	(653,017)		(965,287)	
Wholesale operations	(151,018)		(111,588)	
Information technology services	(2,569,141)		(2,818,607)	
Regulatory affairs	(1,720,442)		(1,727,858)	
Administration	(1,306,555)		(1,282,774)	
Finance	(310,000)		(324,810)	
Board & secretary	(348,325)		(503,532)	
Legal	(324,752)		(291,576)	
Commonwealth provided services - Note 2	(1,181,069)	(40,000,040)	(1,052,689)	(40.540.050)
Total	_	(42,802,612)	_	(43,546,952)
Operating profit		11,294,790		6,291,701
Other operating revenues (expenses):				
Enforcement fines	118,642		99,075	
License fees	3,337,855		2,192,690	
Miscellaneous income	242,516		200,237	
Administrative law judge	(255,816)		(239,816)	
Total	_	3,443,197	_	2,252,186
Total operating income		14,737,987		8,543,887
Non-operating revenues (expenses):				
Interest income	435,347		206,944	
Other _	-			
Total	_	435,347	_	206,944
Income before operating transfers		15,173,334		8,750,831
Operating transfers out:	/ · · ·	()	<i>(</i>	/ · · · ·
PSP enforcement - Note 3	(2,535,864)	(2,535,864)	(2,333,042)	(2,333,042)
Income after enforcement/before other transfers		12,637,470		6,417,789
Other operating transfers out:				
General fund - Note 3	-		-	
Drug and alcohol programs - Note 3 Total			- _	
Change in net position		12,637,470		6,417,789
Total net position - beginning		(1,096,902,575)		(1,095,566,788)
Total net position - ending		\$ (1,084,265,105)		5 (1,089,148,999)
Liquor tax	31,301,244		29,184,752	
State Sales Tax	12,323,316		11,485,466	
Local Tax	787,096	14 /// 050	737,641	14 107 075
Taxes remitted to Dept.of Revenue YTD		\$ 44,411,656	9	41,407,859

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board State Stores Fund

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Two Months Ending August 31, 2018 and August 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

-	2018-19		20	2017-18		
Sales net of taxes		\$	334,273,395		\$	320,654,270
Cost of goods sold			(228,145,812)			(221,473,123)
Gross profit from sales			106,127,583			99,181,147
Operating (expenses):						
Retail operations	(66,070,326)			(66,133,779)		
Marketing & merchandising	(2,954,891)			(2,595,687)		
Supply chain	(1,200,470)			(1,782,721)		
Wholesale operations	(298,153)			(231,064)		
Information technology services	(5,171,781)			(5,182,919)		
Regulatory affairs	(3,777,640)			(3,606,835)		
Administration	(2,446,184)			(2,420,111)		
Finance	(612,511)			(638,308)		
Board & secretary	(704,244)			(1,004,023)		
Legal	(680,501)			(618,055)		
Commonwealth provided services - Note 2	(2,152,336)		(00.000.00=)	(2,070,882)	-	(00.004.004)
Total			(86,069,037)			(86,284,384)
Operating profit			20,058,546			12,896,763
Other operating revenues (expenses):						
Enforcement fines	281,399			223,146		
License fees	7,024,791			5,992,887		
Miscellaneous income	390,322			388,369		
Administrative law judge	(495,365)			(466,778)		
Total			7,201,147			6,137,624
Total operating income			27,259,693			19,034,387
Non-operating revenues (expenses):						
Interest income	839,599			393,387		
Other _	-			1,200	_	
Total			839,599			394,587
Income before operating transfers			28,099,292			19,428,974
Operating transfers out:	(5.057.400)		(5.057.400)	(4.400.000)		(4.400.000)
PSP enforcement - Note 3	(5,057,498)		(5,057,498)	(4,466,086)		(4,466,086)
Income after enforcement/before other transfers Other operating transfers out:			23,041,794			14,962,888
General fund - Note 3	_			-		
Drug and alcohol programs - Note 3	-			-		
Total			-			-
Change in net position			23,041,794			14,962,888
Total net position - beginning			(1,107,306,899)			(1,104,111,887)
Total net position - ending		\$	(1,084,265,105)		\$	(1,089,148,999)
Liquor tax	59,888,339			57,948,285		
State Sales Tax	23,567,001			22,797,784		
Local Tax	1,492,978	_	04.040.040	1,439,609	_	00.405.070
Taxes remitted to Dept.of Revenue YTD		\$	84,948,318		\$	82,185,678

 $\underline{\text{Note}}\text{: Board Minutes are not officially approved until all required signatures are affixed.}$

OTHER ISSUES

None	
CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR	
None	
NEXT BOARD MEETING	
The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 201 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Prior to the public meeting, there will be an Executive Session to discumatters of personnel and to engage in non-deliberative informational discussions, some of which a regarding actions and matters which have been approved at previous public meetings.	SS
ADJOURNMENT	
On a motion by Board Member Negra, seconded by Board Member Newsome, the meeting was adjourned	d.
The foregoing actions are hereby officially approved.	
Chairman	
Member	
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Member	
ATTEST:	
Sacretory	
Secretary	