

# HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, November 1, 2018

Southfield District Office 25680 W 8 Mile Road Southfield MI 48033

Present: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman

Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: None

Chairman Deloney called the hearings to order at 10:11 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the minutes of the Southfield Appeal Hearings of October 25, 2018, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 3. The L Brothers, LLC, 4 N Saginaw Street, Oakland County Complaint ID# CV-501289

The violation hearing was conducted for The L Brothers, LLC, Complaint ID# CV-501289. Dan Felder appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and Michael Stevenson, Trustee, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Felder and Mr. Stevenson offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to reverse the previous Violation Hearing Order dated June 29, 2018 and to remand the matter back to the Executive Services Division, as set forth in the Violation Appeal Hearing Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove, and supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the hearings be adjourned at 10:20 a.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Andrew J. Deloney Chairman



### HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE

#### MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, November 13, 2018

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

Present: Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman

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

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Quimby, supported by Commissioner Olshove, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of October 30, 2018, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. The appeal hearing scheduled for Atlas Valley Golf and Country Club, Inc., Request ID# 1711-03193, is being cancelled as a letter was received from their Attorney Mark Burzych advising they wish to withdraw their request for appeal.
- 3. JCH Lake House L.L.C., 310 W Buffalo Street, New Buffalo, Berrien County Request ID# 1805-05743

The licensing hearing was conducted for JCH Lake House L.L.C., Request ID# 1805-05743. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Steven Grobbel with members John and Colleen Dooley, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Grobbel, Mr. Dooley and Ms. Dooley offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Quimby made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated October 9, 2018, and to approve the request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2018 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from Grand Beach Foods, LLC, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. TJ's Tavern LLC, 15 E Chicago Street, Quincy, Branch County Request ID# 1806-08294

The license hearing was conducted for TJ's Tavern LLC, Request ID# 1806-08294. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney

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Steven Grobbel with sole member Jessica Smullen, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Grobbel and Ms. Smullen offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Quimby made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated October 17, 2018, and to approve the request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2018 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from Coldwater Warehousing Facility, Inc., as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Quimby, and supported by Commissioner Olshove, that the hearings be adjourned at 11:36 a.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Teri L. Quimby Commissioner



### HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE

#### MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, November 15, 2018

Southfield District Office 25680 W 8 Mile Road Southfield MI 48033

Present: Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman

Commissioner Quimby called the hearings to order at 10:15 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

1. Moved by Commissioner Quimby, supported by Commissioner Olshove, that the minutes of the Southfield Appeal Hearings of November 1, 2018, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Harvard Bar & Grill, Inc., 16624 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Park, Wayne County Request ID# 1806-08580

The licensing hearing was conducted for Harvard Bar & Grill, Inc., Request ID# 1806-08580. Rosendo Asevedo appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Gus Abro with sole stockholder Khaldoon Hannawa, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Also present was Operation Manager Raniya Sassine. Mr. Asevedo, Mr. Abro and Mr. Hannawa offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Quimby made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated October 10, 2018, and to approve the request to transfer ownership of 2018 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from E.S.C. Corporation, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Gratiot Hotel Group, LLC, 44315 M Gratiot Avenue, Clinton Township, Clinton Township, Macomb County Request ID# 1808-10778

The licensing hearing was conducted for Gratiot Hotel Group, LLC, Request ID# 1808-10778. Rosendo Asevedo appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and Attorney Kelly Allen appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Asevedo and Ms. Allen offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Quimby made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated October 16, 2018, and to approve the request for a

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Conditional license in conjunction with the request to transfer ownership of 2018 B-Hotel and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from Waterford Investments, Inc., as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. Nahhas, Inc., d/b/a Vienna Market, 2305 Junction Street, Detroit, Wayne County Business ID# 243997

The penalty hearing was conducted for Nahhas, Inc., Business ID# 243997. Rosendo Asevedo appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and no one was present on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Asevedo offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Quimby advised the matter would be tabled to a hearing on a future date.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Quimby, and supported by Commissioner Olshove, that the hearings be adjourned at 12:24 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Teri L. Quimby Commissioner



## HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

Present: Andrew J. Deloney, Chairman

Teri L. Quimby, Commissioner Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

Absent: None

Chairman Deloney called the hearings to order at 10:05 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of November 13, 2018, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. T.C. Phenix LLC, 413-415 E Main Street, Edmore, Montcalm County Request ID# 1808-11325

The licensing hearing was conducted for T.C. Phenix LLC, Request ID# 1808-11325, which was tabled from the hearing held on October 30, 2018. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Todd Van Eck with Travis Jensen, sole member, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Van Eck and Mr. Jensen offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated October 9, 2018, and to approve the request for a Conditional License in conjunction with the request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2018 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from Stray Dog Pizza Company, LLC, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Bugabob LLC, 5225 Portage Road, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County Request ID# 1809-12437

The licensing hearing was conducted for Bugabob LLC, Request ID# 1809-12437. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Christopher Baker with sole member Patrick Allkins, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Baker and Mr. Allkins offered comments regarding this

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case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated October 30, 2018, and to approve the request for a Conditional License in conjunction with the request to transfer ownership of 2018 Resort Class C license from Theo and Stacy's Restaurant, Inc., as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. The Green Thumb Indoor Garden Superstore, LC, 20940 W Brady Road, Elsie, Chapin Township, Saginaw County Request ID# 1806-08755

The licensing hearing was conducted for The Green Thumb Indoor Garden Superstore, LC, Request ID# 1806-08755. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney G. Sal Gani with member Peggy Smith, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Gani and Ms. Smith offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated August 22, 2018 and to grant a waiver of the three (3) year statutory prohibition against a transfer of said license, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

5. Champion Wine & Beverage Distributors LLC, 4729 S Division, Wayland, Leighton Township, Allegan County Request ID# 813079

The licensing hearing was conducted for Champion Wine & Beverage Distributors LLC, Request ID# 813079. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Thomas Nafso with Tom Soltys, sole member, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Natso and Mr. Soltys offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated September 26, 2018, and to approve the request to transfer location of 2018 Wholesalers license and transfer governmental unit, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

6. Artisan, LLC, 417 Hancock Street, Saginaw, Saginaw County Request ID# 1806-08883

The licensing hearing was conducted for Artisan, LLC, Request ID# 1806-08883. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; members Larsen Cottrell and Bradley Valley, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Valley offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to reverse the

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> previous Commission Order of Denial dated November 7, 2018, and to approve the request for a new Small Wine Maker license, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove, and supported by Commissioner Quimby that the hearings be adjourned at 12:06 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Andrew J. Deloney Chairman



## HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, November 29, 2018

Southfield District Office 25680 W 8 Mile Road Southfield MI 48033

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 10:05 a.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the minutes of the Southfield Appeal Hearings of November 15, 2018, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. Nahhas, Inc., d/b/a Vienna Market, 2305 Junction Street, Detroit, Wayne County Business ID# 243997

The penalty hearing was conducted for Nahhas, Inc., Business ID# 243997, which was tabled from the hearing held on November 15, 2018. Linda Pytel-McDowell appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Thomas R. Everett with sole stockholder Amer Nahhas, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Also present was Ramzi Najor, brother of the applicant buyer of the license. Ms. Pytel-McDowell, Mr. Everett and Mr. Nahhas offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney made a motion to revoke the 2018 Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant licenses held by Nahhas, Inc., as set forth in the Penalty Hearing Order. Commissioner Olshove supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. The Kroger Co. of Michigan, d/b/a Kroger #454, 20422 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe Woods, Wayne County Request ID# 1807-09750

The church hearing was conducted for The Kroger Co. of Michigan, Request ID# 1807-09750. Linda Pytel-McDowell appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Jason Canvasser with Randy Wakling, Kroger Co. of

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Michigan representative, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Present for the objecting party, Christ the King Lutheran Church, was Diane Wyrock, attorney and head of church acting in a legal capacity. Ms. Pytel-McDowell, Mr. Canvasser, Mr. Wakling and Ms. Wyrock offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chairman Deloney advised the matter would be tabled to a hearing on a future date.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove, and supported by Commissioner Quimby, that the hearings be adjourned at 11:43 a.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Andrew J. Deloney Chairman