

## Alcoholic Beverage Control

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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 in person on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Chairman Bauer and Commissioner Mitchell welcomed Commissioner La'Tanta (LT) McCrimmon who was sworn in and participated in her first meeting as Commissioner. Commissioner McCrimmon shared her excitement to join the NC ABC Commission and looks forward to the opportunities for continued growth and success ahead.

Chairman Bauer shared that total ABC sales revenue for March 2023 was over \$157 million, a 7.86% increase compared to March 2022. He congratulated the local ABC Boards for this achievement and thanked them for their hard work. Additionally, the state warehouse currently has over \$100 million in inventory and 733,000 cases were shipped to local ABC Boards last month. This volume and growth are made possible by the contributions of suppliers, brokers, LB&B Associates, and all other stakeholders in the NC ABC system.

The Commission ratified 97 hearing cases that resulted in penalties in excess of \$116,400 and/or imposition of suspensions of permits for three days or more. Fines are due on or before May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and suspensions begin May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

The Commission approved an exemption request pursuant to <u>§18B-1116(b)</u> for Tobacco Wood Brewing Company, LLC (Oxford); Tobacco Wood Brewing Company, LLC (Durham); Oxford Oaks Distillery, LLC; Pierre Gingue; and Chris Barrow.

The Commission approved a proposed ABC store location at 3707 Battleground Ave, Ste D&E, Greensboro, as requested by the Greensboro ABC Board. This store will replace the Greensboro ABC store located across the street at 3716-A Battleground Ave.

The Commission continued the request from LB&B Associates Inc. until the next Commission meeting.

The Commission approved Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> as future Commission Meeting dates and confirmed the next monthly meeting will be held at the NC ABC Commission (400 E Tryon Road, Raleigh, NC 27610) on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 am.

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. <u>http://abc.nc.gov</u>.

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