

STATE OF INDIANA

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/NOTING OF QUORUM

Chair Allen called the meeting to order and noted the quorum and the attendance. Vice Chair Payne, Commissioner Maginn, Commissioner Jones, General Counsel Merritt, Prosecutor Wignall and Senior Attorney Beaucaire were in attendance.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Payne moved to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

PROSECUTOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>PARTIES' AGREED DISPOSITIONS</u> – Vice Chair Payne moved to approve the Parties' Agreed Dispositions, submitted by Prosecutor Wignall. One hundred nineteen (119) dispositions were submitted with fines totaling \$78,750.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

HEARING JUDGE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

<u>RR45-34043 MARS PROPERTIES MANAGEMENT LLC</u> – Commissioner Jones, who sat as hearing judge in this matter, stated this is an appeal from the denial of renewal of this permit. This business was cited for several violations that include allowing patrons to bring moonshine into the establishment, operating on expired business and employee permits, public nuisance stemming from numerous calls for service for fights, battery, serving intoxicated patrons, etc., serving after allowable hours and a fight and shooting in the bar. At the appeal hearing, there were individuals present in favor of the business stating that the business is helpful in the community. Commissioner Jones submitted Proposed Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for recommendation, with one correction. Paragraph 36 should state the year of the shooting as 2024.

Commissioner Jones moved to uphold the denial of the renewal. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

Commissioner Jones moved to approve and incorporate by reference the lists of permits for renewal, which have been recommended by local boards and reviewed by staff with the authority of the Commission, and moved for approval of the same, pending any escrow hearings, and the inclusion of these lists as part of the minutes. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve and incorporate by reference these lists of permit applications for a new permit or application for changes in location, ownership, or both of existing permits, which have been recommended by local boards and reviewed by at least two Commissioners and hereby move for approval of same, pending final floor plan approval by the Indiana State Excise Police and escrow, if needed, and inclusion of these lists as part of the minutes. Vice Chairman Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the catering applications. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Allen requested the Commission allow a new supplemental catering application for permit RR64-32908, be placed on the agenda for approval. Consent was granted. The Chair stated this application was submitted 30 minutes prior to the meeting. She stressed the importance of not scheduling events until the catering permit is acquired. Chair Allen moved to approve the catering application pending clearance of the payment. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Jones moved to approve the direct wine shipper applications. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Payne complimented ATC staff for all of the work they do and how incredibly busy they are in putting all of this together. There were 750 permits for approval and a lot of work goes into getting them ready to be processed. Commissioner Jones agreed.

WAIVERS OF FEES – LETTERS OF EXTENSION

Vice Chair Payne moved to approve the fee waived letters of extension issued in the preceding weeks. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

<u>DL11-33019 JATINDER KUMAR</u> – Chair Allen noted this is a transfer with the local board voting 3-0 to approve with remonstrators present. This has been continued several times. A letter was sent to the applicant regarding the definition of a church.

Commissioner Maginn stated the Commission received some documents regarding the qualifications of being a church. Those documents do not provide enough proof that the remonstrator's home is qualified to be classified as a church by definition.

Commissioner Maginn moved to uphold the local board's recommendation to approve the new permit. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

<u>RR07-40652 BROWN COUNTY HOLDINGS LLC</u> – Chair Allen noted this is a new application with the local board voting 3-0 to deny for failure to appear.

Commissioner Maginn moved to uphold the local board's recommendation to deny. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

<u>RR71-42010 AGENDA IRISH EVENTS LLC</u> – Chair Allen noted this is a request for a catering hall designation.

Commissioner Maginn moved to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

RR22-42432 RLS EVENTS LLC – Chair Allen noted this is a request for a catering hall designation.

Commissioner Maginn moved to approve the request. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

<u>RR89-32513 & CT89-30859 DRD LLC</u> – Chair Allen noted this permit was denied escrow for failure to appear for escrow hearings.

Commissioner Maginn moved to deny the renewal and catering permit. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

DL49-30071 RAJSHREE INC. - Chair Allen noted this is on for an extension request.

Commissioner Maginn stated an acceptable corrective action plan was submitted, as requested.

Commissioner Maginn moved to approve an extension for the remainder of the ninety (90) days. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

RR45-03748 CROWN POINT TAVERN CORP. – Chair Allen noted this is on for an extension request.

Commissioner Maginn stated a corrective action plan has not been submitted, as requested.

Chair Allen noted the legal staff reached out to the permittee with the request for a corrective action plan.

Commissioner Maginn moved to deny the extension request. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

RR12-35922 MI HACIENDA RESTAURANT & BAR - Chair Allen noted this is on for an extension request.

Vice Chair Payne stated he heard the appeal of the denial of this permit yesterday. The hearing was continued twice due to the absence of an interpreter.

Vice Chair Payne moved to approve a 30-day extension, giving him time to prepare his findings of fact and conclusions of law, and requested that a corrective action plan be submitted. Commissioner Maginn seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

RR49-04358 GARRETT FORD, INC. - Chair Allen noted this is on for an extension request.

Commissioner Maginn stated the renewal of this permit was on the agenda for Marion County yesterday, but she is not aware of the recommendation.

Commissioner Maginn moved to approve a 90-day extension. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

RR09-20148 TAQUERIA LOS GALLOS INC. - Chair Allen noted this is on for an extension request.

Commissioner Maginn stated the permittee has repeated violations, has not submitted a corrective action plan, and has not obtained the required insurance.

Commissioner Maginn moved to deny the extension. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Chair Allen stated all permittees were provided notice of the insurance requirement last year. This permittee specifically received notice in December 2024 and January 2025.

Commissioner Maginnn suggested the permittee change their closing hours. Commissioner Jones agreed with the discussion.

The motion to deny the extension was unanimously approved.

RC66-06874 VFW POST 1728 – Chair Allen noted this is on for a new supplemental catering hall permit.

Commissioner Maginn moved to approve the new permit. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

INACTIVE FILES

Commissioner Maginn moved to make twelve (12) permits dead that were previously posted on the April 15, 2025 meeting agenda. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Chair Allen stated there are twenty-seven (27) permits posted to be made dead at the May 20, 2025 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>2025 AMENDED COMMISSION MEETING DATES</u> - Chair Allen stated the next 2025 amended public meeting dates are:

- Wednesday, May 28, 2025 (escrow hearings)
- Wednesday, September 3, 2025 (Commission meeting)
- December 2025 (no escrow hearings)

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Payne seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approved this 20th day of May, 2025.

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James Payne
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Mark Jones

Mark A. Jones, Commissioner