



ABC

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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 by conference call on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Chairman Bauer, Commissioner Mitchell, and Commissioner Stout welcomed those in attendance and wished everyone an early Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Bauer thanked the many stakeholders and partners of the ABC system for their support and contributions as he approaches his one-year anniversary as Chairman. This includes the local ABC boards and their employees, whose business-focused approach to enhancing their stores and improving customer service and customer satisfaction is paying dividends. ABC stores are well merchandised, sales volume is very strong, and the boards continue to increase their contributions back to the state and local communities, which total hundreds of millions of dollars every year.

He also thanked LB&B Associates for their hard work and success in continuing to deliver consistently more products to the local ABC boards while dealing with warehouse capacity and technology challenges.

And lastly, he thanked the brokers and suppliers for their efforts to keep more products stocked and available in the state warehouse. Over the past year, the average warehouse inventory has increased by over 500,000 cases and \$40 million worth of inventory.

The Commission ratified 78 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$93,600 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before December 9, 2022 and suspensions begin December 16, 2022.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Cabarrus Brewing Company, LLC; Plant 6 Provisions, LLC; and Steven Steinbacher.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to [§18B-1116\(b\)](#) for Ghostface Brewing, LLC; Slices and Pints, LLC DBA/ Davidson Pizza Company; Ghostface Brewing, LLC DBA/ Scratch Kitchen by Ghostface Brewing; and Michael Cuddy.

The Commission approved an employee exemption pursuant to [§18B-201\(a\)](#).

The Commission continued consideration of a proposed ABC store requested by the Warsaw ABC Board until a future meeting.

The Commission continued the request to review the warehouse contract until a future meeting.

The Commission approved February 8, March 15, and April 12 of 2023 as future Commission meeting dates and confirmed the next monthly Commission meeting will be held remotely by conference call / WebEx on Wednesday, December 14, 2022.

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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