



CITY OF CHICAGO



LICENSE APPEAL COMMISSION

## STATEMENT OF LAURA PARRY, CHAIR

Good morning. The License Appeal Commission (LAC) hears appeals from parties seeking a review of decisions of the Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP)/Local Liquor Control Commission (LLCC). State law requires a municipality with a population of 500,000 or more, like Chicago, to provide its own License Appeal Commission separate and apart from the Local Liquor Control Commission to hear these appeals. The appeals are brought to challenge revocations, suspensions, or fines of existing liquor licenses made by the BACP/LLCC. In these matters, the disciplinary proceedings at the hearing level are examined, reviewed, and appellate arguments are entertained. Additionally, our Commission has reviewing jurisdiction over denials of applications for new liquor licenses. Applicants who have been denied their request for a license are entitled to a hearing de novo-- meaning a new hearing in the same case, to determine whether the denial of their application was appropriate.

LAC has collected, through the Department of Finance, \$1,000 in filing fees this year to date. The Commission is budgeted for one full-time position. Our office and courtroom were outfitted with plexiglass dividers and signage at no expense to the LAC to proceed within prescribed health guidelines for in-person proceedings.

As always, my office and I will work with the Office of Budget and Management and members of City Council to continue to monitor operational costs with an eye toward racial equity within our systems.