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Arizona State Liquor Board Hearing Minutes  
September 12, 2024

Members Present: Troy L. Campbell – Chairman  
Lynn Shulman – Vice Chair  
Jill Pernice  
Victoria Yarbrough  
Paul David

Members Absent: None

Counsel Present: Deanie Reh, Assistant Attorney General  
Ben Norris, Assistant Attorney General, Independent Advisor to the Board

Staff Present: Haley Garcia, Board Administrator

**A. Call to Order**

The hearing of the Arizona State Liquor Board was called to order on September 12, 2024, at 9:00 A.M. with Chairman Campbell presiding. Google Meet was utilized for facilitating the meeting. Board members, staff and all parties participated either online or telephonically. All Board members who were present submitted their conflict of interest disclosure memorandums to the Board Administrator prior to the start of the hearing. All Board members who were present did not have “substantial interest” with any matters set on the agenda.

**Roll Call**

All members were present.

**B. 9:00 a.m. Agenda: Review, consideration and action**

**1. Granting of Withdrawal for Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 274025**

Welday Gebrezgabh Gezehen, Agent  
Queen Sheba LLC  
Queen Sheba  
1408 S. Bristol Avenue  
Tucson, AZ 85713

This matter was set for hearing because the City of Tucson recommended disapproval based on the Applicant's non-compliance with pursuing the required liquor mitigation plan. This matter is continued from the Board's July hearing.

Welday Gezehen entered his appearance on behalf of the Applicant, Queen Sheba LLC dba Queen Sheba. Principal Assistant City Attorney Shilpa Hunter-Patel entered her appearance on behalf of the City of Tucson.

The Applicant submitted a request to withdraw its application for the Board's potential discussion and action. The intention of the Applicant's withdrawal is to reapply once the liquor mitigation plan is ready for submittal. Ms. Hunter-Patel stipulated that there was no objection to the Applicant's request to withdraw.

*Motion*

Vice chair Shulman moved that the Board accept the request to withdraw the application for Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 274025, YAJ Enterprises, dba Grand Canyon Spirits.

Seconded -	Yarbrough
Yay -	Campbell, Shulman, Yarbrough, David, Pernice
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	The request to withdraw the liquor license application for Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 274025, Queen Sheba LLC, dba Queen Sheba, is granted.

**2. Denial of Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 288925**

David Adam Tipp, Agent  
DIVIT INC  
Beauty Lounge Bar  
1655 W. Chandler Blvd.  
Suite #1  
Chandler, AZ 85224

This matter was set for hearing because of Department Protest based on violation of A.R.S. § 4-201 (H), that the business is inappropriate for the sale of spirituous liquor, and A.R.S. § 4-203(A), capability, qualifications, reliability.

The following witnesses were sworn in:

David Adam Tipp  
April Lee  
Lyndsey Crance

Assistant Attorney General Ben Norris entered his appearance in this matter as the Board's independent advisor.

David Adam Tipp entered his appearance and presented oral arguments to the Board on behalf of the Applicant in regard to why the Applicant should be granted a liquor license.

Assistant Attorney General Deanie Reh entered her appearance and presented oral arguments to the Board on behalf of the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control in regard to why the Applicant should

not be granted a liquor license.

April Lee appeared and testified on why the Applicant should be granted a liquor license.

Special Agent Lyndsey Crance appeared and testified on why the Applicant should not be granted a liquor license.

Chairman Campbell called upon the Board to have open discussion in which Board members Troy Campbell, Lynn Shulman, Jill Pernice, Victoria Yarbrough, and Paul David participated. The matters that were discussed were whether or not the Applicant should be granted a Restaurant Liquor License.

*Motion*

Ms. Yarbrough invited the motion to deny the Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 288925, DIVIT INC dba Beauty Lounge Bar, because the primary purpose of Beauty Lounge Bar does not meet the requirements of A.R.S. § 4-201 (H) and cannot demonstrate that the sale of spirituous liquor is directly connected to its primary purpose.

Seconded -	Pernice
Yay -	Campbell, Shulman, Pernice, David, Yarbrough
Nay -	None
Abstained -	None
Disposition -	The Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 288925, DIVIT INC dba Beauty Lounge Bar, located at 1655 W. Chandler Blvd., Suite #1, Chandler, AZ, 85224, has been denied.

**3. Denial of Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 295041**

Brett Michael Vibber  
Wild Arizona Cuisine 1 LLC  
The Cordes Diner  
19780 E. Hitching Post Way  
Mayer, AZ 86333

This matter is set for hearing because of Department protest based on violation of A.R.S. § 4-203(A), Capability, Qualifications, and Reliability.

Chairman Campbell called upon the Applicant to enter his appearance, in which he was absent. Assistant Attorney General Deanie Reh entered her appearance on behalf of the Arizona Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Ms. Reh informed the Board that the Applicant has indicated that he is no longer affiliated with the business or liquor license application and deferred to Special Agent Robin Gokool for confirmation. Mr. Gokool confirmed the Applicant's statements and expressed that there has not been any contact between the Applicant and the Department since that conversation occurred.

*Motion*

Chairman Campbell invited the motion to deny the Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 295041, Wild Arizona Cuisine 1 LLC dba The Cordes Diner, based on the Applicant's absence at the hearing and Special Agent Gokool's testimony.

Seconded - Shulman  
 Yay - Campbell, Shulman, Pernice, David, Yarbrough  
 Nay - None  
 Abstained - None  
 Disposition - The Restaurant Liquor License Application No. 295041, Wild Arizona Cuisine 1 LLC dba The Cordes Diner, located at 19780 E. Hitching Post Way, Mayer, AZ 86333, has been denied.

**C. Approval of Minutes: Review, Consideration and Action**

Mr. David invited the motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2024.

Seconded - Shulman  
 Yay - Campbell, Shulman, Pernice, David, Yarbrough  
 Nay - None  
 Abstained - None  
 Disposition - The minutes from the July 11, 2024 Board meeting are approved.

**D. Reports on Current Events, Matters of Board Procedure, Requests and Items for Future Agenda**

Chairman Campbell announced the October Board meeting is cancelled due to no matters scheduled for hearing. The next hearing is scheduled to be held on November 7, 2024. Chairman Campbell explained that there are certain deadlines that must be met in order to be put on the agenda, which can result in no matters set and hearings cancelled.

Mr. David inquired regarding the requirements for sketches of floorplans submitted with applications, seeking more clear images. Chairman Campbell expressed his agreement with Mr. David's concern, but informed him that a change in application requirements would need to be done legislatively.

**F. Call to the Public**

None

*Motion*

Ms. Yarbrough made the motion to adjourn meeting at 11:49 A.M.

Seconded - Shulman  
 Yay - Campbell, Shulman, David, Yarbrough, Pernice  
 Nay - None  
 Abstained - None  
 Disposition - Meeting adjourned at 11:49 A.M.

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Haley Garcia  
 Administrator of the  
 Arizona State Liquor Board

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Date