

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

The all-virtual meeting of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Board) convened at approximately 11:05 a.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2024. The meeting was held using Cisco WebEx Events with electronic access made available to the public via the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website. President Horsley called the meeting to order.

**ROLL CALL**

The Board Secretary called the roll:

**PRESENT**

Keith Harris  
Donald Horsley  
Raymond Keating  
Brittany Jones  
Margaret Ann Smith  
Kailee M. Tkacz Buller  
James S. Huffard, III  
Richard Sellers  
Neil Houff  
Dr. Robert Corley  
  
Dr. Alan Grant

**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

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11<sup>th</sup>  
Pesticides – Commercial Agricultural  
Representing Dr. Makola Abdullah, President,  
Virginia State University  
Representing Dr. Timothy D. Sands, President,  
Virginia Tech

**ABSENT**

Cecil Shell 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jacquelin Easter 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tyler Wegmeyer 10<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Church Pesticides – Commercial Structure

**STAFF PRESENT**

Joseph Guthrie, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS)  
Kevin Schmidt, Secretary, Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Nicolas Robichaud, Policy Assistant, VDACS

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Harris moved that the draft minutes of the meeting on May 23, 2024, be approved as distributed. Mr. Sellers seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF VIRGINIA BEER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY**

President Horsley called on Commissioner Guthrie to introduce the recommendations for appointments to the board of directors of the Virginia Beer Distribution Company.

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Commissioner Guthrie provided background on the Virginia Beer Distribution Company before introducing Jason Romano of Lake Anne Brew House, Matt Mullett of RichBrau, Aden Short of P.A. Short Distributing Company, and Greg White of Hoffman Beverage as recommended appointees.

Mr. Sellers moved that the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services appoint Aden Short, P.A. Short Distributing Co, to fill a term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, on the board of directors of the Virginia Beer Distribution Company as an owner or manager of a Virginia beer wholesale licensee;

That the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services appoint Greg White, Hoffman Beverage, to fill a term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, on the board of directors of the Virginia Beer Distribution Company as an owner or manager of a Virginia beer wholesale licensee;

That the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services appoint Matt Mullett, RichBrau, to fill a term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, on the board of directors of the Virginia Beer Distribution Company as an owner or manager of a brewery or limited brewery licensee; and

That the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services appoint Jason Romano, Lake Anne Brew House, to fill a term from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2028, on the board of directors of the Virginia Beer Distribution Company as an owner or manager of a brewery or limited brewery licensee that is not served by a wholesaler at the time such owner or manager is appointed to the board of directors of the VBDC.

Mr. Houff seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Board.

**FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

President Horsley reminded the Board of the upcoming summer Board meeting on July 31, 2024, and subsequent tours on August 1, 2024. President Horsley also noted the December 12, 2024, Board meeting in Richmond.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Kimberly Dyke-Harsley commented on food insecurity in the Commonwealth, including at correctional facilities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donald Horsley  
Board President

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Kevin Schmidt  
Board Secretary