

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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### Minutes of the May 8, 2014 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Open Public Meeting Act Statement read by Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman Robert Phillips – absent  
Vice-Chairman Michael Blumenfeld – present  
Commissioner Steven Bauman – present

Also Present: Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary  
Alysia Proko, Attorney for the Board  
Jon Tooke, Director of Public Safety  
Daisy Amado (taking minutes)

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion to approve** the minutes of the March 27, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Bauman and seconded by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and approved by both members during roll call vote.

#### **2013-2014 LICENSE RENEWAL 12.39 AND 12.18 SPECIAL RULING**

LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-130-006,  
61 PATERSON ASSOCIATES, LLC, 9 PATERSON AVENUE

Stephen Spector, attorney for the license holder, appeared before the Board. Mr. Spector advised they were granted a Special Ruling by the State regarding renewal of application for inactive license. Per the Special Ruling, it is up to local authority to grant or deny renewal application. Board Secretary advised the Board: application was filed for on August 28, 2013, they did not file in a timely fashion and this license is inactive and the application was submitted late. Mr. Spector indicated by the end of the year they are hopeful to activate license. He indicated it was a pocket license. Board Attorney asked if it is cited at a location. Mr. Spector replied 61 Jackson. Board Attorney advised that it is not a pocket license. Error was that this was filed late. Mr. Spector was advised that this would be up for renewal in a month.

**Move to approve** the Special Ruling as presented was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members during roll call vote.

## HEARINGS

1. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-164-008  
WHISKEY BAR, LLC  
d/b/a MILLS TAVERN  
125 WASHINGTON STREET  
CASE NO. 13-20

Board Attorney advised the charges dismissed and case will proceed at State level. This is an Administrative dismissal.

2. LIQUOR LICENSE #0905-33-114-011  
WORLD FAMOUS ENTERTAINMENT CO.  
d/b/a ROOM 84  
84 WASHINGTON STREET  
CASE NO. 13-22

Board Attorney advised the license holder not present and that typically we give them one adjournment and special notice. Director of Public Safety said this is a serious matter and should be taken seriously. Board Secretary advised she sent correspondence both regular and certified mail return receipt requested and she never received the green card back but the letters never came back either. Board discussion ensued.

**Move to adjourn** on one occasion with no further adjournments allowed at the discretion of the Board will be heard at May 22, 2014 meeting if there is no quorum or if the witness, Mr. Benitez is not available, at which case will be heard at next meeting of June 12, 2014. If License Holder fails to appear we will proceed with a hearing in absentia made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld, seconded by Commissioner Bauman and approved by both members during roll call vote.

## BOARD DISCUSSION

### PROCEDURE FOR 2014-2015 LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Board Secretary explained that she supplied a list of all big licenses. Fees and applications are due back by May 23 and by June 12<sup>th</sup> we should be able to start renewing licenses. Typically license holders want no encumbrances. Board asked if we have started a process for license holders to submit electronically. Board Secretary advised it is paper that comes from the State as it needs to be notarized, etc. The State recently started asking for email addresses. Board discussed seven inactive licenses. Board Secretary also gave a brief breakdown of numbers/types of licenses: 33 & 32 are consumption; 31 private clubs and 36 hotels.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting** was made by Vice Chairman Blumenfeld and seconded by Commissioner Bauman.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24p.m.