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Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

Special Meeting Agenda

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Administration

A. Call to Order *Start 9:30am*

Time 9:30AM

B. Roll Call

- Dana Walukiewicz, Chair – Industry *in person*
- Diane Thompson, Vice Chair – Industry *via zoom*
- Janice Hill - Public Member *via zoom*
- Doug Moore – Public Member *via zoom*
- Public Safety Seat – Vacant

AMCO Staff

- Kevin Richard, Director *in person*
- Sara Chambers, Boards and Regulations Advisor *unavailable*
- Andrew Bocanumenth, Agency Attorney *via zoom*
- Jane P. Sawyer, Program Coordinator *via zoom*
- Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Liaison *via zoom*
- Sonya Irwin, Licensing Supervisor *in person*

Jane Sawyer vocalizes amendments to the agenda. She calls to strike tab 5, license 950 from the agenda and asks to move it to September 16, 2025, meeting due to the possibility of needing an oral hearing. She continues with asking that the staff recommendation for tab 16 be stricken. And tab 26, license 4247, This and That Grill, LLC received a protest lift. The lift was received too

late to remove it from the agenda and so only the application would be considered, not the protest.

C. Approval of Agenda

Time 9:35 AM

Motion: *To approve the agenda as amended by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

D. AMCO Meeting Code of Conduct & Top 10 Zoom FAQ

TAB 1

E. Board Governance

Time 9:40 AM

F. Violation of Probation

Time 9:45 AM

- GMRI, Inc. DBA The Olive Garden Licenses 133 & 4568

Dana Walukiewicz introduces the violation of probation for The Olive Garden. He provides history to say that this goes back to 2024 with a stipulated agreement between the office and Olive Garden. There was a notice of violation which was identified by the enforcement team relating to servers not having server education cards. He asks if there is a representative for the licensee.

Patrick Phillip introduces himself as the licensee's counsel and informs the board that he hasn't been able to be fully abreast of the information. He asks if there is an opportunity to address this in the future.

Jane Sawyer informs the board that the licensee was noticed on August 28, 2025.

Colleen Lyons addresses the board to say that there have been some visiting managers who were trying to help the leadership teams fill positions and they were unfamiliar with the rules and regulations.

Dana Walukiewicz confirms that they are not disputing any stipulations of fact in the notice of violations and summarizes by saying that it is due to a lack of understanding of Alaska law via management that may be from out of state.

Colleen Lyons attests that training is how the issue is being addressed.

Dana Walukiewicz asked how the office came to the recommendation in this instance.

Kevin Richard responded by saying that when looking at the probation violation regarding the matter, there wasn't a lot of precedent to go on so there was an effort to incorporate the violations to NOVs that violated the stipulated agreement. The underlying case from 2 years ago was due to minors that were working without valid permits. Within that 2-year time frame there were 2 NOVs for not having proof of current server education. The probation was nearly complete at the time of the two violations and that was brought into consideration regarding imposing the fines.

Dana Walukiewicz asks if the managers are trained in Alaska laws and compliance.

Colleen Lyons speaks to needing to add more structure to that part of the training and explains that they were hyper focused on minor permits.

Dana Walukiewicz states that the whole point of the agreement was to have Olive Garden focus on Alaska laws and compliance even the previous violation due to minor permits, the problem is stemming from not being educated. They have had their opportunity to clean it up, there are additional violations. He states that he would like to see the full amount of the fines be imposed.

Diane Thompson agrees that that seems like a lackadaisical focus of the licensee.

Doug Moore agrees with returning the fines to the full amount.

Motion: *To impose the remaining \$30,000 of the fine that was suspended to be paid in 90 days by Jan Hill. Second by Diane Thompson. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

- 2025-2026 RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WITH NOV, WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS
Time 10:00 AM

Dana Walukiewicz introduces the renewals to say that these NOV's have already been heard, and can be discussed, but should move the renewals forward. He states that these renewals will be gone through individually.

A.	License # 6:	Airport Lounge & Snack Bar	<u>TAB 2</u>
	Licensee:	Airport Lounge & Snack Bar LLC / Cassee A Salazar 100%	
	License Type:	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism	
	Premises address:	1600 Airport Terminal, Ketchikan, AK 99901	
	Local governing body:	Ketchikan Gateway Borough	
	Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement #15278	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in May 2024 for a bartender over-serving a customer.	

Joe Bankowski informs the board that the bartender was cited for overserving a customer and no additional action was taken by the board.

Doug Moore asks if the licensee is on the line.

Casey Ann Salazar speaks as the licensee to say that they are implementing new policies to address the issue going forward. They are re-training, adding additional staff during peak times and educating staff on what to look for when customers come into the establishment to be aware of any possible situations. The bartender was suspended and had to re-take the TAPs class.

Motion: *To approve license #6 renewal including a restaurant endorsement with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

B.	License # 466:	Senor Panchos Mexican Restaurant	<u>TAB 3</u>
	Licensee:	Senor Pancho's Mexican Restaurant, Inc. / Francisco Rodriguez Rincon 100%	
	License Type:	Beverage Dispensary	
	Premises address:	44096 Sterling Hwy, Soldotna, AK 99669	
	Local governing body:	City of Soldotna, Kenai Peninsula Borough	
	Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement #16708	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in October 2023 for licensee	

serving alcoholic beverages with an expired server education card.

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 3 which involves a violation of a server serving alcoholic beverages with an expired server education card.

Jessica Romero introduces herself to speak on behalf of the licensee, Francisco Rodriguez, and informs the board that she has his updated TAPS card.

Motion: To approve the renewal of license 466 including restaurant endorsement with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.

C.	License # 822:	Seasalt, Alaskan Bar & Grill	<u>TAB 4</u>
	Licensee:	Klondike Pizzeria II LLC / ZPA LLC 100%	
	License Type:	Outdoor Recreation Lodge	
	Premises address:	133 4th Avenue, Seward, AK, 99664	
	Local governing body:	City of Seward, Kenai Peninsula Borough	
	Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement #15877	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in July 2024 for not displaying warning signs properly.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 4 regarding a violation issued in July of 2024 for not displaying warning signs properly. He is hopeful that the licensee has corrected this violation. He asks if Mr. Bankowski knows if the licensee has corrected this violation.

Joe Bankowski states that he doesn't have any documentation to say that this violation has been corrected.

Motion: To approve renewal of license 822 including a restaurant endorsement with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.

D.	License # 950:	Bristol Bay Red Dog Inn	<u>TAB 5</u>
	Licensee:	Melissa D. Davis	
	License Type:	Beverage Dispensary	
	Premises address:	Lot 26 Felix Toner Plat, Naknek, AK 99633	
	Local governing body:	Bristol Bay Borough	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in January 2024 for operating without a current Sanitary Survey Inspection.	

Dana Walukiewicz states that tab 5 will be heard on September 16, 2025, meeting as mentioned at the beginning of the meeting when the agenda was amended.

E.	License # 3259:	AMVETS Post #9	<u>TAB 6</u>
	Licensee:	AMVETS Post #9	
	License Type:	Club	
	Premises address:	1591 Creste Foris, Wasilla, AK 99654	
	Local governing body:	City of Wasilla, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	

Endorsements:	None
Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in March 2024 for serving alcohol to an AMCO Enforcement investigator that was not a club member.

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 6 where a violation was issued for serving alcohol to an AMCO enforcement investigator who is not a club member. He clarifies that only club members or guests of club members are allowed to be served in clubs. He asks if any representatives are available to speak about the violation. He states that it looks like they've modified their policy to not allow non-club members into the club.

Motion: To approve renewal of license 3259 with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.

F.	License # 3588:	AMVETS Post #49	<u>TAB 7</u>
	Licensee:	AMVETS Post #49 Inc.	
	License Type:	Club	
	Premises address:	9191 Old Seward Hwy #9, Anchorage, AK, 99515	
	Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in March 2024 for serving alcohol to an AMCO Enforcement investigator that was not a club member.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 7, also a violation for serving alcohol to a non-member. They have retrained all their employees to address the issue so that no non-members are allowed to purchase alcohol.

Terri Good introduces themselves as the commander of the club and states that all employees have been retrained and there was a follow-up inspection with no issue.

Motion: To approve the renewal of license 3588 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. All vote yes. Motion carries.

G.	License # 4308:	Canyon Steakhouse	<u>TAB 8</u>
	Licensee:	Westmark Hotels, Inc. / Holland America Line, Inc. 100%	
	License Type:	Beverage Dispensary Tourism - Seasonal	
	Premises address:	Mile 238.9 Parks Highway, Denali, AK, 99755	
	Local governing body:	Denali Borough	
	Endorsements:	Multiple Fixed Counter Endorsement #4313	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in August of 2024 for employees not having current server education. The DBA had also changed from what was currently on file.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 8 involving an NOV issued in August of 2024 for employees not having current server education cards and a DBA name change that wasn't submitted to the office. He asks if there is a representative available to speak to the violation.

Jeff Graham speaks for the licensee and states that all the TAPS cards are now digitally stored so that nobody can be scheduled to work without them. All of the DBA name changes have been submitted for
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all the businesses at this time.

Motion: *To approve renewal of license 4308 including multiple fixed counter endorsement with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

H.	License # 4315:	Fat Olives	<u>TAB 9</u>
	Licensee:	Kelt, LLC / Steve Nolan 50%, Lisa Nolan 50%	
	License Type:	Restaurant or Eating Place	
	Premises address:	276 Ohlson Lane, Homer, AK 99603	
	Local governing body:	City of Homer, Kenai Peninsula Borough	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in August of 2024 for employing minors without Department of Labor work permits.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 9 regarding the employment of minors without permits and asks if there is a representative to speak to this.

Lisa Nolan speaks as licensee to say that now work permits need to be submitted before working, and this has been implemented since March 6, 2024.

Dana Walukiewicz points out that the actual NOV date is March 4th, 2024, and the agenda is incorrect.

Motion: *To approve renewal of license 4315 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

I.	License # 4490:	Hacienda Mexican Restaurant #2	<u>TAB 10</u>
	Licensee:	Basilio, Inc. / Basilio Gallo 100%	
	License Type:	Beverage Dispensary	
	Premises address:	1781 E Palmer Wasilla Highway, Wasilla, AK 99654	
	Local governing body:	City of Homer, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
	Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement #15246	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in July of 2023 for employees having expired alcohol server education. Notice of Violation issued August of 2023 for employing minors without Department of Labor work permits. Notice of Violation issued November of 2023 for a failure to respond to previous violation requesting production of Department of Labor work permits. Board issued accusation and a stipulated agreement was agreed upon and approved in July 2024. Licensee on probation until 7/2026.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 10 involving an NOV for expired server education cards, minors without work permits, and a board-issued accusation stipulated agreement where the licensee is on probation until July 2026.

Diane Thompson asks if the licensee is holding up their end of the agreement.

Jane Sawyer states that they are current with their agreement and are complying.

Motion: To approve renewal of license 4490 including restaurant endorsement with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Diane Thompson. All vote yes. Motion carries.

J.	License # 4526:	Susitna Bar and Grill	<u>TAB 11</u>
	Licensee:	Jazco Investment, LLC / Inthira Zavacky 50% & John A. Zavacky 50%	
	License Type:	Beverage Dispensary - Tourism	
	Premises address:	20333 W. Parks Highway, Houston, AK 99694	
	Local governing body:	City of Houston, Matanuska-Susitna Borough	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in June of 2024 for licensee not having current server education.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 11 with a violation for not having current server education cards. He asks if there's anyone on the call to speak to the tab and asks if Mr. Bankowski has any follow-up.

Joe Bankowski states that the fines have been paid.

Motion: To approve license 4526 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

K.	License # 5849:	Borealis Basecamp	<u>TAB 12</u>
	Licensee:	Borealis Basecamp LLC / Stellar Collections LLC 49%, Revontulet Holdings LLC 22.95%, AW Go LLC 22.95%, Adriel Butler 2.55%, Jeremy Rogers 2.55%	
	License Type:	Outdoor Recreation Lodge	
	Premises address:	2640 Himalaya Rd, Fairbanks, AK 99712	
	Local governing body:	Fairbanks North Star Borough	
	Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement #16742	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in August 2023 for transferring ownership of LLC without prior Board approval.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 12 addressing the violation issued in August 2023 for transferring ownership without board approval.

Jane Sawyer states that the transfer application is included in the September 16, 2025, agenda.

Jana Weltzin states that they were not representing the licensee at the time of the NOV but are now working with them and submitted the transfer that is to be considered at the September 16, 2025, meeting.

Motion: To approve renewal of license 5849 including restaurant endorsement with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

L.	License # 5383:	Acapulco Mexican Restaurant	<u>TAB 13</u>
	Licensee:	Juan A. Rodriguez	
	License Type:	Restaurant or Eating Place	
	Premises address:	43543 Sterling Highway, Soldotna, AK 99699	

Local governing body: City of Soldotna, Kenai Peninsula Borough
Consideration: **Two Notice of Violations issued in October of 2023 for employee not having current server education and for employing minors without Department of Labor work permits.
Board issued accusation and a stipulated agreement was agreed upon and approved in April 2024. Licensee completed probation.**

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 13 involving two violations issued in October 2023 for employees not having server education cards and employing minors without permits. The board issued an accusation and a stipulated agreement which was agreed upon and approved in April 2024. The licensee has completed probation and completed it without violation.

Motion: *To approve renewal of license 5383 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

M.	License # 5822:	Sami's City Diner	<u>TAB 14</u>
	Licensee:	Hukali, LLC	
	License Type:	Restaurant or Eating Place	
	Premises address:	3000 Minnesota Dr Anchorage, AK 99503	
	Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in January of 2023 for employees not having current server education.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 14 with NOV issued in January of 2023 for employees not having current server education.

Drenushe Hukali speaks on behalf of the licensee to state that the education cards were barely expired and have taken action to prevent it in the future via quarterly checks of TAPS cards.

Motion: *To approve the renewal of license 5822 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

N.	License # 60279:	Rafelitos	<u>TAB 15</u>
	Licensee:	Rafelitos, LLC	
	License Type:	Restaurant or Eating Place	
	Premises address:	160 W 91 st Ave, Ste A, Anchorage, AK 99515	
	Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
	Consideration:	Notice of Violation issued in August of 2024 for not adhering to the designated premises on a permit application.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 15 regarding an NOV issued for not adhering to the designated premises on a permit application. He asks if anyone is on the call. He states that this was a one-off instance and doesn't believe that anything has happened since.

Joe Bankowski states that the licensee has been monitored and there have been no violations since.

Motion: To approve renewal of license 60279 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

- NEW LICENSE APPLICATION

Time 10:15 AM

▪ License # 60308:	Alaska Backcountry Guides	<u>TAB 16</u>
Licensee:	Alaska Backcountry Guides, LLC / Joseph Wolf 100%	
License Type:	Beverage Dispensary Tourism – Seasonal	
Premises address:	284 Airport Road, Valdez, AK 99686	
Local governing body:	City of Valdez	
Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement	
Consideration:	Airport Terminal	
Recommendation:	Approve with delegation to Director	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 16 regarding a new license application and mentions that the staff recommendation was stricken at the beginning of the meeting.

Jane Sawyer adds that this was a templated recommendation that was included by mistake, and the board needs to consider whether the application meets the qualification for an airport terminal, because this application is for a helicopter hanger.

Michael Schwarz speaks as counsel for ABG (Alaska Backcountry Guides) to say that it is a 5,000 sq ft hanger with a mezzanine and commercial kitchen that was built out to function as a terminal.

Dana Walukiewicz asks if the menu is being prepared on site.

Joey Wolf, applicant, responds to say that yes, they are and there is a commercial kitchen on premises.

Michael Schwarz mentions that there is a 50-year lease with the state.

Joey Wolf adds that there are about 120 guest total for the season as a boutique establishment catering to an elite crowd. The intent is to just serve our guests. This is meant to be a service. To operate a luxury heli-ski facility. The guests are high-end guests who expect high levels of service and amenities.

Jane Sawyer mentions the 9-10 weeks a year that were quoted for the seasonal operation and ensures that they're aware of the 240-hour per year minimum requirement for operating the license.

Motion: To approve the new license application for Alaska Backcountry Guides for license 60308 including restaurant endorsement with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

- NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS TIED TO COMPETING APPLICATIONS

▪ License # 16255	Harbor Mountain Brewing Company	<u>TAB 17</u>
Licensee:	Harbor Mountain Brewing Company LLC / Zachary L. Anderson 25%, Gordon K. Helem 25%, Baranof Investments LLC, Sitkoh Investments 25%	
License type:	Distillery Manufacturer	

Premises address:	1209 Sawmill Creek Rd., STE A Sitka, AK 99835
Local governing body:	City and Borough of Sitka
Endorsements:	None

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| ▪ License # 16385 | Sitka Spirits | <u>TAB 18</u> |
| Licensee: | Sitka Spirits LLC / Andrew Wilson 100% | |
| License type: | Distillery Manufacturer | |
| Premises address: | 328 Lincoln St.
Sitka, AK 99835 | |
| Local governing body: | City and Borough of Sitka | |
| Endorsements: | None | |

• COMPETING APPLICATIONS

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| ▪ License # 16269 | Harbor Mountain Brewing Company | <u>TAB 19</u> |
| Licensee: | Harbor Mountain Brewing Company LLC / Zachary L. Anderson 25%, Gordon K. Helem 25%, Baranof Investments LLC, Sitkoh Investments 25% | |
| License type: | Distillery Retail | |
| Premises address: | 1209 Sawmill Creek Rd., STE A
Sitka, AK 99835 | |
| Local governing body: | City and Borough of Sitka | |
| Endorsements: | None | |
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| ▪ License # 16477 | Sitka Spirits | <u>TAB 20</u> |
| Licensee: | Sitka Spirits LLC / Andrew Wilson 100% | |
| License type: | Distillery Retail | |
| Premises address: | 328 Lincoln St.
Sitka, AK 99835 | |
| Local governing body: | City and Borough of Sitka | |
| Endorsements: | None | |

Lengthy discussion begins at 01:22:49 of the recording.

Dana Walukiewicz introduces the competing applications including the associated manufacturing license applications. He opens the floor to the licensees to state their case and how they would operate their establishments.

Zach Anderson speaks to the applications for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company and says that he's been operating for a few years now and would like to add layers to his business. They are a hub for pop up artists, and the goal is to bring the community together. He would like to create ready-to-drink cocktails and want to expand the business model and add to the community. He mentions that the Restaurant/Eating Place License type wouldn't fit their business model.

Drew Wilson speaks to the applications for Sitka Spirits. He wants to create something that represents the story of Sitka and how it has evolved. The goal is to make spirits to capture that history. He mentions that they're located downtown in a great location for tourists. They're also located across the street from City Hall and there's a backyard parking lot that facilitates food trucks. He says that they've investigated the Restaurant/Eating Place License, and he is not interested in that license type for his business model. He states that it is unfortunate that the law is written the way that it is to restrict the license types by

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population. More businesses allow for more successful areas in Alaska. He adds that he will not be able to open on day one unlike Harbor Mountain. He goes on to say that monopolies don't really benefit and there are rules against that. He would like to ask legislature to investigate this. He acknowledges that he knows that two craft distilleries are not an option but would like legislation to look into this.

Diane Thompson asks if there is another type of license that could fit for the business model of Sitka Spirits.

Jane Sawyer states that Sitka is maxed on all license types that might help with the Sitka Spirits business model.

Diane Thompson asks if the board can approve the Distillery Manufacturer Licenses for both and then pick up the issue of the Distillery Retail Licenses separately.

Motion: To approve the new license application for Distillery Manufacturer License for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company, license 16255 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. . All vote yes. Motion carries.

Motion: To approve the new license application for Distillery Manufacturer License for Sitka Spirits license 16385 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Dana Walukiewicz asks Andrew Bocanamouth about background on competing license applications.

Andrew Bocanumenth reads 3 AAC 305.105(e). He introduces the 4 factors the board may consider in the matter of competing applications.

Dana Walukiewicz states one thing that caught his eye is that the local governing body didn't state a preference.

Dana Walukiewicz asks the board members if they are leaning towards the coin toss. All agree.

Jane Sawyer adds that the applicant that does get approved may not utilize the license until the appeal rights timeline has been exhausted. She reads AS 04.11.690.

Motion: To determine who will receive the Distillery Retail License in the City and Borough of Sitka via drawing the name out of the container for Sitka Spirits and Harbor Mountain by Jan Hill. Doug Moore second. Jan Hill votes yes. Doug Moore votes yes. Diane Thompson votes yes (reluctantly). Dana Walukiewicz votes yes (reluctantly). Motion carries.

Kevin Richard pulls the name from the cup.

Dana Walukiewicz reads the name on the paper and announces that it is Sitka Spirits.

Motion: To approve application 16477 a Distillery Retail License for Sitka Spirits by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.

Kevin Richard points out that application 16269 should be denied.

Motion: To deny license application 16269 by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

- NEW ENDORSEMENTS

Time 11:15 AM

- Large Resort Endorsement

License # 443:	Glacier Bay Lodge	<u>TAB 21</u>
Licensee:	Aramark Sports and Entertainment Services, LLC / Aramark/HMS, LLC 100%	
License type:	Beverage Dispensary	
Type of application:	Large Resort Endorsement	
Premises address:	179 Bartlett Cove, Gustavus, AK 99826	
Local governing body:	City of Gustavus	
Consideration:	Licensee does not own or lease the property where the proposed endorsement is to exist. There is a Concession Agreement.	

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 21, an application for a new Large Resort Endorsement. He reads from the memo created by the office.

Jane Sawyer states that the licensee uses a concessions agreement to show interest in the licensed premises or property for their Beverage Dispensary License.

Sherman Ernouf introduces himself as legal counsel for the licensee and states that this is new code and the concessions agreement is a standard agreement and is as comprehensive as any lease agreement. This concessions agreement was used to demonstrate right, title and interest for the Beverage Dispensary License. They are substantially the same. In every other sense he feels like we're playing a word game, and the concessions agreement is substantially the same as a lease. He adds that this is 3.3-million-acre park.

Dana Walukiewicz asks if there are any other concessioners in the park.

Sherman Ernouf states that only Aramark is operating in the park.

Dana Walukiewicz says that he is swayed by the argument that the Beverage Dispensary License was acquired using the concessions agreement.

Sherman Ernouf includes that he has never seen a lease agreement by the Federal Government and that they exclusively use concessions agreements to his knowledge.

Motion: *To approve Large Resort Endorsement for license 443 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROTESTS

Time 11:45 PM

- 2025-2026 RENEWALS

License # 200:	The Continental	<u>TAB 22</u>
Licensee:	Anchorage Alehouse, LLC / Edwin Torrison 29% & Matthew Tomter 70.1%	

License type:	Beverage Dispensary
Type of application:	2025-2026 Renewal
Premises address:	2830 C St. Anchorage, AK 99503
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage
Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement #15674
Consideration:	2025-2026 Renewal Application; Municipality of Anchorage protests until certification from the Anchorage Health Department has been received.
Recommendation:	Deny with 180-day abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the Director approve the license.

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 22 and speaks to how in these cases the licenses are generally denied with 180-day abeyance with delegation to the director so as soon as the municipality finishes their health inspection the protest can be lifted, and the renewal can be effectuated. He asks if there is a licensee that wishes to speak.

Matt Tomter introduces himself as the licensee and speaks to closing the Continental in June and reports that it is not operating and has informed AMCO of this.

Dana Walukiewicz asks Mandy Honest with the Municipality of Anchorage if there is a way to approve without the Health Inspection.

Mandy Honest states that her understanding is that there is a requirement in the health code for some level of a permit, and she doesn't see where there was notification of non-operational status.

Dana Walukiewicz asks if it is ok for the issue to be tabled until the September 16, 2025, meeting.

Diane Thompson asks if the transfer application has been received.

Anna White from AMCO states that the transfer application entered the queue as of July 15, 2025.

Motion: *To table license 200 until September 16, 2025, meeting by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

▪ License # 733:	Twin Dragon	<u>TAB 23</u>
Licensee:	CPMA Enterprises, Inc. / Youngnim Shuckerow 100%	
License type:	Restaurant or Eating Place	
Type of application:	2025-2026 Renewal	
Premises address:	612 E 15 th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501	
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Endorsements:	None	
Consideration:	Municipality of Anchorage protests until certifications from Land Use Enforcement and the Anchorage Fire Department have been received.	
Prior board action:	Approved with delegation at the June 24, 2025, meeting.	
Recommendation:	Reconsider prior approval and deny with 180-day abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the Director to approve the license.	

Motion: To deny with 180-day abeyance period with delegation to the director to approve once protest has been lifted for license 733 Twin Dragon by Jan Hill. Second by Dough Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.

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| ▪ License # 5257: | Jimmy Eastern Restaurant | <u>TAB 24</u> |
| Licensee (from): | Jimmy Restaurant, Inc. / Jimmy Zhou 100% | |
| License type: | Restaurant or Eating Place | |
| Type of Application: | 2025-2026 Renewal | |
| Premises address: | 550 W Tudor Rd,
Anchorage, AK 99503 | |
| Local governing body: | Municipality of Anchorage | |
| Consideration: | Municipality of Anchorage protests until certification from
Land Use Enforcement has been received. | |
| Prior board action: | Approved with delegation at the June 24, 2025, meeting. | |
| Recommendation: | Reconsider prior approval and deny with 180-day
abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the
Director to approve the license. | |

Motion: To deny the license with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve after the protest is lifted by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.

▪ TRANSFERS

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| ▪ License # 2113: | Ichiban Japanese Restaurant | <u>TAB 25</u> |
| Licensee (from): | Qing Shan | |
| Licensee (to): | Ichiban Japanese Restaurant, LLC / Qing Shan 100% | |
| License type: | Restaurant or Eating Place | |
| Type of Transfer: | Transfer of Ownership | |
| Premises address: | 2488 E Tudor Rd,
Anchorage, AK 99507 | |
| Local governing body: | Municipality of Anchorage | |
| Consideration: | Municipality of Anchorage protests until certifications from
the Anchorage Health Department have been received. | |
| Prior Board action: | Approved with delegation at the June 24, 2025, meeting. | |
| Recommendation: | Reconsider prior approval and deny with 180-day
abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the
Director to approve the license. | |

Motion: To rescind the prior approval and to deny the license with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve after the protest is lifted by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. All vote yes. Motion carries.

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| ▪ License # 4247: | This and That Grill, LLC | <u>TAB 26</u> |
| Licensee (from): | Restaurant Concepts, LLC / Gary Falls 100% | |
| Licensee (to): | This and That Grill, LLC / Jennifer Stugart 50% &
Thomas Stugart 50% | |
| License type: | Beverage Dispensary | |
| Type of Transfer: | Transfer of Ownership | |
| Premises address: | 3578 Airport Way,
Fairbanks, AK 99709 | |

Local governing body:	City of Fairbanks, Fairbanks North Star Borough
Endorsements:	Restaurant Endorsement
Consideration:	Transfer of Ownership Application; City of Fairbanks protests pending construction being finished and inspection by fire marshal complete.
Recommendation:	Deny with 180-day abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the Director approve the license.

The office received a protest lift too late to be reflected on the agenda.

Motion: *To approve the transfer application with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

▪ NEW LICENSES

▪ License # 16374:	Roberto's Restaurant	<u>TAB 27</u>
Licensee:	Robertos Restaurant, LLC / Osman Bonilla 100%	
License type:	Restaurant or Eating Place	
Type of Application:	New License	
Premises address:	1407 W 31 st Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99503	
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Consideration:	Municipality of Anchorage protests until a Special Land Use Permit has been approved by the assembly and certifications from Land Use Enforcement and the Anchorage Health have been received.	
Prior Board action:	Approved with delegation at the June 24, 2025, meeting.	
Recommendation:	Reconsider prior approval and deny with 180-day abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the Director to approve the license.	

Motion: *To rescind prior approval and deny with 180-day abeyance, pending the protest lift and to provide delegation to the director to approve by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

▪ License # 16585:	Avis Alaska Sports Complex	<u>TAB 28</u>
Licensee:	NANA Management Services, LLC / NANA North, LLC 51% & Sodexo Alaska, LLC 49%	
License type:	Sporting Activity or Event	
Type of Application:	New License	
Premises address:	2801 Spirit Way, Anchorage, AK 99508	
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Endorsements:	None	
Consideration:	Municipality of Anchorage protests until a Special Land Use Permit has been approved by the assembly and certifications from Land Use Enforcement and the Anchorage Fire Department have been received.	
Prior board action:	Approved with delegation at the June 17, 2025, meeting.	
Recommendation:	Reconsider prior approval and deny with 180-day abeyance pending lift of the protest, and delegation to the	

Director to approve the license.

Chris Tarsitano speaks as general manager for Nana Management to say that all documents have been submitted, and they are going before the assembly for approval.

Lily Ginsburg speaks as counsel to say that the protests should be lifted shortly.

Dana Walukiewicz explains that this is the process, and this is how these protests work.

Motion: *To rescind prior approval and deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

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Time 12:15 PM

▪ License # 4531:	Tri-Grill	<u>TAB 29</u>
Licensee:	Robert Alexander	
License type:	Beverage Dispensary	
Type of Application:	2024-2025 Renewal Application	
Premises address:	901 W 6 th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501	
License status:	Temporarily Surrendered	
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Endorsements:	None	
Consideration:	Municipality of Anchorage protests until certifications of past inspections have been received from Land Use Enforcement, the Anchorage Fire Department, the Building Safety Official, the Anchorage Police Department, and the Anchorage Health Department as well as a deemed Complete transfer of ownership/location application has been received from AMCO.	

Background: *Tabled on June 17, 2025, Special Board Meeting.*

Mandy Honest from the Municipality of Anchorage speaks to the address not being at a valid premises location. Part of the protest is the condition that the AMCO office receives a complete transfer application.

Jane Sawyer suggests that the item be tabled until the September board meeting.

Motion: *To table the item until the September Board Meeting by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

Discussion begins at 03:12:57 of the recording.

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 29, license 4531 Tri-Grill which was tabled at the previous June meeting. The Municipality of Anchorage protested the certifications of past inspections, land use enforcement, fire department, and building safety official. He asks for a little more history.

Sonya Irwin informs the board that there are 3 waivers of operation for the license and what is being considered here is the 2024-2025 renewal. The licensee has provided a statement; in the statement the licensee has requested the waiver fees be refunded. In this statement the licensee mentions a denial letter; this denial letter was sent October 3, 2022. The office has received a transfer application for this license that was entered into the queue as of August 28, 2025.

Dana Walukiewicz summarizes to say that the AMCO office hasn't had an opportunity to process the transfer application and so the community has not received the transfer application, and we need a little more time to process that application and get it to the municipality, at which point they may or may not waive the protest.

Motion: *To table tab 29 until December 2, 2025, meeting or the meeting prior to the December meeting by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

▪ License # 16816:	Hightide Coffee	<u>TAB 30</u>
Licensee:	TMT Real Estate, LLC / MTI, LLC 75% & Teague Russell 25%	
License type:	Restaurant Eating Place	
Type of Application:	New Application	
Premises address:	826 K St Anchorage, AK 99501	
Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
Endorsements:	None	
Consideration:	Municipality of Anchorage protests until a Special Land Use Permit has been approved by the assembly and certifications from the Anchorage Health Department, the Anchorage Police Department, the Anchorage Fire Department, Land Use Enforcement and the Building Safety Official have been received.	
Prior board approval:	Tabled at June 2025 meeting to give the applicant the opportunity to have a complete application that meets the requirements of a restaurant or eating place license.	

Background: *Tabled on June 17, 2025, Special Board Meeting.*

Dana Walukiewicz asks the applicant if they'd like to table the item to work on building a kitchen.

Michael Baccari says that he needs more direction.

Dana Walukiewicz states frankly that they would need to build a kitchen and prepare meals on site.

Jane Sawyer reads 3 AAC 305.397 and speaks to the office working with the applicant and the build up to the office's suggestion of denying the application.

Mandy Honest from the Municipality of Anchorage shares that the application has not been in front of the assembly yet and is scheduled for a meeting on the 29th.

Doug Moore mentions being a board member and not a licensee and how it is a requirement in statute that food be prepared on site. He is happy to table the item if the applicant has an intention to build out a kitchen in the facility.

Diane Thompson expresses concern about the timeline of the applicant being able to complete a kitchen build out.

Michael Baccari states how quickly they can act on building a kitchen.

Motion: *To table this application until the special board meeting the week before the September 16th meeting, potentially September 9th, by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

Dana Walukiewicz introduces tab 30 to recap what had previously been discussed.

Taylor Evenson from Hightide Coffee speaks about the possibility of tabling the item until the December meeting. He provides insight to the business model and the space restrictions.

Motion: *To table application 16816 for Hightide Coffee until the December 2025 board meeting or special meeting prior by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. All vote yes. Motion carries.*

- **BOARD COMMENTS**

Doug Moore appreciates the smooth meeting. He states that he will be on zoom next week.

Diane Thompson says she will see everyone on Tuesday for the regular meeting.

Jan Hill expresses appreciation of these meetings and is hoping to see everyone next week.

Dana W appreciates it when the board members are participating in person and says he will see everyone next Tuesday.

- **NEXT ABC BOARD MEETING: September 16, 2025**
- **ADJOURNED 1:08pm**