

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bob Klein, Chair, and Members of the

DATE:

December 17, 2018

Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

FROM: Erika McConnell, Director

RE:

Director's Report

OPERATIONS

AMCO has hired a new Program Coordinator who will begin next week.

The Regulations Specialist position closed in mid-December and the interview/hiring process is proceeding.

The long-awaited office expansion has finally occurred. AMCO's lobby has moved from the west end of our hallway to the east end. Additionally we're improving our signs to be more clear about where to go once customers reach the 16th floor.

ISSUES

On two different occasions recently, licensees have attempted to contact AMCO staff on the weekend using their personal social media accounts, to inquire about permits. In both situations, the AMCO staffers had made multiple attempts to contact the licensees to resolve the permit issues but were unsuccessful. In one of the two situations, the staff member stayed in the office until 5:45pm on the Friday before the event in hopes of connecting with the licensee to be able to issue the permit. AMCO staff works diligently to ensure that permit applications are reviewed and issued in a timely manner. It is the licensees' responsibility to monitor those forms of communications provided on the application (phone and/or email) for contact from AMCO. I hope the board will join me in stating that it is completely inappropriate to contact AMCO staff on their personal time and through their personal social media accounts.

REGULATIONS

Attached to this report is a regulations projects status spreadsheet.

2019 MEETING SCHEDULE

The November 2019 meeting date has been changed so as not to conflict with the yearly Alaska Municipal League conference.

Date	Location
February 19-20	Juneau (1 st judicial district)
April 29-30	Anchorage (3 rd judicial district)
July 8-9	Fairbanks (4 th judicial district)
September 16-17	Nome (2 nd judicial district)
November 12	Palmer (3 rd judicial district)

NEXT MEETING

The next ABC Board meeting is scheduled for February 19-20 in Juneau. The meeting will be a full day on February 19 and the morning of February 20. Applications must be complete and any other documents for the board must be submitted to our office by February 1 to be on the agenda.

ABC REGULATIONS PROJECTS

DOL Project Number	Topic	Date Opened by ABC	FY	Board mbr point person(s)	Current Status/Notes	Date Adopted by ABC	Effective Date
	Emergency Regulation: definition of "in public"					2/24/15	
	Marijuana Regulations				Started by ABC Board; shifted to MCB once constituted	N/A	N/A
	Recreational Site Licenses				Board voted unanimously to close project on 7/1/15	N/A	N/A
JU2016200416	Alcohol Server Education	2/10/16	16	Evans	Sent to Law on 5/5/17; sent to Lt. Gov 8/16/17 Most of text was deleted by Law	4/13/17	9/16/17
JU2016200417	Common Carriers	2/10/16	16	Evans	Signed by Lt. Gov. 6/19/17	4/13/17	7/19/17
JU2016200418	Distillery	2/10/16	16	Evans	signed by Lt. Gov. 11/16/16	7/20/16	12/16/16
JU2016200419	Management Agreements	2/10/16 7/20/16	17	Evans	signed by Lt. Gov. 11/16/16	7/20/16	12/16/16
JU2016200420	Alternating Premises	2/10/16	16	Evans	signed by Lt. Gov. 11/16/16	7/20/16	12/16/16
JU2016200422	Restaurant Designation Permit	2/10/16	16	Evans	signed by Lt. Gov. 11/16/16	7/20/16	12/16/16
JU2016200647	Consumption at Wineries	7/20/16	17	Yoder	Signed by Lt. Gov. 6/19/17	4/13/17	7/19/17
JU2016200646	Tourism Licenses Parameters	7/20/16	17	Manning	Staff is researching		
JU2017200479-1	Background Checks	7/11/17	18	Ganley	Voted out for public comment 7/11/17; comment period ends 9/11/17; approved 11/13/17; sent to DOL	11/13/17	
JU2017200479-2	Bona Fide Restaurant	4/13/17	17	Manning	Voted out for public comment 7/11/17; comment period ends 9/11/17; referred to cmte 11/13/17; out for comment 1/23/18; adopted 4/3/18; sent to DOL 4/17/18; needs to be re-posted with correct authority and re-adopted; cmts due 9/7/18; adopted 10/15/18; sent to DOL on 10/31/18	4/3/18 (void) 10/15/18	
	Tribal Identification	4/13/17	17		Postponed indefinitely 6/12/18	N/A	N/A
JU2017200816	Fee for premises changes; Seasonal premises changes	11/13/17	18	Ganley	sent to Lt. Gov 4/24/18	1/23/18	7/1/18
	Application fees		18			1/23/18	7/1/18
	Public convenience REPL				Draft to board 11/13/17; returned for more work 11/13/17		
JU2017200778	Distilleries/mixed drinks	9/13/17	18	Manning	Voided by statutory change	1/23/18 (void)	N/A

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DOL Project	Topic	Date	FY	Board	Current Status/Notes	Date	Effective
Number		Opened by ABC		mbr point person(s)		Adopted by ABC	Date
JU2018200415	Security interest transfers/ involuntary retransfers	11/13/17	18	Klein	Draft to board 4/3/18; voted out for public comment 4/3/18; posted 4/26/18; cmts due 6/1/18; tabled to August; tabled to October; revise with some Coffey comments and bring to December mtg; on December agenda		
JU2018200208.002	Deadline for Reinstatement and Renewal	1/23/18	18	Ganley	Voted to put out for public comment 1/23/18; cmts due 4/27; tabled for more work; voted out for cmt 8/14/18; cmts due 10/10/18; adopted 10/15/18; sent to DOL 10/31/18	10/15/18	
JU2018200208.001	Renewals with Transfers	1/23/18	18	Manning	Signed by Lt. Gov 9/27/18	6/12/18	10/27/18
	Definition of "recreational opportunities"	1/23/18	18	Ganley	Draft to board 6/12/18; tabled for more work		
JU2018200369	Licensed Premises Requirements	4/3/18	18		Signed by Lt. Gov 7/18/18	6/12/18	8/17/18
	Alternating Premises	4/3/18	18			6/12/18	8/17/18
JU2018200830	Wine Auction Permit	8/14/18	19		Adopted 10/15/18; sent to DOL 10/31/18	10/15/18	
	Seasonal Licenses	6/12/18	18	Evans		10/15/18	
	Operating Requirements	8/14/18	19			10/15/18	
	Local Governing Body Protests	8/14/18	19			10/15/18	
	On-line server education course	10/15/18	19		On December agenda		
	Fee for server education course	10/15/18	19		On December agenda		
	Definition of moral turpitude	10/15/18	19		On December agenda		
	Permits	10/15/18	19				

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