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Alcoholic Beverage Control Board
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 1, 2026
Anchorage
3rd Judicial District

Robert B. Atwood Building
550 W 7th Avenue, Suites 102 & 104
Anchorage, AK 99501
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Administration

- Call to order Time 9:00am

Chair Dana Walukiewicz calls to order, calls roll 9:00am.

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

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

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

- Approval of Agenda

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer asks for license 1117 to be tabled until the November meeting due to an objection. She also asks that license 2587 be tabled until November pending research.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz adds the agenda addendum after stipulated agreements, after tab 8.

No objections to the modified agenda. Agenda approved.

- Board Governance

Chair Dana Walukiewicz makes the board aware that he may abstain from voting on the Columbia Distributing new license applications, but it depends on how they're operated and looks forward to hearing more when they are being considered later.

- Approval of Prior Minutes
  - June 16, 2026, Special Meeting **TAB 2**
  - June 23, 2026, Regular Meeting **TAB 3**

No objection to approving previous meeting minutes. Minutes approved.

- PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chair Dana Walukiewicz opens the public comment period at 9:10am.

Attny. Jana Weltzin thanks Investigator Joe Hamilton for all his work on inspections. She states that examination times for new and transfer alcohol applications have been taking much longer to examine than they do for marijuana. She thanks the staff for all the hard work.

Board Member Diane Thompson asks the staff if the applications are the same in marijuana.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer says that on any given day licensing is handling about 200 applications. There are a lot less applications and licenses in marijuana.

Board Member Doug Moore states that there are more licenses and endorsements now.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer says we had to reclassify another position to allow for hiring another licensing examiner.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz closes public comment 9:17am

- DIRECTORS REPORT **TAB 4**

Director Kevin Richard - the activities since the last board meeting include 3 vacant investigator positions, one in Anchorage, one in Fairbanks, and one in Juneau. Those positions are currently in the process of being reclassified. There are a lot of end-of-year budget projects that will be completed in the next couple of weeks and then will be able to focus our efforts more on the reclassifications, so we hope to have a substantive update on that to you by the November meeting. We are recruiting for the Administrative Assistant 1 position. Regarding AO360, we've been working on the reform plan since it opened in May. We've gone through the reform plan and identified regulations that we have proposed draft language that staff has developed, those are mostly priority one and two items. Regarding legislative review, we're not currently in session, so it's quiet. The last one was HB363, Alcohol Sales by Patriotic Organizations, which went into law on June 20th, with an effective date of June 19th.

We're still receiving correspondence from licensees that they're receiving fraudulent payment emails. We're seeing this in both alcohol and marijuana, and it's being reported by other divisions with DCCED. We really want the licensees and the public to be aware that legitimate emails from AMCO will only come from an Alaska.gov email address. Please take a minute when you get these emails demanding a request of payment that you look at who the email is from, and if you have any questions, please reach out directly to AMCO and we will let you know if it's legitimate or not. The last update is regarding the legislative audit. We are currently participating in the legislative audits of both the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Marijuana Control Board. The legislative audit report will be released, I believe later this year.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – can you remind us, what the change was or how it affected alcohol sales by patriotic organizations? Do we need to update any regulations associated with that?

Director Kevin Richard – one of the things HB363 did was to remove the requirement for a reciprocity agreement because there wasn't a good definition anywhere of what that reciprocity agreement looked like. We wanted folks in one patriotic organization to be able to be served at another patriotic organization.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – when we were looking at it, we didn't identify regulations that needed to be amended due to it, but we can take another look.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – there will be an exit interview with myself and the director and one of the things we will likely see is a management letter which can give insight on how to streamline processes more effectively. We haven't seen that yet and hopefully we'll see that soon.

Director Kevin Richard – we should have an update on that this week.

The board accepts the Director's Report.

- LICENSING STATISTICS **TAB 5**

Licensing Supervisor Sonya Irwin – to touch on the new hire situation, we do have an individual that started approximately 2 months ago. Dylan Paulson is our newest licensing examiner, we also have another individual that has accepted the position of licensing examiner 2, and they will be starting on the third. At that point, we will be fully staffed. We have been working on a lot of training with Dylan, and we will be focusing on that with the other new-hire as soon as they start. As far as the backlog goes, we're in March for both new and transfer applications. I would like to point out that the statistic for endorsements is dramatically less than it has been in the recent past. We did have a backlog of restaurant endorsements to begin with because with the statutory re-write, anyone that held a restaurant designation permit (RDP) had to apply for a restaurant endorsement. This created a large number of applications for us to process; I feel really good presenting this to say that we have 10 endorsements in the queue currently. We are getting closer to our goal of reducing the backlog. It's a matter of time and training at this point. We have two very dedicated licensing examiners that have been with AMCO for over two years now, Kyle Helie and Anna White, and they're extremely dedicated to reducing the backlog and addressing questions or concerns that the public or licensees may have. I am very proud of them and the work they've done.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – so, just to recap, you have two licensing examiners and then you added a third and in order to get that fourth licensing examiner, an existing position was reclassified to allow for an additional licensing examiner position. So, historically, you operated with three. That's operating anywhere from 50-66% capacity. Just to get a picture as to one of the reasons why there's a little bit of a backlog there.

Board Member Diane Thompson – if you read that last paragraph, there's a lot of work there (referring to the paragraph at the end of the licensing statistics report that reads: Please note that these numbers do not reflect various, other applications and various, other tasks such as: applications already assigned to an examiner to work on, intake of applications, change of officials, business name changes, phone calls, emails, review of

management agreements, the implementation of AK-ACCIS including testing, the maintenance of having two systems of dealing with applications, training of new staff, covering for shortages of vacancies, and meetings with applicants to assist, etc.)

The board accepts the licensing report.

- ENFORCEMENT REPORT
  - Supervisor's Report **TAB 6**

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – we've maintained steady inspection activity through the summer with 293 licensed premises inspections completed. Of those, 46 were in communities off the road system. The whole team has stepped up to fill the void created by the 3 vacancies. I'm grateful for all their efforts, particularly Investigator Hamilton, for his ability and willingness to travel so frequently throughout the last year and beyond. As always, we continue to respond to complaints, answer questions, and conduct investigations. In one of Investigator Hamilton's recent travels to Prince of Wales Island, the Alaska State Troopers requested our assistance with reports of underage drinking on the island. He led a small team down there to conduct compliance checks in multiple communities on the island, and unfortunately, employees of 3 of those establishments were cited for furnishing alcohol to a person under the age of 21, and they intended to do more, but only 4 were able to be conducted because of vehicle troubles and not being able to get to other parts of the island. There was a 75% failure rate with 3 out of the 4 failing. I hope this can bring attention to the need and the absence of the compliance check program that's been gone for about a decade now. This is probably evidence that establishments may become lax in their checking of identification when there's no effort from the state or anybody to enforce those compliance matters. There are currently 3 vacancies, as the director mentioned. We're looking forward to progress on that.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – what would be the other classification?

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – it would be moving from the Special Investigator series to the Regular Investigator series. They would not require a police certification and as a result of that, would not have the same peace officer powers that the special investigator class has, which is the ability to make arrests or supply and serve search warrants. There is a loss of ability, but as far as a general concept of being able to conduct compliance and routine inspections, no loss would be seen from that. When and if the Special Investigator powers were needed, we would still retain 5 investigators that could assist in those types of matters.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – in the event that you needed someone with Special Investigator capabilities out in a rural area, Fairbanks, or Juneau, how would you staff that?

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – our enforcement travel plan is more than accommodating for rapid response to an area if that's needed. We also have relationships with local law enforcement agencies to tap for assistance if needed, but generally, I think there's never been an issue with being able to have someone respond from Anchorage to Juneau or Fairbanks or anywhere else rural that someone would have to travel to.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – is there going to be follow-up with Prince of Wales? It sounded like we only got out to 4 locations and 4 licensees, and there was a 75% non-compliant rate. It seems like there might need to be more.

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – there's nothing firm on the books, but yes, it's clear that there needs to be additional enforcement measures taken there and it's something we can certainly add as a priority to readdress.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the board has, at times, set priorities for enforcement, and they're outlined here in the number of cases and time spent by the investigators on these priorities. I do believe that underage drinking was designated as a high priority and so I'd like to see enforcement focus on that. Not only in Prince of Wales, but wherever there may be a potential issue.

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – there were a lot of historical pieces to this and at some point, it was determined the way the program was being run and how the staff was being hired, needed to fall in line with general HR and administration compliance. There was an effort about 7-8 years ago to establish an official PCN for these positions. I don't know if it would be an intern or whatnot, but to have an official employee on the books. I wasn't in this position at the time, so I don't know to what levels it went. I know it was defined, established, and then at some point through higher levels of government, they decided not to move forward with that. There may have been some misinformation at the time. I think there was more concerns with shoulder tap operations, which is where we would have an underage decoy, approach an adult and say, hey, can you buy me alcohol? I think the concerns were mostly with that activity, not so much the compliance check, where you're going to purchase alcohol from a licensee. The efforts to obtain these employees ended, but I think it's something that we should probably reconsider in some manner. It's a critical piece of enforcement, I think.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I can give you a little bit of background from my recollection of why that program ended. Director Klinkart, at the time raised concerns, and you're right, his concern was the use of underage people for shoulder tap operations and or compliance checks, so AMCO officers' team up with someone under 21. A person under 21 goes into a licensed premises and tries to buy alcohol. His concern was that if this person is acting effectively as an agent of the government or as an employee, he didn't believe that they had the coverage of being an employee, for example workers' compensation if they got hurt, or if something happened to this person. He was in the process of researching that, and I don't know where that ended up. That's why the program was temporarily halted. The temporary halt was almost two directors ago, so, that's probably not acceptable. I'm glad to see that you guys are stepping up the actions and doing more of these, but I think it's something that needs to be addressed.

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – this was a unique scenario in Prince of Wales that we were able to use resources with the Department of Public Safety for this specific instance. If we were to try to do this anywhere else right now, there's nothing established for us to be able to pull from. I still think we do need to go back to the employee level, so there's coverage, workers' compensation, and anything else that would apply to an agent or employee of the state. As you mentioned, he called that out, and I think it did move beyond that and up to higher levels, where they created a position, and that position may not have been approved for whatever reason. Again, it may have been the concerns with the shoulder tap piece.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – can we use a temporary agency, it might be hard, I think that perhaps something like this, the director needs to work with the State of Alaska HR. I don't pretend to know how that all works but is it possible to use temporary employees because these are not people you have on staff full-time, obviously, but if they were subcontracted out to a temporary agency, at least they would have coverage, like insurance that covers them in some respect. I'm concerned that other than Prince of Wales, since it's been so long since there's been compliance checks off the road system there may be a lack of concern that there's an issue there. I haven't seen people that I work with in the industry, because I think they're all reputable and certainly not something that they focus on trying to do, is sell to underage people. Lack of enforcement is concerning.

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – I share your concerns, and we're willing to explore any and all avenues to do that, and maybe the director and I can sit down and talk about how this can be formally addressed moving forward.

Board Member Diane Thompson – is there anything in regulations on the way enforcement approaches sting operations? I don't know how you catch somebody if you aren't doing stings. Is there something in regulation against that?

Chief Investigator Joe Bankowski – I can't speak to whether there's anything philosophically against it outside our office, but I think the biggest issue of why it stopped was, as we mentioned, there was no official employment status of the underage decoys that were being used for that program. There were efforts to memorialize that as some type of employment, but those stalled. I think the foundations and the function of the program as it existed are still sound and valid. Investigator Hamilton ran that program for years. He's still here and could help us restart that very easily. So, it's really just missing the employment piece.

The board accepts the supervisor's report.

- Notices of Violation Issued and Licensee Responses **TAB 7**

  - Ulber Ferati d/b/a Fiori D'Italia
    Beverage Dispensary License 434. AM23-1426

Motion: *to table Fiori D'Italia NOV until November's special meeting by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries. (Friendly amendment to make it an agenda item.)*

  - Chanel M. McKinley d/b/a Craig Inn
    Beverage Dispensary License 283. AM26-1815

Motion: *to issue an accusation for the 3 licenses: 283 Craig Inn, 1328 Hill Bar, 3442 Klawock Liquor Store, that committed violations of serving alcohol to people under 21 on Prince of Wales Island by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote.*

  - JL Sitka, Inc. d/b/a Cold Water Bar & Grill
    Beverage Dispensary Tourism License 1031. AM26-1177

No action taken.

  - Helena & Robert, LLC d/b/a Bear's Den Lounge
    Beverage Dispensary License 1269. AM26-1542

No action taken.

  - Craig Bar & Liquor Store, Inc. d/b/a Hill Bar
    Beverage Dispensary License 1328. AM26-1816

Motion: *to issue an accusation for the 3 licenses: 283 Craig Inn, 1328 Hill Bar, 3442 Klawock Liquor Store, that committed violations of serving alcohol to people under 21 on Prince of Wales Island by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote.*

  - Ketchikan Hospitality, Inc. d/b/a Annabelle's Famous Keg & Chowder House
    Beverage Dispensary Tourism License 1840. AM26-1220

No action taken.

  - Mean Queen, LLC d/b/a Mean Queen
    Beverage Dispensary License 2786. AM26-1145

No action taken.

  - Young's Enterprises, LLC d/b/a Fast Eddy's Restaurant
    Restaurant/Eating Place License 2915. AM26-1541

No action taken.

  - F Scott & Ernest, LLC d/b/a Little Italy Restaurante

Beverage Dispensary License 2988. AM26-0399

Motion: *to elevate to an accusation against Little Italy, F Scott & Ernest, LLC, license 2988 by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- City of Klawock d/b/a Klawock Liquor Store
  Package Store License 3442. AM26-1818

Motion: *to issue an accusation for the 3 licenses: 283 Craig Inn, 1328 Hill Bar, 3442 Klawock Liquor Store, that committed violations of serving alcohol to people under 21 on Prince of Wales Island by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote.*

- Aquamarine, LLC d/b/a Aquamarine Café & Suites
  Restaurant/Eating Place License 3458. AM26-1053

No action taken.

- Four Seas Investors, LLC d/b/a Ward Cove Deli & Liquor
  Package Store License 3612. AM26-1181

No action taken.

- Juneau Moose Lodge #700 d/b/a Loyal Order of Moose #700
  Club License 4034. AM26-1148

No action taken.

- Alaska Sustainable Seafoods, LLC d/b/a Deckhand Dave's
  Beverage Dispensary License 4349. AM26-1143

No action taken.

- Oceanview Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Oceanview Restaurant
  Beverage Dispensary License 4536. AM26-1190

No action taken.

- Soe, LLC d/b/a Asian Palace
  Restaurant/Eating Place License 4595. AM26-1146

No action taken.

- Broad Point, LLC d/b/a Wild Honey Bistro
  Restaurant/Eating Place License 5607. AM26-0469

No action taken.

- American Village of Alaska, Inc. d/b/a Caribou Grill
  Restaurant/Eating Place License 5996. AM26-1552

No action taken.

- DPJT, Inc. d/b/a Nugget Restaurant
  Beverage Dispensary Tourism License 6067. AM26-1144

No action taken.

- Timber & Tide, LLC d/b/a Timber and Tide Surf & Turf Tacos
  Seasonal REPL Tourism License 16648. AM26-1236

No action taken.

- Baleen Brewing Co., LLC d/b/a Baleen Brewing Company
  Brewery Retail License 16783. AM26-1214

No action taken.

Recess 10:37
Reconvene 10:50

- STIPULATED AGREEMENTS

  - Canton Asian Bistro, LLC d/b/a Canton Asian Bistro
    Restaurant or Eating Place License 5706. AM25-1990
    Steve Chon

  - A Paul, LLC d/b/a Hari Om Cuisine of India
    Restaurant or Eating Place License 6069. AM25-1743
    Amit Paul

  - Juneau Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Ramada by Wyndham Juneau & TK Maguires
    Beverage Dispensary Tourism License 313. AM25-1992
    Doug Andrew

  - TJMN, LLC d/b/a House of Fire Pizza
    Restaurant or Eating Place License 5713. AM25-1750
    Milan Bajmoczi

  - JD Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a The Island Pub
    Beverage Dispensary License 728. AM25-1964
    Frederick Kasnick

  - RTG, LLC d/b/a Big Daddy's Bar BQ & Banquet Hall
    Beverage Dispensary License 4174. AM-26-1760
    Jennifer Oden

  - D.B & FU, LLC d/b/a Fenders
    Beverage Dispensary License 2124. AM25-1765
    Corey Boyd

Motion: *to go into deliberative session by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries*.

Deliberative session begins 10:56am
Deliberative session ends 11:24am

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the board has discussed the stipulated agreements and would like to proceed with 6 of the 7 agreements. There are 6: 6069, 313, 5713, 728, 4174, and 2124, the desire of the board is to approve those stipulated agreements.

Motion: *to approve the 6 stipulated agreements: 6069, 313, 5713, 728, 4174, and 2124, by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the board would like to amend the remaining stipulated agreement for Canton Asian Bistro.

Alice Chon representing Canton Asian Bistro is available for deliberative session.

No objection to enter deliberative session.

Deliberative session begins 11:30am
Deliberative session ends 11:41am

Motion: *to direct the director to amend the stipulated agreement, as discussed in the deliberative session and would hereby approve it, pending or conditional to, signature approval by licensee by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I appreciate all the licensees coming to agreement with the director. It is certainly not the desire of the board to fine licensees. The fines that are generated from these stipulated agreements do not go into AMCO's coffers or anything, they go into the general fund. We don't benefit in any way. These are solely to ensure future compliance and that is the large reason why so many stipulated agreements may be drafted in such a manner that there is a fine and a suspended amount. I highly recommend that licensees remain compliant over their probationary period. There are some situations where any violation under alcohol laws can cause that suspension to be revoked and therefore the entire amount of the fine be imposed. We don't want you to be in that situation, we'd much rather you just be compliant. That's our whole intention. We're not after your money, we're not trying to put you out of business, we just want future compliance. I think that echoes the sentiments of the board. I just want to make that clear. With that, we do appreciate you all coming to an agreement and putting this behind you and moving forward.

Amendment to agenda added here.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz invites Attny. Sherman Ernouf to speak to the applications.

Attny. Sherman Ernouf introduces Samantha Javier from Columbia Distributing.

Samantha Javier, Columbia Distributing speaks to RNDC's bankruptcy and taking over the leases for those location. She states that they do not want to have RNDC go dark and not be able to service the community.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz - would RNDC Alaska have the licenses in those same places?

Samantha Javier, Columbia Distributing - no, they would surrender those licenses when we acquire licensure for those locations so there's no blackout in the market.

Board Member Diane Thompson - why would they submit new license applications vs a transfer?

Attny. Sherman Ernouf - it's a cleaner process.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz - when would RNDC surrender the licenses?

Samantha Javier, Columbia Distributing - when Columbia gets licensure.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – I'd like to go on record to note that I'm part owner of King Street and we do business with RNDC as a distributor. I'm not in direct interest, possibly indirect interest.

Board Member Doug Moore - my business transports various vendors but I don't have any direct interest, I have a small financial impact/interest.

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth – so based on these disclosures, the way the process would work is, the chair is the ethics supervisor for the board, so when a board member makes a disclosure, the chair makes a ruling on whether that board member may continue to participate in the proceeding. If any board members disagree with the chair's ruling, they can object, and then it would be up to a board vote. If the chair has an ethics disclosure and believes that they may continue to participate in the proceedings based on what has been disclosed, the other board members would vote on whether it's appropriate for the chair to remain. I'd recommend the chair issuing a ruling on the board, Mr. Moore's disclosure, where you believe that there is a substantial financial interest or an insignificant financial interest and if any of the other board members disagree with you, they can raise the objection and call for the board to vote on the issue.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – Doug, is your business dependent upon that body of work?

Board Member Doug Moore - no, it isn't contingent upon my business's survival.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – given those facts and circumstances, I don't feel that there would be a conflict of interest in this matter. I don't know if any of the other board members feel like there's a conflict.

No board members state any conflicts with the chair's findings regarding board member Doug Moore.

Vice Chair Jan Hill asks the chair, Dana Walukiewicz, if his business is dependent upon that body of work. (Same question that was asked of board member Doug Moore.)

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – it is very significant. For example, over 90% of our revenues go through this distributor. To directly answer your question, there's only two major distributors in the state of Alaska, Odom and RNDC. There's a smaller third one, Specialty Imports, which has the possibility to distribute. I keep rolling this around in my head, as far as whether this influences my decision, as far as the licensing. I think I could still be impartial. My business would be impacted in some form if this wasn't approved, I would probably have to go to a different distributor, and that could affect things, so I'm not sure if that would present a conflict. I'm happy to abstain.

Attny. Andrew Bocanumenth – I'll read a subsection of the Alaska Executive Branch Ethics Act: (he reads) AS 39.52.110(b). So, if there's only two distributors in the state and this impacts a large class of licensees, including the chair, one could find that there is no unethical conduct here, which is something to consider.

Board Members Diane Thompson, Jan Hill and Doug Moore all state that they find no issue with chair Dana Walukiewicz voting on the issue at hand.

Board Member Doug Moore – if you choose to abstain, I completely understand, we still have a quorum.

Motion: *to approve new wholesale licenses for Columbia Distributing license 60836, 60837, 60838 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. Doug Moore, yes. Diane Thompson, yes. Jan Hill, yes. Dana Walukiewicz abstains. 3-1. Motion carries.*

Attny. Sherman Ernouf – I wanted to thank this board and the staff, the director, Jane, Sonya, everyone who helped us here. This was kind of a crisis, as indicated, and everyone has been extremely helpful. You guys have the best staff in my opinion, thank you all very much.

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

1. License # 6069: Hari Om Cuisine of India **TAB 8**
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 this agenda.**

Motion: *to approve renewal application for license 6069 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

Recess 12:05pm
Reconvene 1:02pm

- 2026-2027 RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS – No Tab

License #	DBA	License Type	City/Municipality	Borough	Endorsement(s) Yes or No
30	Columbia, M/V	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No
31	Kennicott, M/V	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No
35	Tustumena, M/V	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No
127	33 Mile Roadhouse LLC	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Haines Borough	No
135	El Dorado	Beverage Dispensary License (BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	Yes, RE 60273
416	Speedway Express	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
453	Glass Door Bar & Liquor Store	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Yakutat (City and Borough of)	Yakutat (City and Borough of)	No
533	Houston Lodge	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Houston	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
648	Baranof Hotel	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	No
790	Halibut Point Crab and Chowder	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Sitka (City and Borough of)	Sitka (City and Borough of)	Yes, RE #60104
857	Mad Myrna's	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
1060	Tenakee Springs Market	Package Store License(PSL)	Tenakee Springs	Unorganized Borough	No
1117	Tangle River Inn	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No

1142	Tips Bar	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
1143	Tok Lodge	Beverage Dispensary License (BDL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
1155	Tony's Bar	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Kodiak (City of)	Kodiak Island Borough	No
1252	AJ's Oldtown Steakhouse & Tavern	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Homer	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Yes, RE #60103
1296	Badger Den	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	No Local Government	Fairbanks North Star Borough	No
1351	Glass Door Bar & Liquor Store	Package Store License(PSL)	Yakutat (City and Borough of)	Yakutat (City and Borough of)	No
1380	George H Plumley Memorial Post 20 American Legion	Club License (CL)	Kenai (City of)	Kenai Peninsula Borough	No
1405	Dillingham Liquor Store	Package Store License(PSL)	Dillingham	Unorganized Borough	No
2385	Party Time Food Mart	Package Store License(PSL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
2587	The Moose Caboose	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Cordova	Unorganized Borough	No
2613	Shogun Hibachi Japanese Steakhouse	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Fairbanks North Star Borough	No
2729	Frontier Country Store	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	Yes, PSRE #15380 & PSE #16108
2837	Alaska Rainbow Lodge	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
2988	Little Italy Restaurante	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	Yes, RE #16733
3021	Alaska Seafood Grill	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Seward	Kenai Peninsula Borough	No
3043	The Green Store	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Yes, RE #60486
3058	The Moosehead Saloon	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Palmer	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
3458	Aquamarine Cafe & Suites	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Kodiak (City of)	Kodiak Island Borough	No
3467	Lin's Asian Bistro	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Fairbanks (City of)	Fairbanks North Star Borough	No
3505	Big Lake Super Store	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
3508	Hacienda Mexican Restaurant	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	Yes, RE #15315
3515	Naukati Connection Liquor Store	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
3596	Eddie's Sports Bar	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	Yes, MFCE #4317
3658	BPO Elks Lodge #1842	Club License (CL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
3847	Uncle Joe's Pizzeria	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
4046	Tanaku Lodge	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
4234	Isanotski Liquors	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Aleutians East Borough	No
4381	ESS Support Services Worldwide (Anch-Fbks)	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Railroad	Other (Common Carrier)	No
4382	ESS Support Services Worldwide (Fbks-Anch)	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Railroad	Other (Common Carrier)	No
4384	ESS Support Services Worldwide (Anch-Seward)	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Railroad	Other (Common Carrier)	No

4386	ESS Support Services Worldwide (Seward-Anch)	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Railroad	Other (Common Carrier)	No
4388	Gold Country Services	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
4424	Anvik River Lodge	Outdoor Recreation Lodge License (ORL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
4617	Chinooks Waterfront	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Seward	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Yes, RE #16155
4665	Hutchinson Commercial, LLC	Package Store License(PSL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
4686	Settlers Bay Golf Course	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Yes, RE #15356 & GCE #16150
4747	Seward Doggie Bar	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	No Local Government	Kenai Peninsula Borough	No
4835	Serrano's Mexican Grill	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	Yes, RE #15510
4848	Serrano's Mexican Grill	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
4996	Kahiltna Bistro	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
5138	M/V Glacier Quest	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No
5149	Croft Wholesale	Limited Wholesale Brewed Beverage and Wine License (LWBL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
5183	Black Bear Coffee House	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Denali Borough	No
5287	Seward Brewing Company	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Seward	Kenai Peninsula Borough	No
5288	Seward Brewing Company	Brewery Manufacturer License (BML)	Seward	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Yes, BRE #15402
5406	The Potato	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
5408	Hearth Artisan Pizza	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
5572	Sushi & Sushi Restaurant	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
5600	The Potato Too	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Valdez	Unorganized Borough	No
5833	Alpine Creek Lodge	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Yes, RE #15514
5844	A Taste of Alaska Lodge	Outdoor Recreation Lodge License (ORL)	No Local Government	Fairbanks North Star Borough	No
5851	Target Store T2372	Package Store License(PSL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
5853	Wood River Lodge	Outdoor Recreation Lodge License (ORL)	No Local Government	Denali Borough	No
5871	M/V Matanuska	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No
5873	Pybus Point Lodge	Outdoor Recreation Lodge License (ORL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
5880	Pizza Man	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
5895	Three Northmen	Winery Manufacturer License (WML)	No Local Government	Haines Borough	No
5919	Mel's	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Kenai Peninsula Borough	No
5990	Homestead Kitchen	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
6025	Alpenglow Coffee House	Restaurant Eating Place License (REPL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No

6032	Coral Princess	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No
15149	Barnaby Brewing Company	Brewery Retail License (BRL)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	No
15231	Cooper Landing Brewing Company	Brewery Retail License (BRL)	No Local Government	Kenai Peninsula Borough	No
15321	Skagway Spirits LLC	Distillery Retail License (DIRL)	Skagway(Municipality of)	Skagway	No
15322	Three Northmen	Winery Retail License (WRL)	No Local Government	Haines Borough	No
15353	Onsite Brewing Company	Brewery Retail License (BRL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
15608	Port Chilkoot Distillery	Distillery Retail License (DIRL)	No Local Government	Haines Borough	No
15719	Beard Brothers Meadery	Winery Retail License (WRL)	No Local Government	Fairbanks North Star Borough	No
16159	Odyssey Lodge	Outdoor Recreation Lodge License (ORL)	No Local Government	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Yes, RE #60127
16243	Manley Hot Springs Resort	Beverage Dispensary License(BDL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	Yes, RE #16246
16264	Alaska Blooms & Bubbles	Package Store License(PSL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	Yes, PSSE #16842, PSDE #16843, PSRE #16844
16743	M/V Chugach Express	Common Carrier Dispensary License (CCDL)	Alaskan Waters	Other (Common Carrier)	No

Chair Dana Walukiewicz mentions the two licenses that were removed, 1117 and 2587 and asks about Little Italy.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer explains that this renewal period (2026-2027) is asking about operations for 2024-2025, not 2026, the NOV isn't being considered in this renewal period.

***Motion**: to approve 2026-2027 licenses as a block with or without endorsements with delegation, removing license 1117 & 2587 by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- 2026-2027 TOURISM, REC-SITE, & SPORTING ACTIVITY/EVENT RENEWAL APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS – No Tab

License #	DBA	License Type	City/Municipality	Borough	Endorsement(s) Yes or No
10	Al's Alaskan Inn and Hideout Lounge	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Anchorage (Municipality of)	Anchorage	No
442	Glacier Bear Lodge	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Yakutat (City and Borough of)	Yakutat (City and Borough of)	Yes, RE #15130
1116	Tangle River Inn	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	Yes, HME #60275 & RE #60274
1287	Talkeetna Inn	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	No Local Government	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	No
1378	Alaskan Hotel	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	No
1925	Windbreak Hotel, Cafe, Lounge, The Trout House	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Wasilla	Matanuska-Susitna Borough	Yes, RE #15266
2147	The Duck Inn	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	No Local Government	Kenai Peninsula Borough	Yes, RE #15947
3824	Frontier Suites Hotel	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	Juneau (City and Borough of)	No
3999	The Draft House and Lodge	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Delta Junction	Unorganized Borough	Yes, RE #60486

4387	Gold Country Services	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	No Local Government	Unorganized Borough	No
5927	Hyatt Place Fairbanks	Beverage Dispensary Tourism License (BDTL)	Fairbanks (City of)	Fairbanks North Star Borough	Yes, HME #15269

Motion: *to approve 2026-2027 Tourism, Rec-Site, Sporting Activity/Event renewals as a block with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- **NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS**

1. License # 60624: Sleepy Hollow Golf Course **TAB 9**
Licensee: Nadon Family Home, LLC / Raymond Nadon 50% & Stephany Nadon 50%
License type: Golf Course
Endorsements: Restaurant Endorsement #60839
Premises address: 2721 E Sleepy Hollow Cir, Wasilla, AK, 99654
Local governing body: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

2. License # 60681: Freddie's Roadhouse **TAB 10**
Licensee: Freddie's Roadhouse, Inc / Sheila Pollard 50%, Fred Pollard 50%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Endorsements: None
Premises address: 17800 Freddie Ln, Ninilchik, AK, 99639
Local governing body: Kenai Peninsula Borough
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

Motion: *to approve new license applications with or without endorsements for tab 9 & 10 with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Diane Thompson. Motion carries.*

- **TRANSFER APPLICATIONS WITH OR WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS**

1. License # 264: Circle K **TAB 11**
Licensee (from): Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%
Licensee (to): Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%
License type: Package Store
Endorsements: None
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership
Premises address: 5497 E Northern Lights Blvd, Anchorage, AK 99508
Local governing body: Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

2. License # 660: Circle K **TAB 12**
Licensee (from): Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%
Licensee (to): Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%
License type: Package Store
Endorsements: None
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership
Premises address: 285 Muldoon Rd, Anchorage, AK 99504

	Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
	Recommendation:	Approve with delegation to Director	
3.	License # 2386:	Circle K	**TAB 13**
	Licensee (from):	Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%	
	Licensee (to):	Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%	
	License type:	Package Store	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Type of transfer:	Transfer of Ownership	
	Premises address:	1501 Abbott Rd, Anchorage, AK 99507	
	Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
	Recommendation:	Approve with delegation to Director	
4.	License # 3282:	Circle K	**TAB 14**
	Licensee (from):	Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%	
	Licensee (to):	Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%	
	License type:	Package Store	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Type of transfer:	Transfer of Ownership	
	Premises address:	575 Harold Bentley Ave, Fairbanks, AK, 99701	
	Local governing body:	City of Fairbanks; Fairbanks North Star Borough	
	Recommendation:	Approve with delegation to Director	
5.	License # 3460:	Circle K	**TAB 15**
	Licensee (from):	Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%	
	Licensee (to):	Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%	
	License type:	Package Store	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Type of transfer:	Transfer of Ownership	
	Premises address:	2660 Phillips Field Rd, Fairbanks, AK, 99709	
	Local governing body:	Fairbanks North Star Borough	
	Recommendation:	Approve with delegation to Director	
6.	License # 3973:	Circle K	**TAB 16**
	Licensee (from):	Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%	
	Licensee (to):	Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%	
	License type:	Package Store	
	Endorsements:	None	
	Type of transfer:	Transfer of Ownership	
	Premises address:	10630 Old Seward Hwy, Anchorage, AK 99515	
	Local governing body:	Municipality of Anchorage	
	Additional:	AB-38 Off-site Warehouse/Storage Application	
	Recommendation:	Approve with delegation to Director	
7.	License # 4156:	Circle K	**TAB 17**
	Licensee (from):	Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%	
	Licensee (to):	Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%	
	License type:	Package Store	

Endorsements: None
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership
Premises address: 2300 S Cushman St., Fairbanks, AK, 99701
Local governing body: City of Fairbanks; Fairbanks North Star Borough
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

8. License # 4198: Circle K **TAB 18**
Licensee (from): Holiday Alaska, LLC / Holiday Stationstores, LLC 100%
Licensee (to): Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%
License type: Package Store
Endorsements: None
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership
Premises address: 169 N Meadow Lakes Dr, Wasilla, AK, 99623
Local governing body: Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

9. License # 5948: Circle K **TAB 19**
Licensee (from): Alaska Premier Auctions and Appraisals, LLC / Daniel Newman 70%, Nicholas Cline 20%, & Abigail McLagan 10%
Licensee (to): Circle K Stores, Inc. / Circle K Delaware, Inc. 100%
License type: Package Store
Endorsements: None
Application Type: Transfer of Ownership and Location
License status: Temporarily Surrendered
Premises address (from): 1220 West International Airport Rd, Anchorage, AK 99518
Premises address (to): No Premises
Local governing body: Municipality of Anchorage
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

10. License # 3838: El Capitan Lodge **TAB 20**
Licensee (from): Scott Van Valin
Licensee (to): El Capitan Lodge, LLC / Sakar Alaska Trust Dated November 13, 2019 100%
License type: Beverage Dispensary
Endorsements: Restaurant Endorsement; Large Resort Endorsement; Multiple Fixed Counter Endorsement
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership
Premises address: 55.956963888, -133.2582194, Sakar Island, AK, 99921
Local governing body: None
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

11. License # 4253: Annie Betty's Bakery-Cafe **TAB 21**
Licensee (from): Zat's Pizza, LLC / Kirsten Ratzat 65%, Jermey Ratzat 35%
Licensee (to): Tina M Steffen and Betty L Isaacs / Tina Steffen 50%, Betty Isaacs 50%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership and Location
Premises address (from): 420 Port Bagial Blvd, Craig, AK, 99921
Premises address (to): 302 Thompson Rd, Craig, AK, 99921
Local governing body: City of Craig
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

12. License # 4597: Just A Store **TAB 22**
Licensee (from): Scooters, Inc. / Randall Kelsch 50%, Rick Mensik 25%, & Sharon Mensik 25%
Licensee (to): Michael Rasmussen
License type: Package Store
Endorsements: None
Type of transfer: Transfer of Ownership
Premises address: No Premises
Local governing body: Fairbanks North Star Borough
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

13. License # 6027: UnCommon Pizza **TAB 23**
Licensee (from): UCP49, LLC / Kissel Hill Pizza, LLC 60%, AMW Construction, Inc 10%, Alex Wasierski 10%, Grant Keener 10%, & Aaron Hostetter 10%
Licensee (to): UCP49, LLC / Kissel Hill Pizza, LLC 29.23%, AMW Property Management LLC 10.26%, Alex Wasierski 10.26%, Andrew Angstam 10.26%, Pete Kaiser 10.26% Steven Sorg 10.26%, Grant Keener 7.69%, & Aaron Hostetter 2.56%
License type: Restaurant or Eating Place
Type of transfer: Transfer of Controlling Interest
Premises address: 401 Chief Eddie Hoffman Highway, Bethel, AK 99559
Local governing body: City of Bethel
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

14. License # 60156: Bayside Booze and Burns **TAB 24**
Licensee: Metlakatla Indian Community
License type: Package Store
Endorsements: None
Type of transfer: Transfer of Location
Premises address (from): 1275 Weldon Point Rd, Metlakatla, AK, 99926
Premises address (to): 42 Breakwater Rd, Metlakatla, AK 99926
Local governing body: Metlakatla Indian Community
Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director

Motion: *to approve transfer applications with or without endorsements as a block from tab 11-24 with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- **NEW ENDORSEMENTS – No Tabs -** Recommendation: Approve with delegation to Director
  - Package Store Endorsements

Endorsement Type	App. ID	Primary License #	Licensee	DBA
Package Store Sampling Endorsement (PSE)	7318	4732	FNF LLC	AK Wine Grotto

  - Multiple Fixed Counter Endorsements

Endorsement Type	App. ID	Primary License #	Licensee	DBA

Multiple Fixed Counter Endorsement (MFCE)	Paper	2633	Alaska Hotel Properties LLC	River Run Outpost

Motion: *to approve new endorsements with delegation by Doug Moore. Second by Diane Thompson. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- **New Manufacturer Direct Shipment License Applications** – Recommendation: approve with delegation to Director

License Type	App. ID	License #	Licensee	DBA
Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL)	7895	60795	J.J. Buckley, LLC	J.J. Buckley, LLC
Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL)	7933	60807	Crocker And Starr Wine Company Inc.	Crocker and Starr Wines
Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL)	7937	60809	St Helena Estate, LLC	St Helena Winery
Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL)	7960	60818	Cider Works, LLC	Cider Works
Manufacturer Direct Shipment License (MDSL)	8001	60844	B Wise Vineyards, LLC	B Wise Vineyards, LLC

Motion: *to approve new Manufacturer Direct Shipment Licenses with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Diane Thompson. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- **BOARD SPECIAL CONSIDERATION**
  - NEW LICENSE APPLICATIONS
    - PETITION BASED APPLICATIONS

1. License # 60701: El Capitan Lodge Float House **TAB 25**
Licensee: El Capitan Lodge, LLC / Sakar Alaska Trust Dated November 13, 2019 100%
License type: Package Store
Premises address: 55.9580555556, -133.2582972222, Sarkar Island, AK, 99921
Local governing body: None
Consideration: Petition based new license application

Motion: *to approve new license application for El Capitan Lodge with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- SEASONAL REPL TOURISM APPLICATIONS (SRTL)

1. License # 60589: Copper River Brewing **TAB 26**
Licensee: No Road Brewing, LLC / Christiana Fincher 50% & Curtis Fincher 50%
License type: Seasonal Restaurant or Eating Place Tourism
Premises address: 516 1st St, Cordova, AK 99574
Local governing body: City of Cordova
Consideration: Qualification for SRTL and visitor counts for the City of Cordova

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – if we accept the visitor count information, then that becomes the basis of visitor counts for one calendar year, or this calendar year (2026). That establishes the visitor count number of Seasonal REPL Tourism Licenses for that locale. In this case the applicant put together information that determined that there were approximately 9,112 visitors which gives them .03 Seasonal REPL Tourism Licenses, but that rounds up to one.

Christiana Fincher, applicant for Copper River Brewing – the latest study done in Cordova with visitor count information is from 2016 and I was talking to someone in the office that said that it's unusual for you to accept numbers that old. We don't have very good data, but I think I've done a decent job of proving that we are at least at the same visitor count number as the 2016 study. In addition, the employment data also shows almost the exact same 9,000 visitor number count.

Licensing Supervisor Sonya Irwin – in working with this licensee, the office was unable to find any data earlier than 2016 either.

David Chipman, owner of Alaska Hotel Bar and Liquor Store, asks to have the new license application tabled stating that the public hasn't had an opportunity to view it for objection and that the city council hasn't gotten a chance to vote on this.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – this license would have to be noticed, right?
Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – yes, it was noticed on the radio and was publicly noticed at the two locations as required.

Christiana Fincher, applicant for Copper River Brewing – it is being considered by the city council tomorrow.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – to the gentleman's concerns, this is a pretty standard process. The board can review an application and determine its completeness prior to local jurisdiction weighing in. This is so the process can be simultaneous, meaning that if there is a protest that is lodged by the City of Cordova, they can come back and say it's not in the best interest of the community, or for whatever reasons that they've outlined, then they can protest it, or it will come back in front of this board.

Motion: *to approve the new Seasonal REPL Tourism license for Copper River Brewing license 60589 with delegation by Diane Thompson. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

2.	License # 60826:	Sheet'ka Salmon Tales	**TAB 27**
	Licensee:	Shee Atika, Incorporated	
	License type:	Seasonal Restaurant or Eating Place Tourism	
	Premises address:	4951 Halibut Point Rd, Sitka, AK 99835	
	Local governing body:	City and Borough of Sitka	
	Additional:	AB-38 Off-site Warehouse/Storage Application	
	Consideration:	Qualification for SRTL and visitor counts for the City and Borough of Sitka	

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – if we approve these numbers, this will allow for 3 Seasonal REPL Tourism Licenses in Sitka.

Tonja Puletau-Lang, Tourism Director for Shee Atika Incorporated – we have an 18-acre parcel of land that we currently lease from the City and Borough of Sika. It's adjacent to the Sitka Sound Cruise Terminal, so we're about a third of a mile away in the opposite direction of downtown, and we have a food truck that operates seasonally. We started that food truck business at the end of last season. This has been our first full operational year, and we're applying for this license so we can serve beer and wine along with our food. The food that we serve is also part of several tour packages that we operate. There was interest expressed from various cruise lines that would like to have a food package tour that also includes some sort of alcohol service. It's also in the city's dispersion plan for tourism to help disperse passengers, in various areas that aren't' in the primary downtown corridor. So, us being near the cruise dock and also in the opposite direction of downtown, allows for a wider dispersion of cruise passengers and know that if we're able to serve beer and wine, that we will be able

to likely sell more tours, and have people on-site for longer. We would like to be able to do that and provide that service.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – knowing that we are competing against the likes of Las Vegas and every other tourist destination in the lower 48, it's always been my belief that we need opportunities like this, where we can sell alcohol responsibly and become more of a destination for people and tourists to enjoy so that they can tell their friends back home that they've had a great time, and that they need to come up to Alaska and spend money here.

***Motion*:** *to approve the new Seasonal REPL Tourism License for Sheet'ka Salmon Tales license 60826 with delegation by Jan Hill. Second by Doug Moore. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- **AO 360 REGULATIONS** –

  - AO-360 Regulations Tracking Spreadsheet: **TAB 28**

Director Kevin Richard – what we've done is gone through the projects, staff has already gone through and done the prioritization of the projects based on stakeholder comments and board meetings we had earlier this year to address AO360. Staff have been busy drafting the language based on prior board discussions that we think would be acceptable to the board. So, these open projects, initial drafts, we want the board to take a look at, to discuss, review, see if it aligns with what their thoughts are, and then, if appropriate, we can go ahead and submit these to the Department of Law to do any final tweaking, then send them out for public comment and get the regulations process rolled out. With these, if the board approved the draft language, we would then open the regulations project to consider all or some of these and that would go through as a chunk to the Department of Law.

  - Opened Regulations Projects. Initial Drafts for Board Discussion:
    1. Identification card **TAB 29**

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – what we're trying to do is get rid of that language related to tribal identification which highlights having physical security features addressed in AS 28.15.111(a)(4) due to it being very restrictive. We are trying to get rid of that language and add valid tribal photographic identification, issued by a federally recognized tribe. We're trying to loosen up the requirement of what qualifies as tribal identification. Our understanding is that some tribal entities who issue these cards are unable, for various reasons, to obtain a machine required to have the security features that are currently required.

Motion: *to approve the proposed language and send it to the Department of Law and if accepted, then go out for public comment. No objection. Motion carries.*

2. Public notice **TAB 30**

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – this draft get rids of the newspaper and radio advertising. We brought it up during our initial discussions of AO360, because the newspaper is becoming obsolete and people are having a hard time finding a newspaper that runs in that community. With this draft the three consecutive weeks for newspaper or radio advertising would be gone and instead the public notice would be extended from 10 days at two locations to 10 days at three locations.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz and board member Diane Thompson like the draft proposal. The newspaper isn't the most effective way of notifying the public and is cumbersome for licensees.
Chair Dana Walukiewicz – what would probably be the most effective way to communicate to the public who's concerned about licenses that are becoming available in their jurisdiction, is a central posting, like a website

where it can be displayed. Is that something that AMCO could post on their website? It would be nice to know exactly where to go if anyone ever wanted to know where the new licenses are.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – marijuana does that. We post the application information on our website, and people can request the complete application to submit meaningful objection, if they have one. I thought about that in alcohol, and I struggle with it because we have so many licenses. Way more than marijuana, but it's something that we can consider.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – the industry would probably have to mull it around a bit first, because I could see some people in the industry being against it. I don't think it necessarily has to relate to this project, but it's something that maybe the board might want to think about. Maybe Diane and I have to have more discussions with the industry fist before moving that forward to get feedback. It would probably be a project outside this scope.

No further discussion.

3. Waiver of operations **TAB 31**

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – so here, we're trying to make it easier to understand how much a licensee would need to pay for a waiver. With this draft, it proposes to have a fee that is equal to the full biennial license fee. The amount that we would be collecting is not changing, except that the new language would not consider licensees who are currently paying half of the biennial fee because they are seasonal.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – so they would be paying the full biennial fee even if they operated 6 moths out of the year?

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – yes, the work is the same, it doesn't change.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – so, now you're tying the waiver fee to the license fee.

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – yes, so the examples here are the most expensive one, which is the BDL (beverage dispensary license). Yes, the waiver fees would depend on the license type and its full biennial fee. This draft also includes a concrete deadline for waivers, because right now it says that you must submit your waiver before the last meeting of the year, and those dates vary. This would change it to have the deadline to submit a waiver for that calendar year that you did not operate to be no later than December 31st.

No further discussion.

4. Notice of violation **TAB 32**

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – during our conversations about AO360, it was decided that the A, B, C, D, and E, of 3 AAC 305.870(b)(3) were not necessary. You don't need to have that written down to provide that information to the board.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – it's just additional fees that get assessed when somebody doesn't clear their protest on time. My experience has been that industry members, licensees are pretty diligent once they see the protests from taxes, they clear it quickly. It's kind of adding insult to injury, late fees on top of late fees.

No further discussion.

5. Fees for renewals after late payment of taxes **TAB 33**

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer – this language would completely remove or repeal 3 AAC 305.160. This language has never been used or enforced as far as I know. It's collecting more money when somebody doesn't pay their taxes on time.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – we really didn't have any suggested changes from the board on the five topics that are current regulatory AO360 items.

No further discussion.

Motion: *to approve the language changes on the 5 items to be sent to the Department of Law, and subsequently putting out for public comment, in the event that the Department of Law incurs with language changes, they would come back to the board by Diane Thompson. Second by Jan Hill. Unanimous affirmative vote. Motion carries.*

- ALCOHOL MAILBOX

Program Coordinator Jane Sawyer –we didn't receive any emails.

- NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING – November 17th, 2026, in Anchorage

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – we will potentially have a special board meeting on November 10th.

- BOARD COMMENTS

Diane Thompson – I just so appreciate all you guys' hard work. I know how hard it is when you have to hear from the public that it's not going fast enough.

Doug Moore – I enjoy being here in person for once, better than Zoom, and I'll try and be back here on November 17th as well. I would also like to echo that the staff is doing an awesome job. I do respect several of the attorneys who come here and advocate for their clients, and I do appreciate it, because it does bring move of a voice. I know for a fact that it's not towards the office, maybe someone from the state is actually listening to this stuff. I can always hope that they're trying to speed up the hiring of new people to speed up the process.

Chair Dana Walukiewicz – it's an election year Doug.

Doug Moore – yeah, that's right, being a small government guy, I'm oddly at odds with myself at times, because, sometimes to get commerce going, requires more people in government to get it going. Hopefully , Hamilton gets some relief at some point here, that guy has been all over the place. So, Joe, I hope that you give him plenty of attaboys as well. Thank you.

Jan Hill – I'll ditto my fellow board members' comments and add, good meeting, it's always good to be here in person. I appreciate, even in public, when someone comes up to me at home and says how helpful the staff is when they call. They say, you know, sometimes we're asking silly questions, but they're always patient with me and so, we appreciate you, and I appreciate getting good comments about your work and working with the public. We appreciate you guys; you do a good job. Thank you.

Doug Moore – you should check out your Google reviews; they've been great for the last 6-7 months. Don't read them like 8 years ago, but you're into the four-star range now.

Dana Walukiewicz – I appreciate the staff as well. The late adds to the agenda, which is great, because I like getting thing through, license issued, if possible, don't like to hold up the process, so I like the fact that they get everything in there as much as they possibly can. Understanding it's a process, and we can't just cut process out because we want. It's there because it's by statute. I appreciate staff, appreciate the director, pulling it all together. He's just quietly sitting there, but I know a lot of stuff goes on in the background here. I appreciate having the board here all in person too, I think we have a better opportunity for us to discuss and put everything

out there and get the process going. Collectively, I think, we're better, and we get a lot of stuff done. Again, thank you, the staff in the office.

- ADJOURNED

Chair Dana Walukiewicz adjourned 2:35pm