

Clayton County
License Review Board
Meeting Minutes
08.29.19

Attendees

LRB members: Ormond Ashby, Carroll Braddy, Alysha Harvey, Rosanette Kirby and Valerie Williams

Attorney for the Police Department: Ken Green

Attorney for Clayton County: Chuck Reed

Chief of Police: Kevin Roberts

Chairman: Jeff Turner

Chief Operating Officer: Detrick Stanford

Community Development Team:

Director - Patrick Ejike

Assistant Director - Brecca Johnson

Office Manager - Sharon Andrews

Permits & License Manager - Lexi Morgan

Adoption of Agenda

- Election of LRB Chairman: Selected Dr. Carroll Braddy
- Election of Vice Chairman: Selected Rosanette Kirby
- LRB was created by the Board of Commissioners to address habitual Business License Code violators.
- Mr. Ejike explained the value LRB brings to the community and the cleanup process of Clayton County.
- Discussion of business requirements and citizen accountability to regulate operations in the county.
- Attorney Ken Green provided explanation of Occupational Licenses in Article II Chapter 22 (see LRB handbook).
- Attorney Green explained that the board has the right to create additional policies to guide the hearings.

- County Attorney Chuck Reed stated the board will meet monthly to discuss various laws and business license which provide each of them with complete knowledge and hold our corporate partners accountable.
- Attorney Reed stated if board members identify changes need to be made to the board functionalities, the county would address the suggestions.
- Attorney Reed confirmed all violations of codes will be explained and the county recommendations.
- LRB members have the power to suspend or revoke a license. The chief of Police or Director of Community Development may initiate hearing requests to LRB per code (Sec 2-90.4).
- The burden of proof of violation is to be approved by the board by a reasonable doubt.
- There are 5 members 3 members form a quorum.

QA's from Board Members

Are those present, the only individuals on the board? Yes.

Are there rules for voting? There are none however we must consider the turnaround time. Option 1 – Voting can occur immediately. Option 2 – The board can leave and discuss amongst themselves. Option 3- Listen to the case and each provide a written decision. However, the CONS to any delay is the business continues to do business while we are waiting to vote.

Is LRM the first citizen review board in Clayton County? Yes, this is the first of its kind in Clayton County.

Will cases be presented in advance? Yes, the name and addresses of each business location will be provided. PLEASE DO NOT INVESTIGATE. At the end of each month, the next case will be to the business and LRB members.

How often will cases be given? Cases will be sent the 1st of each month. The actual business will be invited to the case review/hearing which gives them the option to show up and plead their case. A 30 day notice will be provided to the business location.

What happens if the business is a repeat offender? The magistrate court gets involved and penalties could lead to 3-4k fines and/or jail time.

Are there conflicts of interest? Possibly. Example: Your neighbor has a business that is being reviewed. If this happen, please bring it to Patrick's attention. You can excuse yourself from the board.

LRB members may suspend a license for up to 12 months but also on shorter terms or impose a fine.

Do members have the power to determine what is suspended, fined or revoked? Yes

Is there a backlog of cases in Clayton County? Patrick stated he will bring you up to speed.

Can a business owner request a private hearing? No.

Is there legal representation for LRBM members? Yes.

Is insurance required to obtain a business license? There are no insurance requirements.

Motion to request hearing for Family Dollar – All in Favor