



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, December 11th, 2024.

Chairman Bauer opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Tim Kent. As the Chairman noted, “Tim was an incredible supporter of the ABC system, an excellent administrator, colleague, and even better person. He will be greatly missed.”

The Commission ratified 74 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$88,800 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before January 3rd, 2025, and suspensions begin January 10th, 2025.

The Commission approved an amended exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Berkshire Hathaway, Inc.; National Indemnity Company; Empire Distributors of North Carolina, Inc.; and Pilot Travel Centers LLC.

The Commission reviewed and ratified the hearing officer’s decision pursuant to [§18B-1205\(d\)](#) and [§18B-1207](#) in the wine franchise case, J Select, LLC, T/A Proof Wine & Spirits v. LDM Wines, Inc. T/A Louis Dressner Selections.

The Commission made the final determination that all rules in [Subchapter 15A](#) are necessary, except for 14B NCAC [15A .1801](#) and [15A .2104](#). This is part of the Commission’s ongoing mandatory rules review pursuant to [§150B-21.3A](#).

The Commission also approved a schedule for readoption of the rules in [Subchapter 15C](#), to be completed by February 2027.

The Commission moved into a closed session with legal counsel to discuss a confidential personnel matter, pursuant to [§143-318.11\(a\)\(6\)](#).

The Commission approved April 9th, May 14th, and June 11th of 2025 as future Commission meeting dates.

In closing the meeting, Commissioner Sherlin reflected on the past year and thanked Commission staff, Governor Cooper’s office, partner state agencies and vendors, local ABC boards, and all the other stakeholders in

the ABC system for their support and hard work throughout 2024. We look forward to continued success and new opportunities in 2025.

The next monthly meeting will be held at the NC ABC Commission (400 E Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610) on Wednesday, January 15th, 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. <http://abc.nc.gov>.

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