

## **News Release**

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## OLCC Commissioners Direct Staff to Begin New Phase of Retail Expansion; Ratify Stipulated Alcohol Settlements

Commissioners also took initial action on rules and heard invited presentations

**PORTLAND, OR.** – At its monthly meeting September 19, 2019, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission directed staff to begin work on the sixth phase of its market-driven retail expansion project. Retail expansion is an effort to improve customer convenience by expanding liquor sales in underserved areas with a measured, but consistent amount of growth. The agency began its retail expansion efforts in 2015, and over the past four years, have appointed 36 new liquor agent contracts, touching every county in the state through five phases of expansion. In this latest phase, the agency will focus on both metropolitan and rural markets, identifying opportunities with these markets using both qualitative and quantitative approaches.

Commissioners heard invited testimony:

**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve** presentation by the National Guard **Report out on issues with Vape Products** – Dr. Richard Leman, Oregon Health Authority

Commissioners heard discussion, staff recommendations and rendered decision on administrative rules:

Heard staff proposal to amend administrative sanctions

**Initiated rulemaking on Sales of Alcoholic Beverages to Minors** – The rulemaking would amend alcohol rules to further prevent licensees and their employees from selling alcoholic beverages to minors and allowing minors to consume alcoholic beverages.

Commissioners ratified the following alcohol violation fines and suspensions based on stipulated settlement:

**Red Dragon Chinese Restaurant**, 61247 Hwy 97, Bend, will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for Licensee's employee failing to verify the age of a minor before allowing her to buy or to be served an alcoholic beverage when she reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age. Staff added two days of aggravation because licensees have previously been allowed to purchase age verification equipment as an offset to a penalty for a previous failure to verify the age of a minor, and the age verification equipment was not used to prevent the current violation. Licensees are Lai Sim Chan and Leung Tat Chan.

**Jantzen Beach Bar & Grill**, 909 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for licensee permitting its employee, agent or representative to mix, sell and serve

alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit. Commission staff added two days of aggravation because the employee worked without a valid service permit for more than six months. Co-licensees are Norpac Management, LLC and TFBP Holdings, LLC; North Pacific Management, Inc., Managing Member; Brett Wilkerson, President/Director; Peggy Ohlson, Vice President/Director; Katherine Stevenson, Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer/Director; Warren Bean, Director/Stockholder; Kevin White, Director; Howard Dietrich, Jr., Managing Member.

Commissioners ratified the following licensing action based on stipulated settlement:

**Club Sinrock**, 201-217 W Burnside Street, Portland, will have its Full On-Premises Commercial Sales license issued with five restrictions. Licensee is Club Sinrock DT, LLC; Timothy Lyons, Managing Member; Rebeckah Lyons, Member.

Commissioners rendered decision on new distilled spirit product listings in the warehouse.

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