PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019 NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA

Tim Holden, Chairman Mike Negra, 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 – EJ Lewis – Supply Chain Bureau

A. Motion to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve Previous Board Minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment on the printed agenda items.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer to General Fund:

The Office of Budget requests a transfer of \$85.1 million dollars (\$85,100,000) from the State Stores Fund to the General Fund. This transfer will complete the PLCB's \$185.1 million obligation for 2018-19 Fiscal Year General Fund transfers.

The transfer of this prescribed amount of \$85,100,000 will be processed as authorized in Expenditure Symbol Notification Number 18-044.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to the Transfer of \$85,100,000.

Proposed Conditional Licensing

Request to Rescind Conditional

Appeal of Adjudication and Order

of Administrative Law Judge

Licensing Agreement

Agreement to Allow for the

Renewal of the Liquor

License

(1) Zee Gos Enterprises, Inc.

144 West 13th Street

Erie, Pennsylvania 16501-1716

Restaurant Liquor License No. R-7030

LID 44684

Docket No. 13585-2013 (Erie County)

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve Renewal with a

Conditional Licensing Agreement.

(2) Zurab Zautadze

1728 East Carson Street

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15203-1706 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-2933

LID 68251

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Rescind the Conditional Licensing

Agreement.

(3) Jason Cold Beer, Inc.

1644 Wharton Street

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19146-4762 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-13491

LID 65029

Citation No. 17-1322

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Executive Deputy Chief Counsel Fox spoke about this ALJ appeal. Licensee was charged with not being a bona fide restaurant and not having at least 400 square feet of serving area. Following a hearing, the ALJ sustained both charges and issued a fine of \$300.00. Licensee timely appealed on the 400 square-foot issue, although it had only 144 square feet. For the same reasons as provided in the prior 26 cases on this issue, Chief Counsel recommends affirming the ALJ's decision.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Affirm the Administrative Law

Judge.

(4) LEO Foods, Inc.

4501 N. Broad Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140-1215 Restaurant Liquor License No. R-1318 LID 63302 Citation No. 17-0130 Appeal of Adjudication and Order of Administrative Law Judge

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Executive Deputy Chief Counsel Fox described the factual situation behind the charges in this ALJ appeal. In late 2016, a Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement (BLCE) officer in full uniform; her boss, also in full uniform; their boss; and about ten City of Philadelphia officials went to the licensed premises to conduct a routine inspection. It was mid-afternoon and Licensee was operating. Upon entry, the officer identified herself and advised the cashier that they were there to conduct a routine inspection. The cashier walked away, got a cell phone, and went to the back of the premises. After he returned, the BLCE officer showed her badge and repeated her request. The cashier did not respond or open the partition to let the officers inspect. However, the cashier did take two customer orders and serve those customers as they waited. Before they left, the BLCE officer saw three men seated inside the premises smoking, despite the lack of a smoking exemption.

Licensee was charged with refusing to let the BLCE inspect the premises and permitting smoking in a prohibited area. The ALJ sustained both charges and fined Licensee \$1,000.00 on count one and \$200.00 on count two. Licensee filed a timely appeal, claiming insufficient evidence. After reviewing the transcript, we find sufficient evidence to sustain both counts and recommend affirming the ALJ.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Affirm the Administrative Law

Judge.

(1) Country Fair, Inc.

R-13425 (LID No. 94280) Case No. 18-9113 4526 Pine Avenue Erie, Erie County Double Transfer & Request for Interior Connections with Another Business – Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve the Transfer and

Request for Interior Connections with Another Business –

Restaurant.

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(2) The New Alpine Club

Renewal – Catering Club

CC-4088 (LID No. 3587) Case No. 18-9115 1295 Grand Boulevard Monessen, Westmoreland County

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Chairman Holden asked if there was anyone present from the Licensee. No response.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Refuse Renewal.

(3) IBPOE of W. Valley Lodge 294

Renewal – District 6

C-1771 (LID No. 1067) Case No. 2018-1067 932 Third Avenue New Kensington, Westmoreland County

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Chairman Holden asked if there was anyone present from the Licensee. No response.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Refuse Renewal.

(4) Mami's Café & Bar, LLC

Renewal – District 8

t/a Mami's Café & Bar

R-8242 (LID No. 72623) Case No. 2018-72623 594-596 Alter Street Hazleton, Luzerne County

Motion Made:

Board Member Negra

Seconded:

Board Decision:

Hold by Member Negra for a Conditional Licensing

Agreement.

(5) William Penn Restaurant and Bar, Inc.

Renewal – District 2

t/a William Penn Restaurant

R-15132 (LID No. 17151) Case No. 2018-17151

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633-635 Cumberland Street Lebanon, Lebanon County

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Chairman Holden asked if there was anyone present from the Licensee. No response.

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Refuse Renewal.

Personnel Actions

There were 7 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) John Hawrylack Removal
- (2) Peter Kopa -10 Day Suspension
- (3) Taylor Lewicki Affirm Removal
- (4) Amy Rogalsky Removal
- (5) Latoya Travis Removal
- (6) Courtney Tyler Affirm Removal
- (7) Annette Walls Removal

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve all Personnel Actions.

Procurement Actions:

(1) **Hearing Examiner Renewal** – Represent the Board in the capacity of a Hearing Examiner for administrative hearings conducted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding matters which the Board shall adjudicate as required by law.

Procured via PO 63017459 Option Year One – VENDOR: **Thomas R. Miller, Esquire** – TERM: One year – **\$200,000.00 estimated cost.** Renewal cost remains the same as original contract amount.

(2) **Hearing Examiner Renewal** – Represent the Board in the capacity of a Hearing Examiner for administrative hearings conducted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding matters which the Board shall adjudicate as required by law.

Procured via PO 63016261 Option Year Two – VENDOR: **Charles M. Gibbs** – TERM: One year – **\$150,000.00 estimated cost.** Renewal cost remains the same as original contract amount.

(3) Senior Business Subject Matter Expert Staff Augmentation — Provide an IBM Websphere Commerce support person to assist the PLCB with various changes to our E-Commerce site including any upgrades to web services used by the mobile application and other work prioritized by Marketing. These improvements will enable functionality similar to other internet-based retail web sites.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400014660 – VENDOR: **OST, Inc.** – TERM: Four months for the period 3/4/19 through 6/30/2019 - \$68,027.20 estimated cost.

(4) Snow Removal Services – Increase contract value for the NWOB's parking lots snow plowing and removal contract. Three additional parking lots have been added to the contract since it was effective on November 1, 2016. This increase will cover approximately five more snow events for all 11 parking lots through October 31, 2019.

Procured via BPA 63015768 Increase – VENDOR: **C and Z Construction** – TERM: Eight months – **\$100,000.00 estimated cost.** Unit pricing for all parking lots remain the same.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve All Procurement Actions.

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) Office of Comptroller Operations FY 2018-19 second quarter billing of \$1,349,774.60 from the Office of Comptroller Operation. The billing represents the LCB Comptroller Services actual personnel and operating expenses for October December 2018.
- (2) Civil Service Commission (SCSC Job 46) Billing of \$527,761.67 for SCSC services for January June 2019. The billing is based on the PLCB's average filled salary and wage position headcount (5,089) for the six-month period of May through October 2018.

The Bureau of Financial Management and Analysis has reviewed these charges and determined that they are reasonable based on billing methodology and previous experience.

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve All Inter-Agency Charges.

- 1. #0211 354 Northtowne Square, 5600 Route 8, Gibsonia Amendment
- 2. #0935 2395 Old York Road, Jamison Amendment
- 3. #1009 240 Buffalo Plaza, Sarver Amendment

4. #1515 – 23 Marchwood Road, Exton Amendment

5. #5180 – 3521 Cottman Avenue, Philadelphia Amendment

6. #2210 – 5070 Jonestown Road, Harrisburg Premium Rebrand

7. #5157 – 1237 South Eleventh Street, Philadelphia Premium Rebrand

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve all Retail Operations Actions.

1. Regular New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE	REASON
Brown Forman Corporation	
Glendrohach 12 Year Scotch 750 ML	2
Old Forester Straight Bourbon 750 ML	2
Constellation Brands Inc	
Ruffino Prosecco 3 - 187 ML	1, 2, 3
Ruffino Sparkling Rose 3 - 187 ML	1, 2, 3
Svedka Cherry Vodka 1 L	18
Svedka Citron Vodka 1 L	18
Svedka Clementine Vodka 1 L	18
Svedka Vanilla Vodka 1 L	18
Svedka Vodka 1 L	18
Jim Beam Brands Co	
El Tesoro Reposado Tequila 750 ML	10
North Wales Wines	
Barefoot Cellars Moscato 500 ML	2, 3, 5, 7, 19
New Amsterdam Vodka 50 ML	3

Reserva Wines LLC

Lobetia Organic Cabernet Sauvignon Oak Aged 750 ML	3,9
Southern Wine Spirits PA	
14 Hands Cabernet Sauvignon 750 ML	1, 2, 3
14 Hands Merlot 750 ML	1, 2, 3
14 Hands Rose 750 ML	1, 2, 3
Oyster Bay Chardonnay New Zealand 750 ML	2, 3, 11
Patz & Hall Sonoma Coast Chardonnay 750 ML	10

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

2. Regular PA Preferred New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE	REASON	
Shadow Vineyard and Winery		
Shadow Vineyard and Winery Catawba 750 ML	17	
Shadow Vineyard and Winery Whistlepig Mist 750 ML	17	

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

New Items - Recommended Listings

Reason Codes

- 1. Strong marketing support
- 2. High brand recognition
- 3. Line/Size extension of successful brand
- 4. Trade up opportunity
- 5. Growing category
- 6. Growing segment
- 7. National rollout
- 8. Niche item / Limited distribution
- 9. High dollar profit potential
- 10. Trade out
- 11. High quality for the value
- 12. Innovative product/flavor
- 13. High sales through other PLCB channels (Luxury, Online, SLO)
- 14. Underrepresented category/segment
- 15. Hole in selection consumer/store requests
- 16. PA Spirits
- 17. PA Wines
- 18. Licensee only
- 19. Probationary listing

3. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE	CODE
<u>Diageo Americas Inc</u> Crown Royal Maple Canadian Whisky 750 ML	5841
Majestic W S USA Inc	3041
Chocovine 1.5 L	3994
Voga Rosa Italy 750 ML	2238
Southern Wine Spirits PA	
Conn Creek Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 750 ML	3981

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective March 29, 2019

Motion Made: Board Member Negra Seconded: Chairman Holden

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to Approve all Bureau of Product

Selection/Marketing Actions.

FINANCIAL REPORT...... Andrew Cameron, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget

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

(Ui	naudited)		
		January 31, 2019	January 31, 2018
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$	36,401,627	\$ 49,512,020
Investments - short term		295,701,802	235,472,863
Accounts and claims receivable, net		3,143,912	1,710,905
Due from other funds - Note 8		-	-
Merchandise inventories, net		247,800,819	258,001,926
Operating supplies		330,111	130,234
Prepaid expenses		777,153	 2,252,730
Total current assets		584,155,424	 547,080,678
Non-current assets:			
Non-depreciable capital assets:			
Land		322,973	322,973
Depreciable capital assets:			
Building		20,875,220	19,816,479
Leasehold improvements		612,301	612,301
Machinery and equipment		51,111,585	48,425,495
Intangibles - internally generated software		28,551,172	 29,600,100
Less: accumulated depreciation		70,947,457	 66,912,503
Net depreciable capital assets		30,202,821	31,541,872
Total non-current capital assets		30,525,794	 31,864,845
Total assets	\$	614,681,218	\$ 578,945,523
Total deferred outflows of resources - Note 4,5	\$	88,350,800	\$ 134,048,773
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Trade accounts payable	\$	307,143,205	\$ 284,996,902
Other accounts payable		27,998,864	33,959,407
Accrued expenses		21,139,560	20,534,106
OPEB - Note 5		11,976,000	17,767,000
Self-insurance, workers' compensation - Note 6		11,137,029	10,239,857
Due to other funds - Note 8		4,848,024	5,053,929
Due to fiduciary funds - Note 8		3,024,515	2,822,181
Due to other governments - Note 8		801,606	755,342
Total current liabilities		388,068,803	376,128,724
Non-current liabilities:			
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		459,297,473	494,943,490
Compensated absences - Note 1		20.809.984	18.904.788
Total non-current liabilities		1,309,435,905	1,397,186,824
Total liabilities	\$	1,697,504,708	\$ 1,773,315,548
Total deferred inflows of resources - Note 4,5	\$	96,348,959	\$ 20,657,976
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	\$	30,525,794	\$ 31,864,845
Deficit		(1,121,347,443)	 (1,112,844,073)
Total net position		(1,090,821,649)	\$ (1,080,979,228)
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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 January 31, 2019 and January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	201	8-19	2017	′-18
Sales net of taxes	9	148,624,444	9	S 142,510,279
Cost of goods sold	•	(102,978,258)	4	(98,287,754)
Gross profit from sales	_	45,646,186	_	44,222,525
Operating (expenses):				
Retail operations	(34,550,906)		(34,632,138)	
Marketing & merchandising	(552,261)		(1,919,255)	
Supply chain	(1,061,251)		(58,697)	
Wholesale operations	(154,444)		(150,998)	
Information technology services	(3,329,264)		(2,478,411)	
Regulatory affairs	(1,730,858)		(1,684,385)	
Administration	(1,369,059)		(1,252,522)	
Finance	(331,392)		(349,724)	
Board & secretary	(414,594)		(511,921)	
Legal	(308,006)		(301,977)	
Commonwealth provided services - Note 2 Total	(1,127,995)	(44 020 020)	(1,267,723)	(44 607 751)
Operating profit	_	(44,930,030) 716,156	_	(44,607,751) (385,226)
Operating profit		710,130		(363,226)
Other operating revenues (expenses):				
Enforcement fines	117,138		131,568	
License fees	3,727,071		4,298,947	
Miscellaneous income	1,281,821		94,994	
Administrative law judge	(292,319)	4 000 744	(251,095)	4.074.444
Total	_	4,833,711 5,549,867	_	4,274,414 3,889,188
Total operating income		5,549,667		3,009,100
Miscellaneous revenues (expenses):				
Interest income	500,796		184,804	
Other		500 500	15,741	000 = 4=
Total	_	500,796		200,545
Income before operating transfers		6,050,663		4,089,733
Operating transfers out: PSP enforcement - Note 3	(2,167,572)	(2,167,572)	(2,398,212)	(2,398,212)
Net Income from operations	(2,107,072)	3,883,091	(2,550,212)	1,691,521
Statutory Transfers: General fund - Note 3	_		_	
Drug and alcohol programs - Note 3 Total	- -	-	-	-
Change in net position	_	3,883,091	_	1,691,521
Total net position - beginning		(1,094,704,740)		(1,082,670,749)
Total net position - ending	9		3	
Liquor tax	27,251,317		25,357,240	
State Sales Tax	10,729,273		9,975,138	
Local Tax Taxes remitted to Dept.of Revenue PTD	740,749	38,721,339	703,763	36,036,141
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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 Seven Months Ending January 31, 2019 and January 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	201	8-19	2017	'-18
Sales net of taxes Cost of goods sold Gross profit from sales	: _	\$ 1,282,520,569 (872,800,775) 409,719,794	\$	1,237,906,701 (844,865,938) 393,040,763
Operating (expenses):				
Retail operations	(233,748,399)		(234,997,658)	
Marketing & merchandising	(9,482,807)		(9,558,676)	
Supply chain	(4,633,481)		(5,863,107)	
Wholesale operations	(1,076,420)		(1,006,207)	
Information technology services	(18,843,690)		(18,772,454)	
Regulatory affairs	(12,408,201)		(12,308,259)	
Administration	(8,390,466)		(8,729,919)	
Finance	(2,091,739)		(2,291,185)	
Board & secretary	(2,713,848)		(4,328,757)	
Legal	(2,118,498)		(2,056,878)	
Commonwealth provided services - Note 2	(7,696,594)	(202.004.442)	(8,312,381)	(200 005 404)
Total Operating profit	_	(303,204,143) 106,515,651	_	(308,225,481) 84,815,282
Operating profit		100,515,051		04,010,202
Other operating revenues (expenses):				
Enforcement fines	1,040,393		939,503	
License fees	22,460,180		27,109,484	
Miscellaneous income	3,038,850		1,521,043	
Administrative law judge	(1,698,951)		(1,600,867)	
Total	_	24,840,472	_	27,969,163
Total operating income		131,356,123		112,784,445
Miscellaneous revenues (expenses): Interest income	2 196 726		1 495 021	
Other	3,186,726		1,485,031 30,031	
Total		3,186,726	30,031	1,515,062
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Income before operating transfers		134,542,849		114,299,507
Operating transfers out: PSP enforcement - Note 3	(18,057,599)	(18,057,599)	(17,323,848)	(17,323,848)
Net Income from operations	(=,== ,===,	116,485,250	() = = , = = , <u> </u>	96,975,659
Statutory Transfers: General fund - Note 3	(100,000,000)		(100,000,000)	
Drug and alcohol programs - Note 3	(100,000,000)		(100,000,000)	
Total	_	(100,000,000)	_	(100,000,000)
Change in net position		16,485,250		(3,024,341)
Total net position - beginning	_	(1,107,306,899)		(1,077,954,887)
Total net position - ending		\$ (1,090,821,649)	<u>\$</u>	(1,080,979,228)
Liquor tax	230,192,386		222,543,533	
State Sales Tax Local Tax	90,536,635		87,483,831 5,555,507	
Taxes remitted to Dept.of Revenue YTD	5,763,214	\$ 326,492,235	5,555,597 	315 592 064
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OTHER ISSUES	
None.	
CITIZEN COMMENT/BUSINESS FROM TH	HE FLOOR
None.	
NEXT BOARD MEETING	
beginning at 11:00 A.M. Prior to the matters of personnel and to engage in	ll be a formal meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2019, public meeting, there will be an Executive Session to discuss non-deliberative informational discussions, some of which are nave been approved at previous public meetings.
ADJOURNMENT	
On a motion by Board Member Negra, so	econded by Chairman Holden, the meeting was adjourned.
The foregoing actions are hereby official	lly approved.
	Chairman
	Member
ATTEST:	
Secretary	