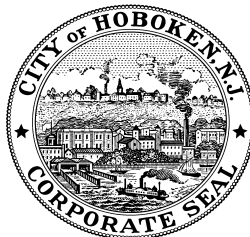


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Minutes of the March 9, 2017 Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:14p.m.

The Open Public Meeting Act statement was read by Suzanne Hetman, Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL:

BOARD MEMBERS	
Chairman Robert W. Phillips	✓
Vice Chairman Michael Blumenfeld	✓
Commissioner Steven Bauman	ABSENT

Also Present: Suzanne Hetman, board secretary, Ben Choi, Esq., attorney for the board; Alyssa Bongiovanni, Esq. and Scott DeRosa, Esq., attorneys from Corporation Counsel's office as prosecutors for board; Detective Anthony Caruso of the Hoboken Police Department ABC Unit; and Daisy Amado, recording secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2017 meeting – *Moved to next meeting.*

Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting

Move to approve the minutes as written.

BOARD MEMBER	Move	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Chairman Phillips		✓	✓			
Vice Chairman Blumenfeld	✓		✓			
Commissioner Bauman						✓

HEARINGS:

(1) Liquor License number 0905-44-006-006, Chudhry & Zaisara Zafar, d/b/a Hoboken Liquor & Deli, 98 Willow Avenue, Case number 16-32

Robert C. Williams, attorney for license holder, appeared before the board. Ben Choi advised that Scott DeRosa and Alyssa Bongiovanni are now the ABC prosecutors. Scott DeRosa took over the prosecution of this matter and is requesting to adjourn with consent from Mr. Williams. Mr. Williams stated he has no objection. Hearing will be held at the May 11, 2017 ABC meeting.

(2) Liquor License number 0905-36-194-002, 225 225 Liquor License LLC, d/b/a Lulu’s, 225 River Street, Case number 16-27

Board attorney advised this matter involved two counts of bar card violations one on July 4, 2016 the other on July 10, 2016. A plea was entered against count one for the offense occurring on July 4, 2016 dismissing that count and a plea of non-vult for count two incident on July 10, 2016. According to our penalty schedule, time to be served will be two days suspension with five held in abeyance. May 21 and May 22, 2016 are the days license holder agreed to which are consistent with Sunday and Monday - the same days of the violations. The license holder will apply to the State for a monetary plea.

Motion to approve the plea with May 21 & May 22nd as days to be served.

BOARD MEMBER	Motion	Second	Yes	No	Abstain	No Vote
Chairman Phillips	✓		✓			
Vice Chairman Blumenfeld		✓	✓			
Commissioner Bauman						✓

(3) Liquor License number 0905-33-040-007, 205 First Street Corp., d/b/a Village Pourhouse, 205 First Street, Case number 16-34

Board attorney advised there is no appearance by license holder who is being represented pro-se at this point. Mr. Stefanos Arethas, witness in case, was present in addition to two Hoboken Police Officers. Board attorney advised matter should be rescheduled since license holder did not appear tonight; board secretary should provide notice by mail; and should the license holder not appear at next scheduled hearing the matter will be tried in absentia. Hearing rescheduled for April 27th ABC board meeting.

Mr. Arethas approached and asked board attorney why this matter is before the ABC board as he “didn’t ask ABC board to get involved. No officers were willing to speak when we were in municipal court why are they here now.” Board attorney explained that witness called police and signed complaint against bar for noise. This hearing is before the ABC board based upon ABC prosecutor against complaint. Board attorney advised he was not present during the municipal court case.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Motion to close the meeting was made by Chairman Phillips and both members present unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.