

TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2001

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission met on this date in Room 185 at 5806 Mesa Drive, Austin, Travis County, Texas. Members present: Allan Shivers, Jr., Chairman; John T. Steen, Jr., Member and Gail Madden, Member. Staff present: Randy Yarbrough, Assistant Administrator. Visitors present: Mike McKinney and Tom Spilman, Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas.

The agenda follows:

10:30 a.m. - Call to order.

Announcement of executive session:

1. The commission will meet in executive session under the authority of §551.074(a)(1) of the Government Code to discuss hiring an administrator, consider applications and interview applicants for the administrator's position.

Continue open meeting.

2. Take action, including a vote if appropriate, on topics listed for discussion under executive session.
3. Adjourn.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. by Chairman Shivers.

MR. SHIVERS: I will call this meeting of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to order at ten thirty-five, Monday, July 9, 2001.

The commission will now go into a closed executive session under the authority of Section 551.074(a)(1) of the Government Code to discuss hiring an administrator, consideration applications and interview applicants for the administrator's position.

The commission convened in executive session at 10:36 a.m. and reconvened in open meeting at 2:34 p.m.

MR. SHIVERS: The commission meeting of July 9, 2001 is now back in open session. During executive session no votes were taken, no final decisions were made. There are matters requiring the commission's attention in this open session and that is the selection of a new administrator for the agency. Do I have a motion?

MR. STEEN: Mr. Chairman, first place I just want to say this was a really tough choice for me. Of course, we spent a lot of time working on this and we had so many outstanding candidates, both internal and external candidates, but I would like to nominate Rolando Garza to be our new administrator.

MR. SHIVERS: Is there a second?

MS. MADDEN: I second.

MR. SHIVERS: Second. Any discussion?

MS. MADDEN: I just want to piggyback on something Commissioner Steen said. This has been very agonizing for all of us. There were a lot of good candidates. We tried to do due diligence in looking at everybody in a fair way, and we just want everybody to know that works for this agency how much we value you.

MR. SHIVERS: Let me echo what my colleagues have said. This has been very difficult for us. We've tried to do a thorough job to bring the best leadership we could find. We understand clearly that there will be disappointment. I think that would be true no matter what our decision is or what the commission's final vote is. What made it so hard was that everyone was qualified. The easiest thing we could have done is just put all the names in a hat and have Cheryl come in and pick one out for us. Believe me, we were tempted from time to time to do just that because it was so hard and that's why we took so much time and went back and did the interviews and re-interviews. We did not do secondary interviews with the internal candidates because simply we knew them all so well and had a better feel for them. I just want to thank everybody for their patience and participation in this. Any further discussion?

MR. STEEN: None here.

MS. MADDEN: No.

MR. SHIVERS: All in favor of appointing Rolando Garza administrator of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, say aye.

MR. STEEN: Aye.

MS. MADDEN: Aye.

MR. SHIVERS: Aye. Opposed? Motion carried.

MR. STEEN: Is there any other business to come before us? Motion to adjourn?  
So moved.

MS. MADDEN: Second.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

