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NORTH CAROLINA ABC COMMISSION HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024, and ratified 71 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$84,250 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before March 8th, 2024, and suspensions begin March 15th, 2024.

Chairman Bauer shared a reminder that the ABC permit renewal and registration period is quickly approaching. Permittees will begin receiving payment instructions by mail this month. The online payment portal opens on February 19th and the deadline is April 30th each year. Anyone with questions should reach out to the Permits section at Permits@abc.nc.gov.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Larema Beverage Company, LLC; Larema Coffee Houses, LLC; and Kevin McLaughlin.

The Commission approved an Ineligible Permittee Waiver Request Pursuant to [§18B-900\(a\)](#) for Xin Lin of Wafu Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi Bar.

The Commission ratified that all rules in NCAC Title 14B, Chapter 15, Subchapter C are necessary as part of its initial determination for the mandatory rules review pursuant to [§150B-21.3A](#). There will be a 60-day comment period expiring on April 19th, 2024.

As part of other business, the Commission granted a stay for 60 days on a hearing officer's order in the wine franchise matter of Sour Grapes, LLC v. Vinum USA, Inc.

The Commission amended a final agency decision issued for M and A Store Inc. as part of the January 2024 meeting to reduce the penalty from \$5,500 to \$5,000.

The Commission moved into a closed session with legal counsel to discuss confidential personnel matters and litigation pursuant to [§143-318.11](#).

The Commission confirmed the next monthly meeting will be held at the NC ABC Commission (400 E Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610) on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 10:00 am.

ABOUT THE NC ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 17 states to regulate alcohol through a control system. Since 1937, the North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission has provided regulation and control over the sale, purchase, transportation, manufacture, consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in the state of North Carolina. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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