MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UTAH

 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION

HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020, AT 1625 SOUTH

900 WEST, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

*[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 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 19, 2020.]*

Chairman John T. Nielsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read his written determination (attached) as to why the meeting was held electronically without an anchor location.

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

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

Also Participating: Sheila Page, Assistant Attorney General.

SINGLE EVENT PERMIT DISCUSSION.

Mr. Nielsen noted that due to the pandemic and ongoing changes in the transmission levels, decisions to issue event permits have become increasingly difficult. The meeting today is to address concerns expressed by commission members and provide Mr. Petilos additional direction regarding event permits.

Mr. Petilos outlined the recent health guidelines issued for events. He noted that the Governor’s guidelines distinguish between casual social gatherings and events. For events, masks and social distancing are required and an event management template must be completed. If they are unable to meet the requirements, the event managers must seek an exception from the health department.

Mr. Petilos outlined the process staff follows to ensure the statutory requirements of 32B, including consent from the local jurisdiction, are met prior to issuing preliminary approval. He added that the State Bureau of Investigation is notified when event permits are issued.

The commissioners and Mr. Petilos discussed commissioner concerns and the current directives from the Governor’s Office and Utah Health Department regarding events. They also discussed the role of the commission and the extent of the commission’s jurisdiction over events.

It was concluded that the commission and department have limited jurisdiction over the health guidelines. The department has jurisdiction based on 32B including the prevention of underage drinking.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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