NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – August 12, 2026
400 East Tryon Road, Raleigh, North Carolina
Hearing Room 101

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission ("Commission") held its regular monthly meeting on August 12, 2026. Chairman Hank Bauer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., welcomed attendees, and introduced Commissioners La'Tanta (L.T.) McCrimmon and David Sherlin, and Assistant General Counsels Renee Metz and Kirstin Greene. Additional members of the Commission's legal staff were also present. Chairman Bauer recognized ALE.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 12, 2026, AGENDA

- Chairman Bauer moved to adopt the August 12, 2026, meeting agenda.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF JULY 8, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Commission members confirmed that they had reviewed the minutes from the July 8, 2026, meeting.

- Commissioner McCrimmon moved to waive the reading of the minutes.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the minutes as presented.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

I. HEARING CASES AND OFFERS IN COMPROMISE - 88

Assistant General Counsel Kirstin Greene presented 88 offers in compromise for the Commission's consideration and recommended ratification of all 88 cases. She asked

whether anyone present wished to be heard on behalf of any of the cases. No one came forward.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to ratify the 88 offers in compromise.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

II. PERMITTEE CONFLICT OF INTEREST WAIVER PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-201(a) – LEXINGTON ABC BOARD GENERAL MANAGER RELATIONSHIP WITH BROKER REPRESENTATIVE

Assistant General Counsel Renee Metz presented a request for a waiver due to a father/son relationship of General Manager of Lexington ABC Board and Broker Representative. Son, Broker Representative will never visit Lexington ABC Board and have nothing to do with the Board while his father is General Manager.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the waiver request.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

III. EXEMPTION REQUEST PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116 – RAILHOUSE BREWERY, LLC, T/A RAILHOUSE BREWERY (00183632CM-999 and 00184601AJ-999); DEPOT BREW, LLC, T/A RAILHOUSE BREWING PENN STATION (A00312830); AND CHRISTOPHER WEBER

Assistant General Counsel Metz presented a request for an exemption involving the ownership interests of Christopher Weber in Railhouse Brewery, LLC, T/A Railhouse Brewery and Depot Brew, LLC, T/A Railhouse Brewery Penn Station. John Szymankiewicz was present for the permittee.

Staff recommended approval with standard conditions, including that Mr. Weber does not serve as the manager at the retail location and any purchases must not exceed reasonable market share.

- Commissioner McCrimmon moved to approve the exemption request.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ABC BOARD MEMBER REDUCTION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S §18B-700(a) – TOWN OF BRUNSWICK

Pricing and Products Director Greg Stallings presented a request to reduce the Town of Brunswick ABC Board from five members back to three members.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the reduction in members.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

V. HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDED DECISION FOR WINE FRANCHISE HEARING – MAINVINE WINE, LLC, T/A MAINVINE WINE v. REGAL WINE IMPORTS, INC., T/A REGAL WINE IMPORTS

Assistant General Counsel Metz informed the Commission of her findings from a wine franchise hearing held on June 29, 2026. The findings are a wine franchise agreement did exist between Petitioner and Respondent on January 15, 2026, and Respondent had good cause to terminate the wine distribution agreement with Petitioner pursuant to G.S §18B-1204. Hardy Lewis represented Regal Wine Imports. Neither party filed exceptions.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the recommended decision.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

VI. MANDATORY RULES REVIEW PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S §150B-21.3A – CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED TEXT FOR 14B NCAC 15A, SECTIONS .0100-.0400

Assistant General Counsel Metz presented proposed amendments to 14B NCAC 15A, Sections .0100 through .0400. She requested proposal for the amended language for publication in NC Register on September 15, 2026, with public comment period through November 16, 2026, and public hearing on October 14, 2026.

- Chairman Bauer moved to approve staff's recommendations.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

VII. MINIMUM BASE PRICING POLICY – FINAL REPORT & POLICY CONSIDERATION

Assistant General Counsel Ben Popkin presented a "final report" of minimum base pricing for spirituous liquor. Hardy Lewis and Allen Thomas made presentations on behalf of the NC Restaurant and Lodging Association in opposition to minimum base pricing. The matter was tabled for further study and research.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bauer announced that the next Commission meeting would be held on September 9, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chairman Bauer adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

_____/s/ Hank Bauer_____
Hank Bauer, Chairman
North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Respectfully submitted,

_____/s/ Marilyn Smalls_____
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For the Legal Section

* Approved at September 9, 2026 Commission Meeting