



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM B50-B LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 http://blc.lacounty.gov

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 9:15 AM

AUDIO FILE FOR ENTIRE MEETING. (25-1382)

Attachments: AUDIO

Call to order for the Business License Commission meeting of February 26, 2025. (25-1150)

The meeting was called to order by President Sara Vasquez at 9:26 a.m. followed by the Roll.

Present: President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Rochelle A. Gonzalez,

Commissioner Tony Ding and Commissioner Natasha Madarian

Absent: Secretary Harry Mc Elroy

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Review and take appropriate action on the draft minutes of January 29, 2025. (25-1151)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

After discussion, on motion of Vice President Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Ding, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Rochelle A.

Gonzalez, Commissioner Tony Ding and

Commissioner Natasha Madarian

Absent: 1 - Secretary Harry Mc Elroy

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. Hearing on Application for a Body Art Establishment, Business License - 002333-09-2024 (BL ID # 149639), to issue a new license to Victoria Bekmezian (Corporate Officer) of Body Kraze, located at 2787 East Del Amo Boulevard, Compton, CA 90221 in the Second District. (25-1152)

Prior to testimony, the Commission requested clarification on the role of Shant Bekmezian. Mr. Bekmezian noted he assisted his mother with the application, but documentation did not show his role in the business. Deputy County Counsel, Shirley Edwards, noted the application had Mr. Shant Bekmezian as the person finger printed by the Sheriff's Department and stated the Commission could ask him to state his position to determine if he could testify. Eric Barnes then clarified that Mr. Bekmezian is in the Articles of Incorporation as an agent of service and is listed on the initial application with the Treasurer and Tax Collector from the old system showing him as a Corporate Officer. This document was not provided to the Commission. Deputy County Counsel, Davit Zargaryan then noted the Secretary of State website shows Shant Bekmezian as the CAO and CFO and Secretary of the business.

After clarification, Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector (TTC), reported the applicant had obtained all the necessary approvals. TTC had no objection to the issuance of the Body Art Establishment license.

Mr. Bekmezian responded to questions posed by the Commission. He stated the business was changed from a sole proprietorship to a corporation. They are open six days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They are closed on Tuesdays. There are a total of three tattoo artists as permanent employees paid with a 1099. The square footage is 38' x 24'. This is noted on the documentation. Sanitation procedures are thoroughly followed. All instruments, such as needles are for single use only and after use are placed in the red disposal container for proper disposal. All contracted employees take a class in sanitation and get certified. All patrons are required to fill out a release form and all identification is verified to ensure legal age.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Madarian, seconded by Commissioner Ding, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Rochelle A.

Gonzalez, Commissioner Tony Ding and

Commissioner Natasha Madarian

Absent: 1 - Secretary Harry Mc Elroy

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

3. Matters not on the posted agenda to be presented and placed on the agenda of a future meeting. (25-1155)

Eric Barnes, TTC noted there had been a change in staffing in his Department but they are working on scheduling items for hearings.

After further discussion, the Commission agreed to cancel the March 5, 2025 and the March 12, 2025, Business License Commission meetings due to a lack of applicant scheduling.

Public Comment

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (25-1156)

No members of the public addressed the meeting.

Attachments: WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

Adjournment

5. Adjournment for the Business License Commission meeting of February 26, 2025. (25-1157)

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.