

Alcoholic Beverage Control

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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 12th, 2025. Chairman Bauer, Commissioner McCrimmon, and Commissioner Sherlin opened the meeting by thanking Governor Stein for asking them to continue in their service with the ABC Commission.

Chairman Bauer also announced that the annual ABC retail permit renewal and registration process has begun. Payments can be submitted online (<u>https://epay.abc.nc.gov/</u>) and are due by April 30th. Per new legislation (<u>SL 2024-41</u>) passed last year, any permittee that does not pay by the deadline must pay a 25% late fee.

The Commission ratified 45 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$54,000 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before March 7th, 2025, and suspensions begin March 14th, 2025.

The Commission approved an employment exemption request pursuant to <u>§18B-1116(b)</u> for Mainvine Wine, LLC T/A MainVine Wine; Belvedere Station, L.L.C. T/A Belvedere Station; and Elizabeth M. Flowers.

The Commission reconsidered and approved an amended exemption request pursuant to <u>§18B-1116(b)</u> for 321 Wine, LLC T/A Kellogg Selections; European Cellars, LLC T/A European Cellars; Charlotte Wine Co LLC T/A Bar à Vins; Jeffery Kellogg; Stephanie Kellogg; and Eric Solomon.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 406 South Church Street, Unit B, Kenly, as requested by the Johnston County ABC Board. This store will replace the Johnson County ABC store located at 306 North St. Kenly, NC 27542.

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 12th, 2025, 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. <u>http://abc.nc.gov</u>.

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