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OLCC Commissioners Make Retail Appointments, Ratify Stipulated Alcohol Violations and Licensing Settlements

Commissioners also heard a presentation on alcohol delivery

PORTLAND, OR. – At its monthly meeting November 21, 2019, the Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission appointed the following incoming retail liquor store agent at a traditional retail liquor location. The store is pre-existing:

Hillsboro, #1096 - Robert W Boland

Retail liquor agents are private, independent contractors; they are not state employees. The Retail Services Division of the OLCC works closely with liquor agents to help them understand and follow liquor regulations and store operating procedures.

Commissioners heard a presentation of oral arguments and rendered decision in the following contested case:

Speakeasy Lounge, 545 SE 162nd Ave., Portland, will have its full on-premises commercial sales license canceled and not renewed for a history of serious and persistent problems involving disturbances, unlawful activities, or noise in the licensed premises or involving patrons of the establishment in the immediate vicinity of the premises; licensee's employee, servant agent or representative making false representations or statements to the Commission to induce or prevent action by the Commission, when he falsely stated that he had evicted a specific person from the premises; and licensee and/or its employees, servants, agents or representatives failed to evict persons known to them to have engaged in noisy, disorderly or unlawful activities, when licensee and/or its employees failed to evict a patron known as "Filthy" and/or the patron known as "Rabbit" despite knowing that these patrons had engaged in noisy or disorderly activities on the premises. Licensees are KRH Hospitality, LLC, Kevin Hoffman and Luhe Wutzke, members.

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

Momo, 725 SW 10th Ave, 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. Licensees are Tonic DT, LLC; Craig Harris, Managing Member; Thomas McLaughlin, Member.

Myrtle Creek Chevron, 311 N Main St., Myrtle Creek, will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for licensee's employee, agent or representative failing to verify the age of a minor before allowing him to buy or to be served an alcoholic beverage when he reasonably appeared to be under 26 years of age. Staff added two days of aggravation as the licensee was previously allowed to purchase age verification equipment but it was not used to prevent the current violation. Licensees are Shirtcliff Oil Co.; Andrew Shirtcliff, President/Stockholder; Darcie Thomas, Vice President/Stockholder; Danielle Boice, Vice President/Stockholder; Mary Bare, Secretary.

Roadrunner Gas & Grocery, 52023 Columbia River Highway, Scappoose will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension for licensee's employee, agent or representative 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 as the licensee was previously allowed to purchase age verification equipment but it was not used to prevent the current violation. Licensee is Fuel Options, LLC; Linda Knudsen, Managing Member; Michael Odegard, Member; Elizabeth Odegard, Member; Soren Knudson, Member.

Bos Taurus, 163 NW Minnesota Avenue, Bend, will pay a \$1,815 civil penalty or serve a 11-day suspension for licensee permitting its employees, agents or representatives to mix, sell and serve alcoholic beverages, or supervise those who do, without a valid service permit. Commission staff added four days of aggravation because the violation involved more than one employee, and because one of the employees worked without a valid service permit for more than six months. Licensee is BSD Holdings, LLC; James Meskill, Managing Member; Kyle McKee, Member; Chris Cox, Member; Jeremy Cox, Member.

Jungle Room, 1034 Baseline St, Cornelius will pay a \$1,485 civil penalty or serve a 9-day suspension becuase licensee's employee, agent or representative permitted disorderly activities on the licensed premises when it's employees failed to call police or take effective steps to quell disorder inside the premises prior to or during a large fight involving 10-15 patrons. Licensee is VP Deli, Inc; Rick White, President/Secretary/Director/Stockholder; Rita White, Director/Stockholder.

El Palmar, 12222 SE Stark St., Portland, will pay a \$3,465 civil penalty or serve a 21-day suspension for licensee failing to operate the business as proposed at the time of licensing, and instead changing the premises and/or the business operation in ways that could reasonably affect the minor posting assigned to the premises without providing written notification to the Commission when it changed from recorded to live music, added a stage, took out tables to create a dance floor and began advertising itself as "Remmy's PDX Nightclub"; Licensee and/or its employees, agents or representatives failed to notify the Commission within 30 days of a change in the business trade name, when Licensee used the trade name "Remmy's PDX Nightclub" in signage at the premises and in online advertising; and Licensee drank a beer, which is an alcoholic beverage, while she was on duty at the premises. El Palmar, LLC; Antonia Armenta, Managing Member.

Commissioners ratified the following licensing action based on stipulated settlement:

Trio Club, 909 East Burnside Street, Portland, will have its Full On-Premises Sales license issued with fourteen restrictions. Licensee is Trio Lounge, Inc.; Zach Foong, President/Director/Stockholder.