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A weekly newsletter on North Carolina policy and political news relevant to the North Carolina's ABC Boards

Neal Insley: NABCA'S Incoming President/CEO



Neal Insley, NABCA's Senior Vice President and General Counsel has been selected as the next NABCA President and CEO. He steps into this post after the retirement of Jim Sgueo, who has been with NABCA for 58 years, and who has served as its CEO for 28 years.

Insley will assume his position as President and CEO on October 2, 2021.

In 2010, Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell appointed Insley to serve as Commissioner and full-time Chairman of the Virginia ABC Board. He served as Chairman of the NABCA Board from 2012-2014. He became the association's full-time, in-house general counsel in 2015.

Before coming to NABCA, Insley was a Member (partner) in the Hospitality and Government Affairs practice groups for the Richmond office of the law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott, LLC. His focus was on hospitality, government affairs, administrative law and regulatory/policy issues.

HB278 in House Pensions Committee on Tuesday

HB 278 (Sunset ABC Board Participation in LGERS), sponsored by Rep. Allen McNeill (R-Moore/Randolph), is scheduled for a hearing on Tuesday, May 4 at 1pm in the House Pensions and Retirement Committee in Room 421 of the Legislative Office Building.

The legislation sunsets ABC Boards' eligibility for participation in the Local Governmental Employees Retirement System (LGERS) on July 1. As the bill is currently written, an ABC Board that is not in the state retirement system on June 30, 2021 would be ineligible to join at a later date.

Rep. McNeill informed NCAACB lobbyists this week that any changes to the legislation will need approval by Treasurer Dale Folwell, including a request to grandfather ABC Boards that apply to be in the state retirement system prior to the bill's enactment date.

The NCAACB Legislative Committee, chaired by Lucius Jones (Wake County ABC), met via video (photo) on Thursday to discuss HB278 and other legislation pending, or in the works, at the General Assembly. The meeting was also attended by President Miles Davis and the NCAACB government relations team.



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Governor Cooper: Carry-Out Drinks Continue

Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order No. 210 on Thursday to help North Carolina's businesses recover from the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The order extends the NC ABC Commission's authorization to permit the delivery or carry-out of mixed beverages as an alternative to on-site consumption through June 1, 2021. Establishments with certain permits from the NC ABC Commission, including restaurants, private bars and clubs, hotels and some distilleries, will continue to be allowed to sell mixed beverages to-go or for delivery through this date.

Governor Cooper announced earlier this week that certain gathering restrictions would relax in May under Executive Order No. 209. Restaurants, breweries, wineries and distilleries can operate at up to 75% capacity indoors and 100% outdoors with social distancing while bars and night clubs can operate at up to 50% capacity both indoors and outdoors.