



HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE  
MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Friday, April 19, 2013  
Lansing District Office  
7150 Harris Drive  
Lansing MI 48909

Present: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman  
Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner  
Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: None

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Chairman Deloney called the hearings to order at 10:03 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Attorney General, Gerald Whalen, advised that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission has received an objection to renewal by the city for each of the five cases scheduled for today's hearings. He advised they may have pending violations that have not been adjudicated, but these should be noted by parties as evidence of continued problems with the establishments. Commissioner Quimby made a motion that Mr. Whalen's comments be entered into the record for each of the cases today. Commissioner Olshove supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

1. The hearing for Lakeshore Tavern, Inc., d/b/a Lakeshore Tavern, Request ID# 689521, scheduled for today, has been cancelled.
2. Amish, LLC, d/b/a The Venue Food & Spirits, 4072 Lake Michigan NW, Walker, Kent County Request ID# 690006

The show cause hearing was conducted for Amish, LLC, Request ID# 690006. Gerald Whalen appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office, City Attorney Crystal Morgan, Mayor Barbara Holt, and Officer Jon Paasch from Walker Police Department, appeared for the City of Walker. Attorney Jack VandeBunte, member Ajay Chhabra and member's son Sharan Chhabra, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Also present was Darlene Franklin, past owner of the establishment. Mr. Whalen, Mr. VandeBunte, Mr. A. Chhabra, Mr. S. Chhabra, Ms. Franklin, Officer Paasch and Ms. Morgan offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to grant the request of the City of Walker to not renew the 2012 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses and permits, and order said licenses and permits to be placed into escrow for the 2013 – 2014 license year, as set forth in the Show Cause Hearing Order. Commissioner Quimby supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. The Arena, Inc., d/b/a The Arena, 201-203 Washington, Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County Request ID# 679675

The show cause hearing was conducted for The Arena, Inc., Request ID# 679675. Gerald Whalen appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office, City Attorney Robert West and Mary Fales, representing the City of Ann Arbor were present, and despite being duly notified of the order to appear, as well as the hearing date, time and location, no one appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Whalen, Mr. West and Ms. Fales offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to grant the request of the City of Ann Arbor to not renew the 2012 Class C license and permits, and to order said license and permits be placed into escrow for the 2013 – 2014 license year, as set forth in the Show Cause Hearing Order. Commissioner Olshove supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. Posh Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Eden Nightclub, 22061 Woodward, Ferndale, Oakland County Request ID# 693784

The show cause hearing was conducted for Posh Entertainment, Inc., Request ID# 693784. Gerald Whalen appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office, City Attorney Daniel Christ, appeared on behalf of the City of Ferndale and Aubrey Tobin, stockholder, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Whalen, Mr. Christ and Ms. Tobin offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to grant the request of the City of Ferndale to not renew the 2012 Class C license and permits and to order said license and permits to remain in escrow for the 2013 – 2014 license year, as set forth in the Show Cause Hearing Order. Commissioner Olshove supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

5. Rock Bar & Grill, LLC, d/b/a Rock Grill, 844 Penniman, Plymouth, Wayne County Request ID# 680707

The show cause hearing was conducted for Rock Bar & Grill, LLC, Request ID# 680707. Gerald Whalen appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office, City Manager Paul Sincock and Chief of Police, Al Cox, appeared for the City of Plymouth. Attorney Scott MacDonald and member Kevin Montagano appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Whalen, Mr. Sincock, Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Montagano offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to grant the request of the City of Plymouth to not renew the 2012 Class C license and permits, and to order said license and permits to remain in escrow for the 2013 – 2014 license year, as set forth in the Show Cause Hearing Order. Commissioner Olshove supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

6. Simbad, Inc., 336 John R, Troy, Oakland County Request ID# 679286

The licensing hearing was conducted for Simbad, Inc., Request ID# 679286. Gerald Whalen appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office, Assistant City Attorney Julie DeBrink appeared for the City of Troy, and despite being duly notified of the order to appear, as well as the hearing date, time and location, no one appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Whalen and Ms. DeBrink offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to grant the request of the City of Troy to not renew the 2012 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses and permits and to order said licenses and permits be placed into escrow for the 2013 – 2014 license year, as set forth in the Show Cause Hearing Order. Commissioner Quimby supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Chairman Deloney, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the hearings be adjourned at 12:23 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Andrew J. Deloney  
Chairman