



**TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21  
10:00 a.m.**

The November 2019 meeting was held on November 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Nashville, TN. Chairman Skiles, Commissioner Roberts, and Commissioner Tomita were present. In attendance on behalf of TABC staff were the following: Director Thomas, Assistant Director Blackwell, Commission Counsel Stepp, Assistant Commission Counsel Ryan Mercurio, Assistant Commission Counsel Ebony Connor, CLEO Tubbs, Deputy Chief Brent Clayton, Aaron Rummage, Chris Dowell, and Scott Wolfe.

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Pursuant to T.C.A. 58-44-108, meetings may be conducted permitting participation of electronic or other means of communication.

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**1. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 24, 2019, COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**2. RETAIL MATTERS**

**1. QIK N EZ LIQUOR AND TOBACCO  
JASPER, TENNESSEE (MARION COUNTY)**

Applicant: Shri Khodiyar Corporation  
Member(s): Rakeshkumar Patel (50%), Kalpeshkumar Patel (50%)

Current licensee: Puribba Inc d/b/a Lucifer's Liquor<sup>1</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Shri Khodiyar Corporation d/b/a Qik N Ez Liquor  
and Tobacco

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 4492 Main Street, Jasper, TN 37347. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Puribba Inc<sup>2</sup>. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. agent report
- c. license fee

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<sup>1</sup> License no. RTLRPS-MAR-1818700

<sup>2</sup> In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection, agent report, and license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**2. GOODFELLAS WINE & SPIRITS  
LOUDON, TENNESSEE (LOUDON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Aanvi, Inc.  
Member(s): Viren Patel (50%), Dimpalben Patel (50%)

Current licensee: Redskin Cafe, Inc. d/b/a Goodfellas Wine & Spirits<sup>3</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Aanvi, Inc. d/b/a Goodfellas Wine & Spirits

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 12353 N 72 Hwy, Loudon, TN 37774. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Redskin Cafe, Inc.<sup>4</sup> The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. agent report
- c. license fee
- d. certificate of occupancy
- e. deed after closing

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection, agent report, license fee, certificate of occupancy, and deed after closing. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

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<sup>3</sup> License no. RTLPS-LOU-1805400

<sup>4</sup> In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



**3. CODA'S LIQUOR STORE  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Coda Liquor Inc.  
Member(s): Dominic Coda III, 100%

Current licensee: Dominic Andrew Coda Jr. d/b/a Coda's Liquor Store<sup>5</sup>  
Proposed licensee: Coda Liquor Inc. d/b/a 901 Coda's Liquor Store

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 4707 S Third St., Memphis, TN 38109. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by Dominic Andrew Coda Jr.<sup>6</sup> The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection and license fee. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

**4. WEST END DISCOUNT LIQUORS AND WINES  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Adya Inc  
Member(s): Tejal Patel (70%), Bhumi Patel (30%)

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<sup>5</sup> RTLRPS-SHE-1824453

<sup>6</sup> In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



Current licensee: West End Discount Liquors & Wines, Inc. d/b/a West End Discount Liquors and Wines<sup>7</sup>

Proposed licensee: Adya Inc d/b/a West End Discount Liquors and Wines

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a retail package store licensee to be located at 2818 West End Ave, Nashville, TN 37203. The applicant is acquiring the package store from the existing licensee owned by West End Discount Liquors & Wines, Inc<sup>8</sup>. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the license subject to:

- a. agent report
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the agent report and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

## **5. ONE STOP SHOP LIQUOR MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (SHELBY COUNTY)**

Applicant: Ravinderjit Dhugga

Current location: 4624 Winchester Rd., Memphis, TN 38118

Proposed location: 3761 S. Perkins, Memphis, TN 38118

Retail package store licensee no. RTLRPS-SHE-1917170 is requesting approval to transfer its location to 3761 S. Perkins, Memphis, TN 38118. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the change subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules &

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<sup>7</sup> RTLRPS-DAV-1907900

<sup>8</sup> In accordance with Tennessee law, sellers are to transfer title and possession of the liquor inventory to the applicant via TABC licensed wholesalers' involvement.



- regulations
- b. certificate of occupancy

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection and receipt of the certificate of occupancy. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

### 3. WINERY MATTERS

#### 1. SHINE WINE

##### SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant: XXX Distillery, LLC

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a winery to be located at 3303 Wears Valley Rd, Sevierville, TN 37862. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the winery subject to:

- a. inspection which includes an acknowledgment of TABC rules & regulations
- b. license fee

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval subject to the inspection and license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



#### 4. MANUFACTURER MATTERS

##### 1. TENNESSEE XXX MOONSHINE SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE (SEVIER COUNTY)

Applicant: XXX Distillery, LLC

The manufacturer doing business at 3303 Wears Valley Rd, Sevierville, TN is requesting a site modification expanding space to include an adjacent building for storage. The TABC staff recommends approval of the site modification at the wholesaler.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the site modification at the wholesaler. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.

#### 5. WHOLESALE MATTERS

##### 1. EAGLE DISTRIBUTING COMPANY KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE (KNOX COUNTY)

Applicant: Eagle Distributing Co., Inc.

Before the Commission is a request for approval of a wholesaler to be located at 310 Radford Pl, Knoxville, TN 37917. The TABC staff recommends conditional approval of the wholesaler subject to payment of the license fee.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended conditional approval of the wholesaler subject to payment of the license fee. Commissioner Roberts moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



**2. ATHENS DISTRIBUTING COMPANY OF NASHVILLE  
ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE (DAVIDSON COUNTY)**

Applicant: Athens Distributing Company of Nashville

Shareholders: <u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
John Donnelly Sr. (20%)	John Donnelly Sr. (15%)
JPD Investments, GP (20%)	JPD Investments, GP (20%)
Judith White Speed Trust (8%)	Judith White Speed Trust (8%)
Richard L. Speed Jr. (12.5%)	Richard L. Speed Jr. (12.5%)
Scott R. Moore (12.5%)	Scott R. Moore (12.5%)
John H. Aaron Sr. (5%)	John H. Aaron Sr. (5%)
John P. Donnelly Jr. (5%)	John P. Donnelly Jr. (5%)
Donald J. White Sr. (8%)	Donald J. White Sr. (8%)
Speed Family Trust (4%)	Speed Family Trust (4%)
Thomas H. White (5%)	Thomas H. White (5%)
	Ryan Donnelly (5%)

The wholesaler doing business at 3001 Owen Dr, Antioch, TN 37013 is requesting approval of a change in ownership. John Donnelly Sr., who currently holds 20% interest, will be transferring 5% of his interests to new member Ryan Donnelly. The TABC staff recommends approval of the change in ownership at the wholesaler.

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas summarized the request and recommended approval of the change in ownership at the wholesaler. Commissioner Tomita moved approval subject to receipt of the license fee and the motion was seconded. The motion passed with three ayes.



## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

- Director's Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** Director Thomas updated the Commission on improvements and things the TABC will focus going into 2020. For IT support, that will include updates to our software that will help make for better user interfaces and streamline things for TABC customers. IT Director Chris Dowell attended the Accelerate Conference in Denver last month and accepted the award for, "Digital Service Transformation," which recognized TABC's evolution from a paper process to a digital environment that improves efficiencies and a proactive approach to its citizens. Director Thomas mentioned that the TABC will continue its focus on direct shipper compliance through law enforcement action and educational outreach. Another area of the agency that the TABC will focus and increase its attention on in 2020 will be the regulation of sever permits. The agency will step up its regulatory enforcement when servers sell alcohol to minors. In addition to a criminal offense citation that the TABC has always issued, the agency will make sure that the status of their server permit is appropriately addressed by issuing a regulatory citation as well in order to effectively regulate the license status of the servers. By doing this, the TABC wants to promote the best practices in its minor compliance efforts by taking consistent action on all players in these transactions, which include the minors purchasing alcohol, the businesses that sell alcohol to minors, and the servers that conduct those sells to minors. Finally, Director Thomas mentioned that anyone can meet with the TABC about any proposed legislation for the upcoming legislative session.

- Law Enforcement Update

**Discussion/Action Taken:** CLEO Tubbs updated the Commission on enforcement activity since the last meeting including statistics on the number of inspections conducted, citations issued, fine amounts, minor compliance checks and compliance rate, seizures, and personnel news. Since the last Commission Agenda, Tubbs mentioned that agents were present at the Garth Brooks concert at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville and did a minor compliance operation. At the 80 points of sale for the concert, there were seven sells to minors. CLEO Tubbs touched on the direct shipper compliance checks first mentioned by Director Thomas by saying that the TABC has launched investigations into several direct shippers by looking at the volume. Finally, Tubbs mentioned that nine law enforcement supervisors attended the annual National Liquor Law Enforcement Association conference in Mississippi and two agents were sent to instructor school. Commissioner Skiles asked if there was an update in the investigation with the Chattanooga establishment Coyote Jacks. Director Thomas said that the establishment had been shut down by Hamilton



County and that their TABC liquor license has been suspended pending a hearing in December, where the agency will seek to close out their license.

**7. NEXT MEETING** – Tuesday, December 17, 2019 @ 10:00AM CST

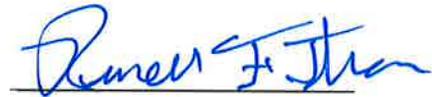
**8. UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Thursday, January 23, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST
- Thursday, February 27, 2020 @ 1:00PM CST

**APPROVED FOR ENTRY UPON THE MINUTE BOOKS OF THE TENNESSEE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION THIS THE 17th DAY OF DECEMBER 2019.**



**Commissioner**



**Director**