Cumberland County ABC Board
July 13, 2026
Regular Meeting
Person Street, 424 Person St, Fayetteville, NC 28301

PRESENT:	Jordan Stewart, Vice Chair Delvin McAllister, Board Member Wade Fowler, Board Member David Horne, General Manager John Crawford, Chief Law Enforcement LaChrista Shull, Finance Officer Neil Yarborough, Attorney
ABSENT:	Terri Thomas, Chair Christopher Bullard, Board Member

Mr. Stewart called the meeting of the Cumberland County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to order at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Stewart asked if there were any guests. There were no guests.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2027

Mr. Stewart asked for the nominations for the Chair to send to the County Commissioners for approval and for the Vice Chair to be nominated.

Motion: Mr. Fowler nominated Mr. Jordan Stewart for Chair and Mr. Christopher Bullard for Vice Chair.

Second: Mr. McAllister

Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Stewart asked if there were any agenda adjustments. Mr. Horne requested to add item X-C – Ramsey Commons Lease Extension.

Mr. Stewart asked if there were any announcements. There were none.

Mr. McAllister inquired as to what was happening with Stedman's alcohol prohibition being lifted. There are no plans for ABC to open store operations in Stedman.

Required Reading

Mr. Stewart read the required reading, Statute GS 18B-201. The Board members had no conflicts of interest concerning any matters on the agenda.

Minutes

Mr. Stewart asked for the approval of the June 8, 2026 minutes.

Motion: Mr. Fowler moved that the Board accept the June 8, 2026 minutes as presented.

Second: Mr. McAllister

Vote: Unanimous

Law Enforcement Report

Mr. Stewart asked for the June 2026 Law Enforcement Report.

Chief Crawford gave the June 2026 Law Enforcement report.

Reported activity:

- 7 violation reports submitted to ABC Commission
- 15 sell to underage campaign/4 sell or give to underage
- 32 permittee inspections
- 316 total compliance checks
- 1 seller/server training; 4 alcohol education sessions
- 3 additional criminal charges; 7 agency assists
- 255 ABC store checks
- 11 reported larcenies (6 confirmed)
- 7 arrests; 6 warrants issued
- 61 compliance checks of convenience stores, bars, and restaurants

Mr. Stewart asked for the approval of the June 2026 Law Enforcement Report in the packet.

Motion: Mr. Fowler moved that the Board accept the June 2026 Law Enforcement Report.

Second: Mr. McAllister

Vote: Unanimous

General Manager's Report

Ms. Stewart asked for the June 2026 General Manager's reports.

Mr. Horne gave the June 2026 General Manager's report.

Mr. Horne informed the Board of H.B. 921, which would allow ready-to-drink canned beverages to be sold in grocery and convenience stores and allow mixed beverage permit holders to purchase products from any county in the state with a designated mixed beverage store. The bill has passed the House and has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

State sales increased 3.08% in June. Cumberland County sales decreased 0.79%.

Mr. Horne reviewed the Board sales report. The 0.79% decrease equated to a decrease of $35,861.51, with year to date sales being down $1,352,356.85.

The income from operations was $503,678.01.
Mr. Horne informed the Board that Orange County had contacted him regarding their General Manager position.

Ms. Shull made the Board aware of the Board Member reappointments being delayed until November 2026. While the two expiring members will remain on the Board beyond August 31, 2026, the term will still end on August 31, 2029.

Mr. Stewart asked for approval of the June 2026 General Manager's report.

Motion: Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the General Manager's report.

Second: Mr. McAllister

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

Ramsey St - Property Sale

Mr. Yarborough presented the listing agreement, which would give Franklin Johnson exclusive rights to sell the Ramsey Street property through July 31, 2027 with a listing price of 6% and a sales price of $550,000.

Mr. Stewart asked for a motion to approve the listing agreement.

Motion: Mr. McAllister made a motion to approve the listing agreement.

Second: Mr. Fowler

Vote: Unanimous

Owen Drive – Easement Request

Mr. Horne reviewed an easement request made by Cam Stout for access from the ABC parking lot to the apartment complex lot behind the store. The only existing easement on the ABC Owen Drive property is a utility easement. This access has previously been a safety hazard to ABC employees and customers due to drivers entering the apartment complex from Owen Drive at unsafe speeds. Mr. Horne did not recommend granting this easement request due to safety concerns. Mr. Yarborough agreed and stated that he feels it would have a detrimental effect on the ABC property.

Motion: Mr. Fowler made a motion to deny the easement request.

Second: Mr. McAllister

Vote: Unanimous

Ramsey Commons – Lease Extension

Mr. Yarborough sent a letter to Grant Murray requesting a lease extension. An option was sent wieth a 3% increase in rent. Mr. Yarborough requested an option to extend the lease by one year, then an additional option to extend for five years. Mr. Yarborough recommended that the Board enter into the option for the extension.

Motion: Mr. McAllister made a motion for the Board to authorize the Chairman to enter into the extension with approval from the General Manager and the Attorney.

Second: Mr. Fowler

Vote: Unanimous

Adjournment

Mr. Stewart asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Mr. Fowler moved to adjourn.

Second: Mr. McAllister

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Chairperson