MINUTES OF THE NHLC DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT & LICENSING MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 15, 2024

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 08, 2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACCEPTED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 08, 2024.

2. <u>TABLED ITEMS</u>:

None

3. SCHEDULED HEARINGS AT LIQUOR COMMISSION OFFICES, 50 STORRS STREET, CONCORD, NH:

February 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

 Bacovino LLC, 3225 S 116th Street #169, Seattle, WA 98168 Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8331033 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Liq. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month. Date of violation: 11/16/2023. Case #: 23-1592-OF.

February 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.:

b. Riverbench LLC DBA Riverbench Vineyard & Winery, 6020 Foxen Canyon Road, Santa Maria, CA 93454 Direct Shipper Permit/ Wine Manufacturer #8280033 pursuant to RSA 178:27. Cited for violation of RSA 178:27/Liq. 1103.01 – failed to file a monthly report by the 15th of the following month. Date of violation: 11/16/2023. Case #: 23-1590-OF.

February 21, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.:

 c. El Tequila Mexican Restaurant, 1458 Lake Shore Road, Gilford, NH 03249. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1636703 pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I – served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was under the age of twenty-one. Date of violation: 09/33/2022. Case #: 22-550-OF.

March 19, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.:

d. Soho, 20 Old Granite Street, Manchester, NH 03101. Cocktail Lounge-Full Service Restaurant License #1646003 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1). Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, II – allowed an under-aged individual to possess or consume alcoholic beverage. Cited for violation of RSA 179:8, I – failed to require the purchaser whose age was in question to furnish identification that such person was 21 years of age. Date of violation: 11/03/2023. Case #: 23-1472-OF. THE LICENSEE REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE FOR THE HEARING SCHEDULED ON JANUARY 23, 2024, GRANTED ON JANUARY 17, 2024. b.

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4. NOTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:

a. Beanie's Bar and Grill, 58 Route 129, Loudon, NH 03307.

Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1655903 pursuant to RSA 178:21. Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I - served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know is intoxicated. Cited for violation of RSA 179:35 – failed to retain sales slips on the premises or readily available for examination by the Commission or its Liquor Investigators for a period of sixty (60) days. Date of violation: 04/30/2023.

Case #: 23-643-OF.

For violation of RSA 179:5, I –An administrative fine of \$500 and four (4) points held in abeyance for twelve (12) calendar months pending no like violation. The license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for three (3) days held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation. For violation of RSA 179:35 – A Warning was issued.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

College Convenience, 19 Bridge Street, Henniker, NH 03242. Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3373347 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I – served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was under the age of twenty-one.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:8, I – failed to require the purchaser whose age was in question to furnish identification that such person was 21 years of age.

Date of violation: 09/02/2023.

Case #: 23-1245-OF.

For violation of RSA 179:5, I- An administrative fine of \$500 and four (4) points shall be assessed to and remain on the liquor license for twelve (12) calendar months commencing the date of adjudication. The license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for three (3) days held in abeyance for twelve (12) calendar months pending no like violation. Rita Patel, Yogesh Patel and Shiv Patell shall complete a Grocer Education Training Seminar (GETS) online within thirty (30) days from the date of the fully signed agreement.

For violation of RSA 179:8, I- An administrative fine of \$100.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

Diamond Grill and Lounge, 14 West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Cocktail Lounge-Full Service Restaurant License #1660303 pursuant to

RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1).

Cited for violation of RSA 179:50 – allowed the premises to be used for a purpose contrary to law – allowed hookah to be smoked on the premises.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:57Liq. 603.05 – failed to comply with the requirements of a Commission Order.

Date of violation: 11/22/2023.

Case #: 23-1543-OF.

For violation of RSA 179:50 – An administrative fine of \$250.

For violation of RSA 179:57Liq. 603.05 – An administrative fine of \$1,000 held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation of either a Commission Order or of RSA 179:50-Loitering, Unlawful Purpose. The licensee shall remain in compliance with the provisions of RSA 179:50 with regard but not limited to hookah. The licensee shall not possess, use, sell or allow on the premises hookah devices or any substance smoked with hookah, nor shall he allow any other person to do so. Any further violation of RSA 179:50 pertaining to hookah shall result in a violation of Commission Order.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

d. Martha's Exchange, 179-185 Main Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

Brew Pub License #2000815 pursuant to RSA 178:13.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, II – allowed an under-aged individual to possess or consume alcoholic beverage-two counts.

Cited for violation of RSA 179:8, I – failed to require the purchaser whose age was in question to furnish identification that such person was 21 years of age- two counts. Date of violation: 12/31/2023.

Case #: 24-1-OF.

For violation of RSA 179:5, II -1^{st} count- An administrative fine of \$500 and four (4) points held in abeyance for twelve (12) calendar months pending no like violation. The license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for three (3) days commencing 03/05/2024 and re-granted on 03/08/2024.

For violation of RSA 179:5, II –2nd count- An administrative fine of \$500 and four (4) points held in abeyance for twelve (12) calendar months pending no like violation. The license to serve, consume or possess alcohol shall be suspended for three (3) days held in abeyance for twelve (12) months pending no like violation. All employees shall complete TEAM training online within thirty (30) days from the date of the fully executed agreement.

For violation of RSA 179:8, I-Two counts-Both violations shall be nolle pros. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

5. NON-CONTESTED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

 a. J.W. Sandri Inc SBA Sandri Stop Mart, 345 Winchester Street, Keene, NH 03431. Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3190747 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a. Cited for violation of RSA 179:50 – allowed the premises to be used for a purpose contrary to law. Date of violation: 01/27/2024. Case #: 24-107-OF. Warning.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

6. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL:

a.	Atel LLC DBA 70 North, 70 Endicott Street N, Laconia, NH 03246. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1688503 pursuant to RSA 178:20.
	90-Day Temporary License issued 02/09/2024.
	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
b.	Buxton's Pizza LLC, 158 Rockingham Road, Suite 5, Derry, NH 03038.
	To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1684503 pursuant to RSA 178:20.
	30-Day Temporary License issued 02/06/2024.
	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
C.	Cartelli's North End LLC, 96 New Rochester Road, Dover, NH 03820.
	To be issued Caterer, Off-Site License #1307434 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e).
	90-Day Temporary License issued 02/08/2024.
ام	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
d.	Dora Foods LLC DBA Dora Taqueria, 667 Columbus Avenue, Rochester, NH 03867. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1687703 pursuant to
	RSA 178:21.
	90-Day Temporary License issued 02/07/2024.
	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
e.	Fork and Vine LLC, 26 Webb Road, Peterborough, NH 03458.
	To be issued Liquor & Wine Vendor License #147945 pursuant to RSA 178:9.
	30-Day Temporary License issued 02/09/2024.
	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
f.	Fork and Vine LLC, 26 Webb Road, Peterborough, NH 03458.
	To be issued Liquor & Wine Representative License #613735 pursuant to RSA 178:10.
	30-Day Temporary License issued 02/09/2024.
a	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM. Langtry Farms LLC, 2100 Butts Canyon Road, Middletown, CA 95461.
g.	To be issued Liquor & Wine Vendor License #147545 pursuant to RSA 178:9.
	30-Day Temporary License issued 02/09/2024.
	CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

h. Los Agaves LLC DBA Los Agaves Mexican Restaurant, 21 Route 12 South, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1677503 pursuant to RSA 178:21.

90-Day Temporary License issued 02/08/2024. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

- Mishika 395 Inc, 395 Dalton Road, Dalton, NH 03598.
 To be issued Combination, Off-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Tobacco License #3434247 pursuant to RSA 178:18/RSA 178:19-a.
 30-Day Temporary License issued 02/06/2024.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- j. New RCI Holdings Inc DBA Fox Run Stadium 15 & RPX, 45 Gosling Road, Newington, NH 03801. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1687403 pursuant to RSA 178:20. 30-Day Temporary License issued 02/12/2024.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- k. Roman Catholic Bishop of Manchester DBA St Thomas Aquinas Parish, 26 Crystal Avenue, Derry, NH 03038. To be issued Special One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations Beverage/Wine/Liquor License # 13121 for 02/17/2024 between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I).
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- I. Seacoast Science Center, 570 Ocean Boulevard, Rye, NH 03870. To be issued Special One-Day, Voluntary Nonprofit Organizations Beverage/Wine/Liquor License # 685841 for 07/11/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., License # 686341 for 07/18/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., License # 686441 for 07/25/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. and License # 686541 for 08/01/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(I). CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.
- m. Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC DBA Texas Roadhouse, 317 Loudon Road, Concord, NH 03301. To be issued Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1672803 pursuant to RSA 178:21.
 90-Day Temporary License issued 02/13/2024.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

7. LICENSE APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

8. <u>DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVE DIRECT SHIPPER PERMITS ENDING FEBRUARY 13 2024: 1,357.

Desert Wind Holdings LLC a. 2258 Wine Country Rd., Prosser, WA 99350 Direct Shipper Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27. (Winery) CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM. b. Labatt USA Operating Co., LLC 445 St. Paul Street, Rochester, NY 14605 Direct Shipper Wholesaler Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27. (Wholesale) CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM. Lawrence Cellars, LLC c. 311 N. Pearl Street, Ellensburg, WA 98923-3363 Direct Shipper Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27. (Winery) CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

d. New Jersev Packages Store 37 Union Ave, Creskill, NJ 07626 Direct Shipper Wine Manufacturer Permit pursuant to RSA 178:27. (Winerv) CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

9. DIRECT SHIPPER APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

10. NOTIFICATION OF APPROVED PETITIONS:

- Atel LLC DBA 70 North, 70 Endicott Street N, Laconia, NH 03246. a. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1688503 pursuant to RSA 178:20. Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an indoor area (event area) with a capacity of 156 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Liq. 404.05. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.
- b. Atel LLC DBA 70 North, 70 Endicott Street N, Laconia, NH 03246. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1688503 pursuant to RSA 178:20. Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an outdoor area (patio/deck) with a capacity of 87 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Lig. 404.05. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.
- Atel LLC DBA 70 North, 70 Endicott Street N, Laconia, NH 03246. c. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1688503 pursuant to RSA 178:20. Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an indoor area (bar) with a capacity of 22 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Lig. 404.05.

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

- Atel LLC DBA 70 North, 70 Endicott Street N, Laconia, NH 03246. d. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage & Wine License #1688503 pursuant to RSA 178:20. Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an indoor area (dining) with a capacity of 82 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Lig. 404.05. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.
- NAO Collective LLC DBA In the Mix at Positive Street Art, 48 Bridge Street # 3F, Nashua NH 03060. e. Caterer, Off-Site License #1299834 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e). Requested approval for a temporary site, to wit, for an event for 02/10/2024 between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22, V (e).

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

- f. Tuesday Night Supper Club LLC DBA Salt Hill Pub at Lebanon Opera House, 51 N Park Street, Lebanon, NH 03766. Caterer, Off-Site License #1295134 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(e). Requested approval for a temporary site, to wit, for an event for 02/07/2024 between 4:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 178:22. V (e). CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.
- Upper Valley Spanish Institute DBA Duende, 15 Lebanon Street, NH 03755. g. Restaurant, On-Premises, Beverage/Wine/Liquor License #1661103 pursuant to RSA 178:21. Requested approval for a permanent extension of service, to wit, for an indoor area (second floor) with a capacity of 49 pursuant to RSA 178:24/Lig. 404.05. CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

11. PETITIONS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

12. <u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

a. Stark Brewing Company, 500 Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03101.
 Beverage Manufacturer License #297718 pursuant to RSA 178:12.
 Requests approval of Stark Orchards Rose Black Cherry Cider with an alcohol content of 6.6% at 60 degrees Fahrenheit by volume pursuant to RSA 175:1, VIII.
 CHAIRMAN MOLLICA APPROVED THIS ITEM.

13. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR COMMISSION DENIAL:

None

14. NOTIFICATION OF ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:

- a. Bedford, NH;
- b. Belmont, NH;
- c. Concord, NH;
- d. Conway, NH;
- e. Derry, NH;
- f. Dover, NH;
- g. Epping, NH;
- h. Goffstown, NH;
- i. Hanover, NH;
- j. Hooksett, NH;
- k. Jackson, NH;
- I. Keene, NH;
- m. Lebanon, NH;
- n. Littleton, NH;
- o. Londonderry, NH;
- p. Manchester, NH;
- q. Mount Washington, NH;
- r. Nashua, NH;
- s. New London, NH;
- t. North Hampton, NH;
- u. Portsmouth, NH;
- v. Rochester, NH;
- w. Rye, NH;
- x. Salem, NH;
- y. Sandwich, NH;
- z. Somersworth;
- aa. Tilton, NH; and
- bb. Waterville Valley, NH;
 - CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

15. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR</u> <u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

None

16. NOTIFICATION OF TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS SCHEDULED WITHIN NINETY (90) DAYS:

- a. Ashland, NH;
- b. Bath, NH;
- c. Bethlehem, NH;
- d. Bristol, NH;
- e. Enfield, NH;

- f. Farmington, NH;
- g. Franconia, NH;
- h. Hebron, NH;
- i. Holderness, NH;
- j. Laconia, NH;
- k. Lebanon, NH;
- I. Manchester, NH;
- m. Meredith, NH;
- n. Milton, NH;
- o. New Hampton, NH;
- p. Nashua, NH; and
- q. Sanbornton, NH;

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

17. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ON TOBACCO COMPLIANCE CHECKS RECOMMENDED FOR</u> <u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>:

None

18. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISION PENDING</u>:

None

19. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING DECISIONS</u>:

a. Hearing was held January 23, 2024:

Niko Grill and Lounge Corporation DBA Slade's Food and Spirits, 4 West Hollis Street, Nashua, NH 03060. Cocktail Lounge-Full Service Restaurant License #1071603 pursuant to RSA 178:22, V(q)/ RSA 178:21, II(a)(1). Cited for violation of RSA 179:5, I - served or sold alcoholic beverage to a patron who was visibly intoxicated or who a reasonable and prudent person would know is intoxicated. Date of violation: 01/28/2023. Case #: 23-99-OF.

THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LIQUOR COMMISSION-DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT AND LICENSING REQUESTED A CONTINUANCE FOR THE HEARING SCHEDULED ON DECEMBER 19, 2023, GRANTED ON DECEMBER 08, 2023.

Decision dated 02/09/2024: "After considering all the evidence, I order that Slades shall pay an administrative fine of \$500 due five (5) business days from the receipt of this order. Four (4) points shall be assessed to the liquor license and held in abeyance for twelve (12) months commencing the date of this order pending no like violations. The license to serve, consume, or possess alcohol shall be suspended for three (3) days and held in abeyance for twelve (12) months from the date of this order pending no like violation."

CHAIRMAN MOLLICA ACKNOWLEDGED.

20. <u>MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY</u>:

None