

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL BOARD

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Also Present: Suzanne Hetman, board secretary; Scott DeRosa, Esq., attorney from Corporation Counsel's office as prosecutor for board; and Daisy Amado, recording secretary.

Approval of the Minutes of the July 13 and August 24, 2017 meetings

Moved to the next meeting.

Approval of the Minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting

Move to approve the minutes.

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

Approval of the 2018 Meeting Dates

Move to approve the dates as submitted.

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

2016-2017 Liquor License Renewal

Liquor License #0905-33-047-004, King, Stephanie, 400 Newark Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Board Secretary advised she received the tax clearance today; license is located at 460 Newark Street (next to old Domino's Pizza); and it has not been open for two years.

Move to renew 2016-2017 license.

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

2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal

Liquor License #0905-33-047-004, King, Stephanie, 400 Newark Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Motion to approve renewal.

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

2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal – Special Ruling

Liquor License #0905-33-096-007, 600 Washington Street, LLC, mailing address 287 Bowman Avenue, Purchase, New York 10577

Board secretary advised license has been inactive for two years and license holder petitioned state and same was granted.

Motion to approve special ruling.

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

2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal – Special Ruling

Liquor License #0905-32-038-006, Morgan Pubster, LLC, mailing address 917 Castle Point Terrace, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Board secretary advised this is an inactive license located at 1414 Grand Street which required a special ruling for three terms and we are renewing 2017-2018.

Motion to approve renewal.

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

2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal – Special Ruling

Liquor License #0905-33-068-011, Yong C. Chu, 1300 Park Avenue, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Board secretary advised license located at 1300 Park Avenue and there is an application to transfer which is not complete yet.

Move to approve.

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

2016-2017 Liquor License Renewal – Special Ruling

Liquor License #0905-33-086-009, Empire Ten, LLC, 61-63 14th Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Board secretary advised this is the Old Liberty Bar which required a special ruling. There is currently building /construction taking place. Mr. Rohit Bawa owns license and property.

Motion to approve license renewal.

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

2017-2018 Liquor License Renewal – Special Ruling

Liquor License #0905-33-086-009, Empire Ten, LLC, 61-63 14th Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030

Motion to approve 2017-2018 special ruling.

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

Person to Person Transfer

Liquor License #0905-32-028-006, Lounge 11 Bar & Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a The West Five Supper Club, 503-505 Madison Street TO Oke Tree LLC ‘Pocket’ mailing address 1330 Willow Avenue, Apartment 612, Hoboken, NJ

Applicant, Mr. Alexander Cocozello, 100% owner appeared before the board. Does not have any immediate plans at the moment, but would eventually like to open in northern Hoboken. Applicant does not own any other licenses. Board secretary mentioned that Detective Caruso of the Hoboken Police Department informed the whole background check was complete.

Move to approve the transfer.

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

Person to Person and Place to Place Transfer

Liquor License #0905-44-004-001, Antonio Arroyo, Inc., d/b/a/ Arroyo Liquor Store, 260 First Street TO Willow Wines, LLC, d/b/a Wine Dad’s, 341 14th Street, Hoboken, NJ

Board secretary advised this was the liquor store on First Street which flooded out. Applicants, Jeffrey Carroll and his partner Gretchen Goldsworthy appeared before the board. They are transferring license to 341 14th Street which is behind the Trader Joe’s. Board asked if they own any other liquor stores and applicants advised they do not. Board asked secretary what type of license and she confirmed it is a number 44 distribution/liquor store.

Motion to approve the person to person and place to place transfer.

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

HEARINGS

(1) Liquor License #0905-44-006-006, Zafar, Chudhry & Qaisia, d/b/a Hoboken Discount Liquors, 98 Willow Avenue, Case number 17-13

(2) Liquor License #0905-44-006-006, Zafar, Chudhry & Qaisia, d/b/a Hoboken Discount Liquors, 98 Willow Avenue, Case number 17-08

Robert Williams, Esq., attorney for licensee appeared before the board. Scott DeRosa, Esq., prosecutor for the board advised the bulk of the charges are for patrons present after hours. Mr. DeRosa advised no formal agreement has been reached at this point, however the license holder has agreed to voluntary conditions for ninety days. After the ninety days, the matter will be up before the board for review. The voluntary conditions are: the establishment will close at 1:30am on Sundays through Thursdays and close at 2:45am on Fridays and Saturdays. Additionally, license holder will install surround sound recording system with a retention period of thirty days. Mr. DeRosa stated he would speak with Detective Caruso so voluntary conditions can be confirmed. Board asked if there are two separate cases and Mr. DeRosa confirmed these are two different cases of patrons inside after hours and one fight outside. Mr. Williams stated cameras were present but were not functioning properly and his client has purchased a new system. Mr. Williams further advised that one of the charges was for 2:02am and the other for 3:04am on the police report. Per Mr. Williams he will send a letter over to Mr. DeRosa with the voluntary conditions. Board questioned what happens in ninety days if not satisfied or complied and Mr. DeRosa said at that time the board can suspend or impose proper penalties. Vice Chairman Blumenfeld expressed disappointment as this not the first time this license is before the board.

Motion to approve voluntary conditions and back before board in 90 days.

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

(3) Liquor License #0905-33-150-007, Rex Pep, Inc., d/b/a Madison Bar and Grill, 1316 Washington Street, Case number 17-15

Scott DeRosa advised he reached an agreement with attorney for license holder, Frank Marciano, Esq. However, Mr. Marciano forgot the matter was on for tonight. Therefore, matter carried to next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

Chairman Phillips moved to close the meeting and Vice Chairman Blumenfeld seconded with both members unanimously agreeing to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48p.m.