

**NORTH CAROLINA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2025**  
**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 September 9, 2025. 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. Boards and Pricing Supervisor Greg Stallings attended in place of Deputy Commissioner Mike DeSilva, who was absent. General Counsel Stacey Carter-Coley and members of the Legal Section were also present.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025, AGENDA**

General Counsel Stacey Carter-Coley requested the removal of hearing cases #8 and #40, and Item IV, due to permit cancellations.

- Chairman Bauer moved to approve the agenda with the noted removals.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.
  
- Commissioner McCrimmon then moved to adopt the agenda as amended.
- Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 6, 2025, MEETING MINUTES**

Commission members confirmed they had reviewed the minutes from the August 6, 2025, meeting.

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

**I. HEARING CASES AND OFFERS IN COMPROMISE – 80**

General Counsel Carter-Coley asked if anyone wished to be heard on the remaining hearing cases. Hearing none, she requested ratification of the 80 remaining offers in compromise.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to ratify the 80 offers.
  - Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**II. PERMITTEE ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(5) – SALEH ALI MOHAMED T/A BROTHERS CORNER MART (00208758AK-999); SALEH ALI MOHAMED (*Continued from July 2025*)**

Assistant General Counsel Kirstin Greene provided an update on the permittee’s status. Mr. Mohamed had been convicted of misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia on May 28, 2025, making him ineligible to hold ABC permits under N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(5). Despite a request from his attorney, David Hobson, for additional time to resolve the matter, no progress was made in District Court. Staff recommended revocation, noting that the Commission retained the authority to rescind the order should the conviction later be overturned.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to revoke the permits effective October 3, 2025.
  - Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**III. PERMITTEE ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(4) AND §18B-104(a)(2) – DELIGHT FOOD MART LLC T/A DELIGHT FOOD MART (00317388AK-999); TRUSHA RAJANKUMAR PATEL (*Continued from August 2025*)**

Assistant Counsel Ashley Foster explained that Ms. Patel had been convicted of selling alcohol to a minor on June 11, 2025, making her ineligible to hold permits under N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(4). Her attorney, John Szymankiewicz, stated they were in the process of transferring ownership to her husband and reapplying for new permits, but the paperwork had not yet been finalized. Staff recommended revocation effective October 3, 2025, to allow time for completion of the transfer.

- Chairman Bauer moved to revoke the permits effective October 3, 2025.
  - Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**IV. PERMITTEE ELIGIBILITY PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-900(a)(4) AND §18B-104(a)(2) – EDWARD TEACH BREWING, LLC T/A EDWARD TEACH BREWING (00266625WS-999); SALESMAN PERMIT FOR DAVID GARY SHOLAR**

[Removed from the agenda due to permit cancellation.]

**V. CORRECTION TO EXEMPTION ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116(b) – GHOSTFACE BREWING, LLC T/A GHOSTFACE BREWING; SCRATCH KITCHEN BY GHOSTFACE BREWING, LLC T/A SCRATCH KITCHEN BY GHOSTFACE BREWING; GHOST MODE, LLC; AND MICHAEL CUDDY**

Assistant General Counsel Renee Metz requested authority to make technical corrections to the caption of a previously issued exemption order. The changes were non-substantive, correcting permit number errors.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the corrections.
  - Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**VI. AMEND EXEMPTION ORDER REQUEST PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116(b) – SOUTH LINE BREWING CO. INC. T/A SOUTH LINE BREWING COMPANY; I.T.B. (INSIDE THE BELTLINE) INCORPORATED T/A BIG MIKES BBQ; SAUCY SWINE INC. T/A BIG MIKES BBQ; SOUTHERN LIQUIDS INC T/A BIG MIKES BBQ; AND MICHAEL MARKHAM**

Ms. Metz explained that the amendment replaced a cancelled retail location with a new one in Apex. The net number of locations remained unchanged, and all other conditions of the original exemption remained in place.

- Chairman Bauer moved to approve the exemption request.
  - Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**VII. DUAL EMPLOYMENT EXEMPTION REQUEST PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §18B-1116 – COASTAL BEVERAGE COMPANY, INC. T/A COASTAL BEVERAGE COMPANY (0087CM-997); WEEKSVILLE VENTURES LLC T/A OLIVET LAKES MART (00302997AK-999); AND AMANDEEP SINGH**

Ms. Metz presented a request for a dual employment exemption for Mr. Singh, who operated Olivet Lakes Mart and sought to work part-time as a salesperson for Coastal Beverage. Conditions were outlined to prevent conflicts of interest, including prohibiting Mr. Singh from delivering to or ordering from his own retail location while acting in either role.

- Commissioner McCrimmon moved to approve the exemption.
  - Commissioner Sherlin seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**VIII. ABC STORE LOCATION – DURHAM COUNTY ABC BOARD  
(2305 ELLIS ROAD AND 1010 FEENEY STREET, DURHAM, NC)**

Greg Stallings presented a request to purchase property and build a new ABC store at the corner of 2305 Ellis Road and 1010 Feeney Street in Durham. The 1.99-acre site was zoned for retail and would house a

6,000 sq. ft. store. The Board anticipated opening the store by September 1, 2028, with first-year sales projected at \$6.5 million. No objections were received, and all statutory requirements were met.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve the location.
  - Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**IX. ABC STORE LOCATION – GREENSBORO ABC BOARD  
(4712 HICONE ROAD, GREENSBORO, NC)**

Mr. Stallings presented a request to purchase property and build a new ABC store at 4712 Hicone Road in Greensboro. The 1.63-acre site was zoned CDCM and would house a 7,000 sq. ft. building with 60% retail space. A nearby church expressed concern; however, the location complied with all statutory requirements. The Board anticipated opening the store in the second quarter of 2028, with first-year sales projected at \$2.7 million.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to approve this location.
  - Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
  - The motion passed unanimously.
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**X. MANDATORY RULES REVIEW PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §150B-21.3A –  
PUBLIC HEARING FOR 14B NCAC 15C, SECTIONS .0100 - .0300**

Chairman Bauer opened the public hearing. Ms. Metz explained that the proposed rule changes were primarily stylistic, aligning with the Rules Review Commission’s administrative style guide. North Carolina Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association Executive Director/General Counsel Kris Gardner was present and made a comment requesting retention of explanatory examples. Ms. Metz stated she would consult with the Rules Review Commission before finalizing the language. The public hearing was closed.

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**XI. MANDATORY RULES REVIEW PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §150B-21.3A –  
PROPOSAL OF NOTICE OF TEXT FOR 14B NCAC 15C, SECTIONS .0400-.0600**

Ms. Metz requested approval to publish the proposed rule changes in the North Carolina Register and authorization for Legal Staff to make non-substantive edits. A public comment period and hearing were scheduled, with final adoption expected in December.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to adopt Staff’s recommendations.
- Commissioner McCrimmon seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

**XII. MANDATORY RULES REVIEW PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. §150B-21.3A – INITIAL DETERMINATION OF 14B NCAC 15B**

Ms. Metz recommended that all rules in 15B be deemed necessary, except for two: 15B .0301, which redundantly referenced another section, and 15B .0501, which referenced repealed purchase transportation permits. These rules would be removed from the code.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to adopt Staff’s recommendations.
- Chairman Bauer seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

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**XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Carter-Coley proposed future Commission meeting dates: January 14, February 11, March 11, and April 8, 2026.

- Commissioner Sherlin moved to adopt the proposed dates.
- Chairman Bauer seconded.
- The motion passed unanimously.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Bauer announced the next Commission meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Bauer adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

*\*Approved at the October 2025 Commission meeting.*

/S/ Hank Bauer

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Hank Bauer, Chairman  
N.C. Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

Respectfully submitted by,

/S/ Jennifer Temple

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Jennifer Temple, for the Legal Section