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N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission Approves Three New Stores and Hears 422 Permit Violation Cases

RALEIGH, NC -- The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission reviewed and took action on 422 cases in back-to-back morning and afternoon sessions Oct. 15. The three-person commission also reviewed and approved requests submitted by three local ABC Boards requesting new store locations in Beaufort County, Pilot Mountain and Spruce Pine.

The meeting was the first under the leadership of Jonathan S. "Jon" Williams, who was sworn in as Chairman Oct. 8 along with Commissioner A.D. "Zander" Guy. Williams and Guy join J.D. Lyon Jr., in constituting the three-person commission charged with regulating alcohol sales throughout the state of North Carolina.

During the two Oct. 15 sessions, the ABC Commission imposed penalties and fines totaling approximately \$400,000 on representatives of retail bars, restaurants and clubs found to be in violation of their permits. In addition to the fines, many of the violations resulted in suspensions of permits for five days or more. The fines are to be paid by Nov. 6 with suspensions beginning Nov. 13. Fines benefit the local school systems where the violations occurred.

"We are pleased to be able to meet so soon after being installed. It was important to address the backlog of hearing violations that have accumulated over the past few months and to review and approve three store locations in communities in the eastern and the western parts of North Carolina," said Williams. "As the chief regulator of alcohol for the state and its residents, the new ABC Commission is hitting the ground running."

ABOUT THE ABC COMMISSION

North Carolina is one of 19 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. In fiscal year 2008, the Commission returned approximately \$250 million in taxes and revenue to benefit the General Fund and the budgets of local cities and counties that sell alcoholic beverages.

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