

IOWA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES COMMISSION

MINUTES

Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division
1918 SE Hulsizer Road, Ankeny, IA
September 7, 2017 – 1:00 p.m.
Dial In Number: 1.866.685.1580
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Commission Members Present

Gary Nystrom: Chair
Rachel Eubank: Vice Chair
John Pauli: Secretary
Christine Spratt: Member
Jay Wilson: Member

Division Staff Present

Stephen Larson: Administrator
Tyler Ackerson: Program Planner – Education and Outreach
Leisa Bertram: Accountant 2
Erin Carpenter: Assistant to the Administrator
Jodi Christensen: Safety and Security Coordinator
Bruce Fleming: Project Manager (OCIO)
Karen Freund: Deputy Administrator of Regulatory Affairs
Todd Halbur: Comptroller
Josh Happe: Bureau Chief, Regulatory Compliance Bureau
Jason Hohn: Clerk Specialist
Pam Koehn-Miller: Secretary
John Lundquist: Assistant Attorney General
Herb Sutton: Manager, Business Operations
Anita Volk: Technology Account Manager (OCIO)

Guests Present

Kyle Doyle: Iowa Distilling Company
John D'Atoma: Southern Glazer's
Sam Crowder: Southern Glazer's
Eric Goranson: Iowa Restaurant Association
Taylor Larson
Brian Guillaume: House Democrats
Mackenzie Nading: House Republicans

Nicole Eilers: Iowa Wine Growers Association
Christin Mechler: Legislative Services Agency
Mike Heller: Iowa Wholesale Beer Distributors Association
Matt Eide: Iowa Wine Growers Association and Kum & Go

Guests Present via Phone

Lyle Sutzman: Johnson Brothers
Wendy Turk: Fintech
Michael Jenkins: Brown Winnick Law Firm
Julie Simon: Senate Democrats
Jake Heard: Senate Republicans

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Gary Nystrom called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and roll was taken. There was a quorum.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairperson Nystrom thanked Commissioner Jay Wilson for his service as immediate past Chairperson of the commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Pauli and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the agenda for the September 7, 2017, Commission meeting.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Spratt and seconded by Commissioner Wilson to approve the minutes for the June 22, 2017, Commission meeting.

Motion approved.

Chairperson Nystrom recognized Administrator Stephen Larson for the Administrator's Report.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Larson recognized Comptroller Todd Halbur for a financial management update.

Administrator Larson provided an update on the RFP time table for a possible public/private partnership in the distribution of spirits. Evaluation of proposals will begin September 25, 2017. Administrator Larson recognized Herb Sutton, Jr., Manager, Business Operations, for an historical overview of distribution at the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division. Mr. Sutton presented a timeline that showed the Division has had public-private partnerships in the past.

Administrator Larson announced that on or before October 1, 2017, the Division will send a letter to industry entities and other interested groups requesting voluntary comment by December 15, 2017 in reference to the relevance of Iowa Code chapter 123.45, Tied House, laws in today's marketplace. The Division will be conducting a study of Iowa's alcoholic beverages laws as directed by SF516 passed during the 2017 legislative session.

Administrator Larson announced that a kickoff meeting will be held October 3, 2017 to discuss how licensing reform would affect the alignment of Iowa's licensing laws with the public policy purpose of Iowa's alcohol laws.

Administrator Larson recognized Josh Happe, Regulatory Compliance Bureau Chief, for a regulatory update. Mr. Happe reported the compliance/enforcement/administrative actions unit has completed Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) inspections, education, and enforcements.

Mr. Happe also reported that the Accenture Consulting Group provided a recommendations report that the Education/Outreach unit is utilizing in evaluating changes needed to the Division's administrative rules. He noted that the unit is also working to write administrative rules as necessary to accommodate the passage of HF607 during the 2017 legislative session.

Administrator Larson recognized Assistant Attorney General John Lundquist. There were no updates to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Nystrom re-introduced the dram shop insurance topic that Jessica Dunker, president of the Iowa Restaurant Association, presented in public comment at the June 22, 2017 meeting. He requested Administrator Larson set a meeting with him, Jessica Dunker, Division Executive Officer Stephanie Strauss, and Debi Durham, director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority, regarding dram shop.

Chairperson Nystrom pointed out to those present that the Division's duty is to ensure on-premises licensees have dram shop insurance, and that the Division does not have the authority over the inner workings of dram shop. Instead, he noted, dram shop is established through statute.

NEW BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING DATES

Wednesday, November 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in Decorah, Iowa.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. in the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Pauli and seconded by Commissioner Eubank to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.



Commissioner Pauli, Secretary