MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UTAH

 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION

HELD MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020.

*[A copy of the final agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the DABC Administrative Office, emailed to the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret News, and posted on the Utah Public Notice Website by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020.]*

In response to the Governor’s Executive Order and for precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, an anchor location for public attendance was not available. Public attendance was available by audio; commission and staff participated via audio and GoToMeeting.

Chairman John T. Nielsen called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Commissioners Participating: John T. Nielsen, Tom Jacobson, Steve Bateman, Sophia DiCaro, Jacquelyn Orton, and Stanley B. Parrish.

Staff Participating: Salvador Petilos, Director; Angela Micklos, Compliance and Licensing Director.

Also Participating: Sheila Page, Assistant Attorney General; Scott Evans and Tanner Strickland Lenart, Bar George.

LICENSE FORFEITURE:

a. Bar George and George, Salt Lake City. (BAR & RE)

Angela Micklos gave an overview of the timeline and actions taken by the compliance division in regards to the closure and operational changes for George and Bar George.

Tanner Lenart, representing Mr. Evans, outlined the statute and legal response to the department’s actions. Ms. Lenart asked the commission to deem that the license was not forfeited and that it is under emergency closure as is every other bar in Utah.

Scott Evans from Bar George and George gave an overview of his current and former businesses and his communication efforts with various compliance officers. He also outlined the event calendar and purchases made to operate the bar and restaurant.

Miraz Rasoul explained the efforts made by herself and other compliance officers to communicate and provide guidance to Mr. Evans.

The commission, compliance staff, Ms. Lenart and Mr. Evans discussed the operational requirements, closure notification timeline, calendar of events, and communication between the department and Mr. Evans. They also discussed that status of the sale of the business.

Mr. Nielsen called for a motion.

Mr. Jacobson moved to deem the license forfeited as of February 17, 2020. Ms. Micklos clarified that there are two licenses at issue, a bar and a full service restaurant.

Mr. Jacobson amended his motion. Mr. Jacobson moved to deem both licenses held by this licensee forfeited as of February 17, 2020. Mr. Bateman seconded the motion. Mr. Nielsen, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Bateman, Ms. DiCaro, Mr. Parrish, and Ms. Orton voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Chairman