

NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – April 8, 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 April 8, 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, as well as Deputy Commissioner Mike DeSilva. Assistant General Counsels Renee Metz and Kirstin Greene attended on behalf of General Counsel Stacey Carter-Coley. Additional members of the Commission’s legal staff were also present.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

In compliance with N.C.G.S. §138A-35, each Commission member confirmed that they had reviewed the meeting agenda and identified no actual or potential conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 8, 2026, AGENDA

Assistant General Counsel Kirstin Greene reported that there were no requests to make changes to the agenda.

- Chairman Bauer moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 11, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Commission members confirmed that they had reviewed the minutes from the March 11, 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 - 87

Assistant General Counsel Greene reported that there were 88 Offers in Compromise originally scheduled for consideration; however, the permits for case #44, Punta Cana Restaurant, were cancelled, rendering that Offer in Compromise moot. Accordingly, 87 Offers in Compromise remained for the Commission's consideration. Assistant General Counsel Greene asked whether anyone present wished to be heard on any of the matters. No one appeared.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to ratify the 87 Offers in Compromise.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

II. NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(4) AND (5) – DEJAVU ENTERTAINMENT LLC T/A DEJAVU SPORT BAR (00335200AJ – 999)

Assistant General Counsel Greene presented the matter, explaining that the permittee's employee and managing member, Mevis Cardoza Escobar, was convicted on February 10, 2026, in Durham County District Court of a misdemeanor controlled substance offense in violation of N.C.G.S. §90-108(a)(7) and an alcoholic beverage offense in violation of N.C.G.S. §18B-1005(a). As a result, she was ineligible to hold ABC permits pursuant to N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(4) and (5) for up to three years pursuant to N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(6). Assistant General Counsel Greene further reported that Ms. Escobar was properly served with the Notice of Intent to Revoke and did not submit any documentation for the Commission's consideration or appear at the Commission meeting.

- Commissioner McCrimmon moved to suspend the permittee's permits for seven days, with revocation effective on the eighth day.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

III. NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-104(a)(2) – 159 EAST FRANKLIN STREET ENTERTAINMENT LLC T/A STILL LIFE CHAPEL HILL (00308225AJ – 999)

Assistant General Counsel Greene reported that the permittee, through counsel, requested a continuance to allow additional time to conduct an independent investigation into the allegations contained in the Notice of Intent to Revoke. Staff recommended that the matter be continued until the May 13, 2026, Commission meeting.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to continue this matter to the May 13, 2026, Commission meeting.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REVIEW OF DUAL EMPLOYMENT EXEMPTION ORDER GRANTED PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116 – MAINVINE WINE, LLC T/A MAINVINE WINE; BELVEDERE STATION, L.L.C. T/A BELVEDERE STATION; AND ELIZABETH M. FLOWERS (FEBRUARY 2025)

As stipulated in the exemption order granted in February 2025, Assistant General Counsel Renee Metz reported that the matter was before the Commission for its one-year review. Assistant General Counsel Metz advised that Ms. Flowers was no longer employed by the wholesaler, MainVine Wine, and was now solely employed by the retail business, Belvedere Station. Accordingly, the exemption was no longer necessary.

- Commissioner McCrimmon moved to expire the exemption order.
- Chairman Bauer seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

V. MANDATORY RULES REVIEW PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §150B-21.3A – FINAL DETERMINATION OF NECESSITY OF 14B NCAC 15B

In accordance with the mandatory rules review process, Assistant General Counsel Metz presented staff's determination that all rules within 14B NCAC 15B were necessary, with the exception of two rules: Rule .0301, which states that all rules regarding retailer/wholesaler relationships are located in 15C, and Rule .0501, which pertains to a purchase-transportation permit that no longer exists in statute, as of the date of this meeting. Staff maintained its recommendation that these two rules be deemed unnecessary and that all remaining rules be deemed necessary.

Assistant General Counsel Metz further explained that, following the Commission's determination, the matter would proceed to the Rules Review Commission and subsequently to the Administrative Procedure Oversight Committee of the General Assembly.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to adopt staff's recommendation.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bauer announced that the next Commission meeting would be held on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

/S/ Hank Bauer

Hank Bauer, Chairman
North Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Respectfully submitted,

/S/ Jennifer Temple

Jennifer Temple
For the Legal Section

**Approved at the May 13, 2026 Commission meeting.*