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Belville ABC Board

Joseph "Joe" Henson, Chairman
Richard Trexler, Vice Chairwoman
John Crowder
Robert "Gene" Ward
Marshall McKoy

Belville ABC Board Regular Meeting
Brunswick Community College, Room 209
Leland Campus
2045 Enterprise Drive
Leland, NC 28451
June 16, 2026
6:30 PM

Attendees:

Chairman- Joseph Henson
Vice Chairman – Richard Trexler
Member - John Crowder
Member - Gene Ward
Member – Marshal McKoy

Member Absent:

None

Staff:

Tia Clemmons - General Manager
Alexa Causey – Store manager
Naysha Reid – Store Manager

Staff Absent:

None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. and began by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, which was led by Chairman Joe Henson.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved 5-0. There were no conflicts of interest. The Minutes were approved 5-0.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Member Gene Ward made the motion to approve the April 21, 2026, Regular Session Minutes. The April Regular Session Meeting Minutes were approved 5-0.

Member Gene Ward made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes for April 21, 2026. The April Closed Session Minutes were approved 5-0.

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to approve the May 19, 2026, Regular Session Meeting Minutes. The May Regular Session Meeting Minutes were approved 5-0
Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to approve the May 19, 2026, Closed Session Meeting Minutes. The May Closed Session Meeting Minutes were approved 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS

There was no presentation.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments.

6. CLOSED SESSION

Member Richard Trexler made the motion to go into closed session at 6:41 pm to discuss Personnel N.C. G. S. 143-318-11(a) (6). Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler stated that during the Closed Session, the Board had discussed various personnel issues with no votes and no actions were taken. The ABC Board came back into session at 7:25 pm.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. Report on Best Selling items per store-status of extra purchases

Store manager Alexa Causey reported on the bestselling liquors.

Tito's Half Gallons	229
Tito's Fifth's	187
Buffalo Trace	155
Platinum Half Gallons	150
Smirnoff Half Gallons	104

Store Manager Alexa Causey informed the ABC Board that Tito's Liter's will be on sale in July at \$2.00 a bottle off. We have over 200 cases of Tito's Fifths in storage.

b. Alcohol tastings- past and future

General Manager Tia Clemmons advised the ABC Board that on May 14, 2026, Soju Korean Whiskey was at the Belville Store from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm and will be at the Waterford Store on May 20, 2026, from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm. South Mountain Distillery will be at the Belville Store on June 19, 2026, from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm on Friday and on June 20, 2026, at the Waterford Store on Saturday from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. J.B. will not attend this visit. Store Manager Naysha Reid stated that the Waterford ABC Store sold 12-16 bottles of the Japanese Soju Korean liquor.

c. Status of current staffing

The Belville ABC Store is down 1 employee. The Waterford ABC Store is down 1 employee as well. The ABC Store Managers work on Saturdays, and they take a day off during the week, due to the shortage of employees.. Belville Board of Commissioner Lee Alexander suggested that we place postings at the Community Colleges.

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. General Manager's Report

General Manager Tia Clemmons reported in May we were 2nd out of the 9 Brunswick County Stores. The combined monthly sales in May were up 3.16% For the first 10 days in June sales were up 21.95%. Money Market Account 1 earned \$127.06 in interest, and Money Market Account 2 earned \$118.04 in interest, and our Capital Management Fund earned \$994.09 in interest for the month of May.

b. Auditor's Contract

Chairman Joe Henson sent Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler and Board Member John Crowder to Whiteville to meet with the accountant and they reviewed the books. We want to start building the new building and to put money into account. The debate is we should not have Auditor more than five years.

c. Employee Raises

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to approve employee the compensation chart that was provided by General Manager Tia Clemmons, apart from the discussion in the Closed Session. The motion carried 5-0 as amended of the three personnel changes.

d. July 4th Store Hours

Chairman Joe Henson stated that the state allows us to leave stores open. Chairman Henson asked each Store manager their thoughts. Ms. Causey and Ms. Reid both thought it was a promising idea to have one store open. The Waterford Store will remain open on July 4th from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. Store Manager Alexa Causey stated that the policy needs to be changed. Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to amend the policy since state allows stores to be open. The motion was approved 5-0.

e. NC ABC Conference Registration

General manager stated that the ABC conference registration is open. She asked who would be going. Chairman Henson, Vice-Chairman Trexler are attending the conference, and Member Marshal McKoy was a maybe. Members John Crowder and Gene Ward will not attend. General Manager Clemmons stated that the managers will decide who will go.

f. 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Vice-Chairman Trexler stated he and Member John Crowder talked to the accountant, and the adjusted revenue figure is \$7.6 million. Other incomes have changed, profits are different and operational expenses are the same. There may be an amendment coming up in regard to the parking lot. The Debt Service lease no longer listed in our budget. Debt building in progress per the accountant and debt property purchase. Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler made the motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget. The motion was approved 5-0.

9. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF REPORTS

Chairman Henson – stated money in the checking account, and how much money do we have that we made on extra profit for the last 4-5 months, that we move over to the Money Market Account. There is \$650,000 in the Operating Account and we need to move \$100,000 from checking account over to the Money Market Account and to put all profits forward in that account. Chairman Henson made the motion to move \$100,000 from the checking account to the Money Market Account. The motion was approved 5-0.

Member Gene Ward – Nothing to report.

Member John Crowder – He has called 3 attorneys, and no one wants the job.

Member Marshal McKoy – Nothing to report.

Vice-Chairman Richard Trexler – Nothing to report.

Brenda Hewlett – stated that we are celebrating 2 birthdays tonight. Naysha Reid and Marshal McKoy.

Chairman Henson made a motion to give Brenda Hewlett a \$25.00 raise. The motion was approved 5-0.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Member Richard Trexler made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm. The motion passed 5-0.