

NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes – June 10, 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 June 10, 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.

Due to technical issues, the meeting was not broadcast or recorded until just before agenda Item III.

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 JUNE 10, 2026, AGENDA

Assistant General Counsel Kirstin Greene requested to remove Offer in Compromise #8 (Indian Chowrastha LLC T/A Godavari) from agenda Item I. Permittee’s ABC permits were cancelled due to non-payment of registration/renewal fees.

- Chairman Bauer moved to adopt the agenda as amended removing Offer in Compromise #8.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

Commission members confirmed that they had reviewed the minutes from the May 13, 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 - 95

Assistant General Counsel Greene asked if there was anyone present who would like to address any of the Offers in Compromise on the agenda. Hearing none, she recommended the Commission ratify the 95 remaining Offers in Compromise.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to ratify 95 Offers in Compromise.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

II. AMEND EXEMPTION ORDER REQUEST PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116(b) – MOUNTAIN BEVERAGE, LLC T/A APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN BREWERY; MODERN ALCHEMIST, LLC T/A MODERN ALCHEMIST; LAUGHING HOP, LLC; CRAFT BREW, LLC, AND HOGAN HOLDINGS LLC

Assistant General Counsel Metz explained that due to a corporate reorganization under a single LLC the original exemption granted in October 2025 was no longer necessary. Due to a transition period, Ms. Metz recommended that the Commission expire the exemption order at the end of the transition period on July 27, 2026.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to expire the exemption order on July 27, 2026.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

III. REVIEW OF EXEMPTION ORDER GRANTED IN JULY 2023 AND AMENDED IN AUGUST 2025 PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116 – BARREL’S BREWHOUSE 3PLAY LLC T/A BOOTLEGGERS & BARRELS (00306264CM-999 AND 00306263AJ-999); TRIPLE PLAY OASIS, LLC T/A TRIPLE PLAY OASIS (00355090AJ-999); BLACKBEARD’S TRIPLE PLAY JACKSONVILLE, NC LLC T/A BLACKBEARD’S TRIPLE PLAY RESTAURANT & SPORTS BAR (00323104AJ-999 – CANCELLED 4/28/2026); AND BILLY DALE OVERBEE (CONTINUED FROM MAY 2026)

Assistant General Counsel Metz informed the Commission that the permittee had retained counsel, who requested additional time to review the matter. Staff recommended that the matter be continued until the July 8, 2026, Commission meeting.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to continue the matter to the July 8, 2026, Commission meeting.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

IV. ABC STORE LOCATION – CATAWBA COUNTY ABC BOARD (577 US HIGHWAY 70 SW, HICKORY, NC)

Deputy Commissioner Mike DeSilva presented the Catawba County ABC Board's request to relocate an existing ABC store from 312 1st Avenue SW, Hickory, to 577 US Highway 70 SW, Hickory. He reported that staff had reviewed the request and determined that all statutory requirements had been satisfied, including zoning verification, required public notice, and conflict of interest disclosures. No objections were received. Following its review, staff submitted the request for the Commission's consideration.

- Chairman Bauer moved to approve the Board's request.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

V. ABC STORE LOCATION – CRAMERTON ABC BOARD (NC-279/SOUTH NEW HOPE ROAD AND LAKE WYLIE ROAD, BELMONT, NC)

Deputy Commissioner Mike DeSilva presented the Cramerton ABC Board's request to lease property for a new satellite ABC store located at NC-279/South New Hope Road and Lake Wylie Road in Belmont. Although the mailing address is Belmont, the property is located within the incorporated town limits of Cramerton. Mr. DeSilva reported that staff determined the Board had satisfied all statutory requirements. One anonymous objection was received; however, no contact information or additional comments were provided. Following its review, staff submitted the request for the Commission's consideration.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the Board's request.
- 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 15C SECTION .1300 AND RULES .0708 AND .0715

Assistant General Counsel Metz presented proposed amendments to 14B NCAC 15C Section .1300 and Rules .0708 and .0715 as part of the Commission’s mandatory rules review process. She requested that the Commission approve the proposed amendments and authorize staff to file them with the Office of Administrative Hearings for publication in the *North Carolina Register*, distribute the proposed amendments to the Commission's rulemaking email list, post them on the Commission's website, schedule a public hearing for September 9, 2026, establish a public comment period ending September 14, 2026, and make any non-substantive grammatical changes as needed.

- Chairman Bauer moved to approve the proposed rule amendments and authorize staff to proceed as outlined above.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

VII. MANDATORY RULES REVIEW PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §150B-21.3A – PUBLIC HEARING FOR 14B NCAC 15C SECTIONS .0800-.1200 AND RULE .0608

Assistant General Counsel Metz presented the public hearing for 14B NCAC 15C Sections .0800–.1200 and Rule .0608 as part of the mandatory rules review process. No members of the public appeared or offered comments regarding the proposed rules. The public hearing was opened and closed without further discussion.

- Chairman Bauer moved to open the public hearing.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. PROPOSED BASELINE PRICING PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-203(a)(3)

Assistant General Counsel Ben Popkin presented a proposal requesting authorization for staff to conduct a study regarding minimum baseline pricing for spirituous liquor sold through North Carolina ABC stores. Mr. Popkin explained that the proposed study would examine the public health and safety impacts of establishing minimum baseline pricing, the impact on alcohol sales and the overall North Carolina alcohol market, the Commission's legal authority to implement such pricing, and any other relevant implementation issues. Staff proposed providing the Commission with a preliminary update within 30 days and a final written report with recommendations no later than 14 days before the August 2026 Commission meeting. One speaker, Hardy Lewis, appearing on behalf of Sazerac Company and the North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association,

requested the opportunity to submit written materials and provide comments before the Commission considers any future action regarding minimum baseline pricing.

- Chairman Bauer moved to direct staff to conduct the proposed study.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Bauer announced that the next Commission meeting would be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Bauer adjourned the meeting at 10:26 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 July 8, 2026, Commission meeting.*