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Administration

- Call to order **Time 9:00AM**

Chair Dana Walukiewicz calls to order, calls roll at 9:02am.

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

  AMCO staff
  - Kevin Richard, Director in person
  - Andrew Bocanumenth, Agency Attorney *present via zoom*
  - Joe Bankowski, Chief Investigator *present via zoom*
  - Jane P. Sawyer, Program Coordinator *present in person*
  - Kristina Serezhenkov, Local Government Liaison *present via zoom*
  - Sonya Irwin, Licensing Supervisor *present in person*

- Approval of agenda

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer - no additions to the agenda, there will be recommendations.

Motion: *to approve agenda as presented by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. No objections. Motion carries.*

- AMCO meeting code of conduct & top 10 Zoom FAQ **TAB 1**

- BOARD GOVERNANCE

No conflicts to declare.

- COMPETING APPLICATIONS – Last REPL available in Sitka

1. License # 60511: Harbor Mountain Brewing Company **TAB 2**
Licensee: Harbor Mountain Brewing Company LLC / Baranof Investments LLC 25%, Gordon Helem 25%, Sitkoh Investments 25%, Zachary Anderson 25%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Endorsements: None applicable
Type of application: New License Application
Premises address: 1209 Sawmill Creek Rd, UNIT A, Sitka, AK, 99835
Local governing body: City & Borough of Sitka
Consideration: Competing Application

2. License # 60644: Highliner Coffee **TAB 3**
Licensee: Highliner Coffee Co / Justin Peeler 100%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Endorsements: None applicable
Type of application: New License Application
Premises address: 327 Seward St STE 5, Sitka, AK, 99835
Local governing body: City & Borough of Sitka
Consideration: Competing Application

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – essentially, this is a situation where two applicants have applied for a Restaurant Eating Place License, in the local jurisdiction of Sitka, which has only one available, due to population limits. I want to confirm with the office staff that this is the las available license.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer - that is correct.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – we like to have the applicants/licensees speak to this board and explain their application and business. Then the board will have a discussion as far as how to make a decision between these two applicants. Sometimes it comes down to a flip of a coin or a name out of a hat, which doesn't necessarily feel fair, but sometimes when we don't feel that there's any one application that is a standout, the only way this board has in the past felt it was to be unbiased.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – the recommendation is to be to table these two applications until the November meeting. One of the criteria to consider is the local government's preference, and the local government has not had a chance to go through their process. We are still waiting for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company's affidavit that they reposted which was due yesterday. We haven't received it.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – so, technically, Harbor Mountain's application is incomplete at this point.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – they were given the opportunity to be in this agenda if they had submitted their correction affidavit yesterday, and they didn't.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – so the local government has not been noticed of this application.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – they have been noticed of Highliner Coffee.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – not Harbor Mountain, understood. Any problem with us going forward and having a conversation with the applicants at this point? I think it would certainly get some work done prior to our next meeting. Is there anyone who is representing Harbor Mountain Brewing Company available to speak? If they'd like to share some words about their application and where they're at, to explain why they potentially should have a Restaurant Eating Place License?

Zach Anderson, licensee for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company – we received the affidavit at the end of yesterday, so we'll submit that today. In general, we don't like this situation, being in a smaller town, and we really respect Highliner and would be happy if they get the REPL as well, but for us we there are rising costs due to being a manufacturing company and it's a big aspect of why we wanted to do this. To allow us to expand what we can offer Sitka, whether that's being open longer, featuring other people's beer and wine, video games, arcade games, some of the things that our current licenses are restricted on. We just opened a restaurant about 6 moths ago, so we are hoping to combat some of these rising costs that are associated with being in Sitka. On the brewing side, we would like to have more events and continue our growth in being a community-driven space, whether it's lectures, concerts, magic shows, comedians, we try to do as much as we can to create a family atmosphere for Sitka.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I believe I've had a pizza at your establishment, is that correct?

Zach Anderson, licensee for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company – they moved out of there (another business moved out of the Harbor Mountain Brewing Company location) we're similar to Devil's Club, we just have a Turbo Chef, no hood, so it's kind of like a glorified snack program.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – is there a potential for a Seasonal REPL Tourism License in Sitka?

Licensing Supervisor Sonya Irwin – we do have the first Seasonal REPL Tourism License application for Sitka on the next agenda, and that'll se the precedence.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – okay, and that'll se the precedence and therefore it might open the potential for additional licenses under that more limited license type. I guess I'm going to pose a question back to Harbor Mountain. Is that something that you'd pursue if you were not able to get an REPL?

Zach Anderson, licensee for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company – if we're not able to get a year-round license, we would reconsider and be open to that for sure.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I ask because as a board, we can't issue more licenses than allowed under law, so we're always looking for ways outside the box to get people the ability to do what they want to do. I'm going to open it up to Highliner Coffee now to give us a brief on your application, or what you'd like to do.

Justin Peeler and wife Sherri, applicant for Highliner Coffee Company – hi, my name is Justin Peeler. My wife and I own Highliner Coffee Company, Sherri. She'll be speaking for us today.

Sherri, Highliner Coffee Company - we bought the company at the end of September 2024, and we have tried to grow the company. It's been around for 32 years and is iconic in Sitka, it's kind of the nucleus of Sitka. We currently employ about 25 employees, and in our kitchen, we employ 7 right now. We have a year-round kitchen manager and head chef, we have benefits, health benefits, and travel benefits to all employees. We try hard to build an environment where we're trying to retain staff, which we pride ourselves on. We have a community with a community within our staff, but we are going into winter, we'll employ 20 full-time employees. We're open 7 days a week. Right now, we're open at 4am, going long hours, and our kitchen is open almost 24 hours. Our kitchen is only shut down for about 3 hours in a 24-hour period. We would like this license so that we could grow

and provide more for our staff and community. When the tourism season shuts down in Sitka, so does out town to some extent, and that's a disappointment for a lot of our community members. Last year there were about 4 restaurants out of a small group that shut down, and they shut down for a few months. We would like to be able to offer the community a space that doesn't, and we would like to grow more and have our café be more of a café atmosphere. I think this is the next step to sustaining our business, because at a certain point, there is so much competition. Sitka has grown so much with the cruise ship industry that tons of food trucks are moving in, and that's wonderful, and we love to see that, but it has been a competitive edge that we are trying to rise to the occasion so that we can provide for our employees and for our business. It's been difficult and we are struggling, this step would help us to sustain our business and create more opportunities, extended hours, and more of a livelihood for our employees.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I'm looking at the menu that was submitted and it looks like you've been operating that menu through the summertime, with daily specials.

Sherri, Highliner Coffee Company – yes, when we first submitted our application, we misunderstood a little bit. We originally submitted our everyday menu, then we later submitted our weekly chef specials in addition, which we can have up to 2-3 specials. We operate like this year-round, it's not seasonal. Our dream is to create more. We've added more equipment to the kitchen and added more food options. We're at the point were about 65-70% or our revenue is coming from food now.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – did you operate the kitchen through the last winter, or is this new to this year?

Sherri, Highliner Coffee Company – no, we've operated through the winter, year-round, and it's been serving food for 25 years.

No further questions from the board.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – based on the recommendations from the staff, we should postpone the applications until a future board meeting.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – they were entered into the queue within 30 days of each other and that's what makes them competing. The applications get worked at the same time by the same examiner, incomplete letters go out at the same time, and then after that, it depends on the applicant's response, and in this case Harbor Mountain was a little delayed in their response. We placed them on the agenda to give them the benefit of the doubt. But we haven't received the affidavit, and we haven't noticed the local government for that reason.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – it sounds like it may be a bit premature to make a decision on this, given that you could receive a protest and the local government could express a preference. I was just a little bit concerned because I thought we had a complete application, at least one applicant, and delaying a licensing issue basically allows them not to operate for several months.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – that's why we noticed the local government with Highliner, because they were complete.

Board Member Diane Thompson – they both had equal time to get everything in?

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – absolutely. They were both given the same opportunities.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the staff's recommendation is to table this, until the November, board meeting, so I think that is probably wise. It'll give the local jurisdiction a chance to determine if they have a preference and give us an opportunity to get more information.

Motion: *to table the competing applications for the last REPL in Sitka for Harbor Mountain Brewing Company and Highliner Coffee Company and tentatively scheduled for November 10th by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- TIME EXTENSION REQUEST TO SUBMIT TRANSFER OR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP APPLICATION
  - Kelly Nichols for PSL #4662 dba Suite 100 **TAB 4**

Kelly Nichols, representing suite 100, in person - Jeff's shares and his position on our board is in probate. It should be finished this fall. Likely his shares will go to his wife.

Motion: *to approve the time extension request for Suite 100 by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- 1st WAIVER OF OPERATIONS FOR 2025 – REQUEST TO HAVE FEES WAIVED

1. License # 4142: Sweet Mermaids **TAB 5**
Licensee: Cape Fox Lodge, LLC / Cape Fox Commercial Services, LLC 100%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
License status: Temporarily Surrendered
Premises address: 340 Front Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901
Local governing body: City of Ketchikan; Ketchikan Gateway Borough
Consideration: 1st Waiver of Operations for 2025 calendar year with letter requesting late fees be waived.
Note: Transfer of Ownership and Location for this license is scheduled for next week's meeting.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer –they are requesting the late fee of the waiver for 2025. The office is recommending that the board does not approve the request.

Cody Freeze, Cape Fox – we are requesting the refund of the $1000 late fee. The license was temporarily surrendered while the transfer was being processed. We aren't disputing that we were told about the requirement for the waiver, it was an accounting error. We respectfully ask for a refund of $1000 late fee.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the board has generally considered the refund of fees but there's generally a hardship involved when they have been approved in the past. It would be up to the will of the board if they'd like to refund the late fees.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – you don't have to consider the waiver, just the late fees. The waiver was administratively approved.

Cody Freeze, Cape Fox – we would like the board to consider that the license wasn't operated.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the board would entertain a motion to waive the late fees associated with the first waiver of operations for the 2025 calendar year. That would be a $1000 late fee.

No motion made.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – sorry, Mr. Freeze, I guess, as noted, it didn't appear to have adequate hardship for the board to consider the late fee to be waived. We do appreciate and understand your guys' diligence in getting the transfer done.

- 2026-2027 RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH 3RD WAIVER OF OPERATIONS

1. License # 4720: Corner Point Kitchen **TAB 6**
Licensee: Michael Rasmussen
License type: Beverage Dispensary
Endorsements: None
License status: Temporarily Surrendered
Premises address: No Premises
Local governing body: City of Fairbanks; Fairbanks North Star Borough
Consideration: 2025 3rd Waiver of Operations, 2026-2027 Renewal Application

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – generally the board is understanding of waivers of operation.

Licensing Supervisor Sonya Irwin – there was already an existing license at the address that license 4720 was to be transferred to. Through correspondence with the licensee and the office, the existing license would have had to reduce their premises to be able to allow for the transfer of license 4720 to that location. They are currently trying to identify another location.

Motion: *to approve 3rd waiver of operations for 4720 by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- 2026-2027 RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WITH NOVs, WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS

1. License # 102: Don Jose's Soldotna 2 **TAB 7**
Licensee: Eduardo Sanchez-Ramos
License Type: Beverage Dispensary
Endorsements: Restaurant Endorsement
Premises address: 44109 Sterling Hwy, Suite B, Soldotna, AK 99669
Local governing body: City of Soldotna; Kenai Peninsula Borough
Consideration: **Notice of Violation (AM24-1717) issued in July 2024, and citation (AMCOP00537576) issued to employee April Tautfest for not having an alcohol server education card.**

2. License # 338: Eagle's Nest **TAB 8**
Licensee: Fraternal Order of Eagles Ketchikan Aerie #162
License Type: Club License
Endorsements: None
Premises address: #7 Creek Street, Ketchikan, AK 99901
Local governing body: City of Ketchikan; Ketchikan Gateway Borough
Consideration: **Notice of Violation (AM24-0463) issued in March 2024 and referred to the Ketchikan District Attorneys Office for serving a non-member an alcoholic beverage.**

3. License # 2673: Captain Patties Fish House **TAB 9**
Licensee: Captain Patties Fish House, Inc. / Patty Hensley 100%
License Type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Premises address: 4241 Homer Spit Road #1, Homer, AK 99603
Local governing body: City of Homer; Kenai Peninsula Borough
Consideration: **Notice of Violation (AM24-1280) issued in June 2024, and citation (AMCOP00355241) issued to licensee Kristi Wickstrom for not having an alcohol server education card on person upon inspection.**

4. License # 5642: Sockeye Saloon **TAB 10**
Licensee: Kvichak Management Services, LLC / North Pacific Holdings Co. 100%
License Type: Beverage Dispensary Tourism
Endorsements: Restaurant Endorsement #15178
Premises address: Mile 15 Alaska Peninsula Highway, King Salmon, AK 99613
Local governing body: Bristol Bay Borough
Consideration: **Notice of Violation (AM24-1594) issued in July 2024, and citation (AMCOP00527126) issued to licensee Kjetil Spone for having an expired server education card.**

5. License # 5898: Magpies on the Fly **TAB 11**
Licensee: Magpies, LLC / Margaret Auble 100%
License Type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Endorsements: None
Premises address: 350 Galena, Valdez, AK 99686
Local governing body: City of Valdez
Consideration: **Notice of Violation (AM25-1207) issued in August 2025, and citation (AMCOP00355392) issued to Margaret Nylund for lack of server education.**

6. License # 6069: Hari Om Cuisine of India **TAB 12**
Licensee: A Paul, LLC / K & S Holdings, Inc 401k Plan 72.26%, Stephanie L. Spone 27.74%, Kjetil A. Spone 0%
License Type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Premises address: 1528 S Cushman St, Fairbanks, AK 99701
Local governing body: City of Fairbanks; Fairbanks North Star Borough
Consideration: **Notice of Violation (AM25-1743) issued in November 2025, issued to licensee for not having a DOL Work Permit for a 17-year-old employee. The board reviewed NOV at its February 2026 meeting and ordered an accusation. Stipulated agreement scheduled for September 1, 2026.**

Chair Dana Walukiewicz recommends tabling license 6069 due to the stipulated agreement being on the September 1, 2026, agenda.

Motion: *to approve tabs 7-11 with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

Chair Dana Walukiewicz - any objections to tabling tab 12. No objections. Tab 12 tabled.

- TRANSFER APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS

1. License # 4356: Extreme Fun Center **TAB 13**
Licensee (From): Coming Attraction Theatres, Inc. / John Schweiger 100%
Licensee (To): Coming Attractions Theatres, Inc. / John C Shweiger Revocable Trust 100%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Endorsements: None applicable
Type of application: Transfer of Controlling Interest Application
Premises address: 3501 E. Old Matanuska Road, Wasilla, AK, 99654
Local governing body: City of Wasilla, Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Qualification for the Restaurant or Eating Place License type.

2. License # 5541: Valley Cinema **TAB 14**
Licensee (From): Coming Attraction Theatres, Inc. / John Schweiger 100%
Licensee (To): Coming Attractions Theatres, Inc. / John C Shweiger Revocable Trust 100%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Endorsements: None applicable
Type of application: Transfer of Controlling Interest Application
Premises address: 3331 E. Old Matanuska Road, Wasilla, AK, 99654
Local governing body: City of Wasilla, Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Noncontiguous licensed premises; Qualification for the Restaurant or Eating Place license type.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – these licenses have been operating the same way for several years, some as far back as 2016. You are considering the controlling interest transfer here.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz - given the nature of the operation, if these were new license applications were in front of the board, they wouldn't qualify.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – there would be considerations for the grandfathered situation with these.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – Andrew, would this be setting precedence for the transfer vs a new license application?

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth reads 3 AAC 305.630(j).

Chair Dana Walukiewicz - it does sound like the legislature has considered this.

Motion: *to approve the transfer applications for 4356 and 5541 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- NEW APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSMENTS

1. License # 60613: Campfire Kitchen **TAB 15**
Licensee: Campfire Kitchen, LLC / Cambria Holmes 50%, Lucas Bruckert 50%
License type: Theater
Endorsements: None applicable
Type of application: New License Application
Premises address: 331 Lincoln St, Sitka, AK, 99835
Local governing body: City & Borough of Sitka
Consideration: Qualification for the Theater license type.

Discussion begins at 00:52:01 of recording.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – this is a new application for a Theater License for the City and Borough of Sitka. Staff asked us to look at this application to see if it meets the qualifications of a theater license type. The statutory authority is AS 04.09.250 (reads statute). Campfire Kitchen currently holds a REPL, which is the primary license, and has now applied for the Theater License. They want to be able to provide alcohol to patrons during movie showings, as well as live performance events. The movies are the activities that are in question, whether they fall in line with the statute.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer reads "entertainment" section of AS 04.09.210(f).

Chair Dana Walukiewicz reads AS 04.09.250(g). He asks if the licensee is available to speak to the application.

Cambria Holmes, owner of Campfire Kitchen – we purchased this business and property almost 2 years ago, and we're working really hard to keep this almost 100-year-old historic movie theater running, viable in today's Netflix world. We originally had our premises encompass the entire property, so we could have the REPL in there, and then before it went to the board, we discovered that section of the statute addressing pre-recorded entertainment, so we rerouted everything and applied for the Theater License because we do feel that it is viable. We are hosting for the second year in a row in October, the film festival that will be coming through town, where we have speakers and directors coming. We have live music in between the short film documentaries. We have plans to install a stage in front of the screen and a big curtain to block the screen to make it more of a place where people can do, Sitka Tells Tales and host community live music, readings, and live performances. We don't have a stage built, but we're trying everything we can to keep this community art space alive and viable year-round. Right now, we have around 20 people on staff full-time. We're working to keep that alive through the dark winter months of Sitka.

Board Member Diane Thompson - you're providing live music, readings, and things of that nature currently?

Cambria Holmes, owner of Campfire Kitchen – yes, we started about a year ago in October. We hosted the American Documentary Film Festival, and it'll be coming to our space this October again. It was a big success and very fun. There were speakers, and we had live music between the documentaries. We would like to be able to let people have a glass of wine while they're watching a documentary, it would make it more enjoyable.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I guess I'm going to have to agree with the interpretation of the staff, is that it seems like the statute was drafted specifically to say you can't walk into a cinema and have a beer. I appreciate the efforts to bring in live music and live performances, and I think that is within the spirit of the theater license type, and I do appreciate the efforts to keep the vibe alive in a small jurisdiction that doesn't have a lot of activity in the winter months and trying to keep history alive.

Board Member Diane Thompson - I think this would be an exception due to the location because it's a historical site and provides live entertainment as well.

Board Member Doug Moore – I have a comment. Once again, we stumble on a contradiction where a BDL can do something, but a REPL can't. Quite frankly, there's an out, as far as I'm concerned, it's the caveat that considers "similar activities as determined by the board." (AS 04.09.250(g)) You know, it was performed live, somewhere, on a stage, at some point, right?

Vice Chair Jan Hill – way to go Doug!

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I still have concerns with the prerecorded material. I'm inclined to approve this if it's just for live performances though. It's probably not what they want, I heard they wanted to build a stage but that would probably go a long ways to comply with the license type.

Board Member Diane Thompson - I think this is a unique business model, considering where it is, the historical site in Sitka. I'm inclined to approve it.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – and let them use prerecorded movies?

Board Member Diane Thompson – if it's in our jurisdiction to do that, yes.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – Andrew, could you provide some guidance here, or thoughts on interpretation of that statute, or whether or not we are going down the wrong path, or if we have this ability to interpret.

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth - I'm with staff in terms of deferring to the board on how you want to interpret that language for REPLs and how it's distinguished from the BDLs. In terms of approving the Theater License solely for live events at the theater, I agree that's an option. This license can be approved on the condition that they're consistent with what the statute requires, which is that alcoholic beverages are served in the designated area only for a period beginning 2 hours before the event, which the statute defines as a live event until 1 hour after the event. That provides

some limitations that they may sell within that designated area only within that time frame for live events. In terms of how the board is interpreting what a live event is, that's something that maybe enforcement can weigh in on a little bit more on how they would apply that.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz asks Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski if he has some insight into the interpretation of a live event.

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – ideally, I'd really like to avoid enforcement being in the position of having to interpret what quantifies as a live performance. I think there's so many scenarios that we could potentially run into that would be helpful if it was explicitly laid out what was allowed so we're not having to regularly interpret new scenarios in this type of situation.

Cambria Holmes, owner of Campfire Kitchen – it's frustrating that it has to be this confusing for everyone.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I think we're having the same frustration. If the board is comfortable with expanding the definition of theater under the statutory piece which says, "and similar activities as determined by the board" that apply to the REPLs. If the board isn't in a position to provide the clarification, and then therefore accept the activities that are described and planned for that premise location, then the board would probably have to deny this application. Unless the board is willing to provide clear guidance on what "similar activities as determined by the board" means at this point, so enforcement has clearer definition when they go out and review not only this license premise location, but any other that come through in the future. I guess the question is, are you guys willing to do that? Can watching movies be defined as similar activities at section G? I think that's contradictory to other statutory language. The other statutory language says pre-recorded. Andrew, is your interpretation similar to mine?

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth – it depends on which language we're looking at. Are we looking at the Theater License statute AS 04.09.250 or the REPL language in AS 04.09.210?

Board Member Diane Thompson – I think we're mixing the two.

Cambria Holmes, owner of Campfire Kitchen – I think that's the problem. It's really confusing, because the REPL, which is not the license I'm applying for, says no pre-recorded activity, that's why I've applied for the Theater License, and the theater license just says live performances or similar activities. I don't believe the theater license says anything against pre-recorded activities. And that's what I've applied for.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – true and understood, but you're only allowed to apply for the theater license once you have the REPL. So, the question is, does this theater license then supersede the statutory language in the REPL: I guess I'm looking at Andrew to tell us.

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth – I have somewhat of a different interpretation, but I think it would be easier if we pull up the statutes and read each one and then walk you through kind of how I'm reading it. He reads AS 04.09.210(f). The way I was reading this is that it was limiting the hours and amount of times in a year that a REPL can include entertainment. One interpretation, and I think this is where the staff landed, is that it's prohibiting recorded or broadcast performances without live participation. Another is to say it's not prohibiting one way or another; it's just limiting the live performances that are occurring at a REPL. And then the REPL would have to obtain the theater license to provide more broad live performances.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I don't necessarily read that REPL statute to prohibit pre-recorded screenings. It's more to qualify live performances outside of normal operating hours. Is that a valid interpretation:

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth – that's how I was reading it when I looked I up. For example, I just can't imagine that a REPL can't turn on a television, for example, and provide recorded showings, or broadcasts of sports events. I don't see that as a limitation, so one option here could just be to have the licensee expand their licensed premises to include the theater under the REPL.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – so, maybe the application's not even necessary, and they could just expand their premises.

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth – they would need the theater license if they were looking to provide live entertainment outside of those operating hours.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I've had a complete change of direction here on how this is going. I don't have any issues with this application at this point.

Motion: to approve theater license 60613 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.

- LG PROTESTS – 2026-2027 RENEWAL APPLICATION WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS

1. License #402: Flight Deck Bar / Arctic Inn **TAB 16**
Licensee: Ivory Manufacturing Corp of AK
License type: Beverage Dispensary Tourism
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 832 W International Airport Road, Anchorage, AK, 99518
Local governing bodies: Municipality of Anchorage
Consideration: Protested by the Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

2. License #1242: Willow Tree **TAB 17**
Licensee: DMV4 Properties LLC
License type: Beverage Dispensary
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 513 Wood River Road, Dillingham, AK, 99576
Local governing bodies: City of Dillingham
Consideration: Protested by the City of Dillingham
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

3. License #3906: Fred Meyer - Dimond #71 **TAB 18**
Licensee: Fred Meyer Stores Inc.
License type: Package Store
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 2000 W Dimond Blvd, Anchorage, AK, 99515
Local governing bodies: Municipality of Anchorage
Consideration: Protested by the Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

4. License #4108: Fred Meyer Muldoon #18 **TAB 19**
Licensee: Fred Meyer Stores Inc.
License type: Package Store
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 7701 Debarr Road, Anchorage, AK, 99504
Local governing bodies: Municipality of Anchorage
Consideration: Protested by the Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

5. License #4160: Fred Meyer #656 **TAB 20**
Licensee: Fred Meyer Stores Inc.
License type: Package Store
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 2300 Abbott Rd, Anchorage, AK, 99507
Local governing bodies: Municipality of Anchorage
Consideration: Protested by the Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

6. License #4186: Fred Meyer #668 **TAB 21**
Licensee: Fred Meyer Stores Inc.
License type: Package Store
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 13401 Old Glenn Hwy, Eagle River, AK, 99577
Local governing bodies: Municipality of Anchorage
Consideration: Protested by the Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

7. License #16087: Stalk Steakhouse **TAB 22**
Licensee: Driftwood Restaurant Concepts LLC
License type: Restaurant Eating Place
Type of application: 2026-2027 Renewal Application
Premises address: 12110 Business Boulevard , STE 2, Eagle River, AK, 99577
Local governing bodies: Municipality of Anchorage
Consideration: Protested by the Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Municipality of Anchorage's protest.

Motion: *to deny tabs 16-22 with 180-days with delegation to the director to approve once the protest lift is received by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- LG PROTESTS - NEW APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS

1. License #60124: Mountain Field Farm **TAB 23**
Licensee: Mountain Field Farm LLC
License type: Beverage Dispensary
Type of application: New License Application
Endorsements: Large Resort Endorsement #60139
Premises address: 13150 Scott Rd, Palmer, AK 99645
Local governing bodies: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Consideration: Protested by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Recommendation: Deny with 180-day abeyance and delegation to the director to approve pending lift of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's protest.

Motion: *to rescind the previous decision and deny the application for Mountain Field Farms with delegation to the director to approve once the protest is lifted by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- BOARD COMMENTS

Doug Moore - good quick meeting, see you next week.

Jan Hill – I'm going outside because it's a beautiful day. See you next week.

Diane Thompson - no comments.

Dana Walukiewicz - I appreciate the office staff for bringing these things to the board.

- NEXT ABC BOARD MEETING: September 1, 2026, in Anchorage.
- ADJOURNED

Dana Walukiewicz adjourns the meeting at 10:48am