

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

Tim Holden, Chairman
Randy Vulakovich, Board Member
Darrell Clarke, Board Member
Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director
Michael Vigoda, Board Secretary

[Office of Chief Counsel](#)
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PUBLIC MEETING – 11:00 A.M

CALL TO ORDER *Interim Chairman Clarke*

Secretary Vigoda called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS..... *Secretary Vigoda*

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the August 21, 2024 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

As explained in the printed Meeting Agenda, certain matters presented for “official action” at today’s meeting were discussed during Executive Sessions held prior to today’s meeting as permitted by the Sunshine Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

No public comments were offered.

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NEW BUSINESS

From the Office of Chief Counsel.....Jason Worley, Chief Counsel

- (1) **Conemaugh Township** Municipal Petition for Exemption
Case No. 24-NE-08 from Liquor Code Statute Regarding
Amplified Sound

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the request for exemption from the Liquor Code provisions covering amplified sound for a five-year period from September 11, 2024, to September 11, 2029.

- (2) **The Batter's Box Sports Bar & Grill** Request for Recission of Conditional
10 East Lehigh Street Licensing Agreement
Summit Hill, PA 18250-1212
License No. R-2273
LID 65577

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to rescind the conditional licensing agreement currently in effect against the licensee.

- (3) **CPJD Holdings, LLC** Request for Recission of Conditional
241-243 Chestnut Street Licensing Agreement
Unit H
Philadelphia, PA 19106-2850
License No. R-239
LID 70968

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to rescind the conditional licensing agreement currently in effect against the licensee.

- (4) **Joshua Ryan, Inc.** Request for Modification of
154 West Third Street Conditional Licensing Agreement
Williamsport, PA 17701-6408
License No. R-13013
LID 65450

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to rescind the conditional licensing agreement currently in effect against the licensee.

- (5) **Taylor Deli, LLC** Request for Recission of Conditional
125 North Main Street Licensing Agreement
Taylor, PA 18517-1432
License No. R-13337
LID 69632

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to rescind the conditional licensing agreement currently in effect against the licensee.

*From the Bureau of Licensing Tisha Albert, Director of Regulatory Affairs
Andrew Stuffick, Director, Bureau of Licensing*

- (1) **Dharma Group, LLC** Requests for Interior Connections
t/a Riverside Beer with Another Business and to
D-3774 (LID No. 86093) Delicense & Reconfigure the
336-338 Monongahela Avenue Licensed Areas – Distributor
Glassport Borough
Glassport, Allegheny County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the request for interior connection with another business and to delicense and reconfigure the licensed areas.

- (2) **Inhale Hookah Lounge, LLC** Renewal – Brewery
G-49431 (LID No. 107568) Case No. 24-9023
1901 Buckius Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Interim Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Inhale Hookah Lounge, LLC. There was no response.

Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse the renewal.

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- (3) **Valley Beer Depot 1, Inc.** Double Transfer & Request for Interior Connections with Another Business – Distributor
D-1156 (LID No. 126547)
370 South Memorial Highway
Kingston Township
Shavertown, Luzerne County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer and request for interior connections with another business.
- (4) **West Hills Beer & Soda Acquisition, Inc.** Place-to-Place Transfer & Request for Interior Connections with Another Business – Distributor
D-669 (LID No. 59277)
1741 Goucher Street
Lower Yoder Township
Johnstown, Cambria County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer and request for interior connections with another business.
- (5) **Blue Town Tavern, Inc.** Renewal – District 7
t/a Blue Town Tavern
R-4754 (LID No. 72854) Case No. 2023- 72854
5609 Route 66
Redbank Township
New Bethlehem, Clarion County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (6) **Broomall Beer, LLC** Renewal – District 11
D-3747 (LID No. 67662) Case No. 2023-67662
2056 Sproul Road
Marple Township
Broomall, Delaware County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (7) **Capl Retail, LLC** Renewal – District 9
t/a Keyser Ave
E-4222 (LID No. 102859) Case No. 2023-102859
701 North Keyser Avenue
Scranton, Lackawanna County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal.
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- (8) **Carol Hickey of Conshohocken, Inc.** Renewal – District 4
R-11773 (LID No. 25675) Case No. 2024-25675
201-203 West 6th Avenue
Conshohocken, Montgomery County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (9) **CDRP, Inc.** Renewal – District 7
t/a Infusion Nite Club & Grill
R-14817 (LID No. 93912) Case No. 2023-93912
518-522 Main Street
Clarion, Clarion County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (10) **Crystal Food Services, Inc.** Renewal – District 8
t/a Crystal Barbeque
R-4479 (LID No. 83746) Case No. 2020-83746 and
2022-83746
44 East Broad Street
Hazleton, Luzerne County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (11) **JP TC, LLC** Renewal – District 11
t/a Pasquales Sports Bar & Pizzeria
R-9211 (LID No. 61298) Case No. 2021- 61298
9078 Mill Creek Road
Falls Township
Levittown, Bucks County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (12) **MPR York, LLC** Renewal – District 2
t/a NV Bar & Grill
R-52788 (LID No. 112548) Case No. 2024-112548
615-617 East Market Street
York, York County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for an amended conditional licensing agreement.
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- (13) **Siddhivinayaka Distributor, Inc.** Renewal – District 9
D-3935 (LID No. 71394) Case No. 2023-71394
65 Bridge Street
Tunkhannock, Wyoming County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (14) **Spagnolo Bros, LLC** Renewal – District 2
t/a Red Rose Restaurant & Lounge
R-18342 (LID No. 64941) Case No. 2024-64941
5370 Lincoln Highway
Hellam Township
York, York County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

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*From the Bureau of Human Resources Jason Lutcavage, Director of Administration
Jennifer Haas, Director, Bureau of Human Resources*

Personnel Actions

There were 12 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Amber Alexander Poindexter – Affirm Removal**
- (2) **Jeffrey Beard - Removal**
- (3) **Carrie Billotte – Removal**
- (4) **Michele Breen – Removal**
- (5) **Shamera Brown - Removal**
- (6) **Jillian Carey – Affirm Removal**
- (7) **Sara Cebrick – Removal**
- (8) **Tina Gahring - Removal**
- (9) **Ashanti Griffin– Affirm Removal**
- (10) **Jeanette Moyer – Removal**
- (11) **Timothy Weber – Affirm Removal**
- (12) **Iyanna Wilson-Moore – Removal**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the proposed Personnel Actions received from the Bureau of Human Resources.

*From the Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director
Melinda John, Chief, Purchasing & Contracting Administration
Ijeoma Ezekoye, Director, Bureau of Financial Management & Analysis*

Procurement Actions:

None

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Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **State Employee’s Defined Contribution Plan** – Billing of \$242,944.16 for FY 2024-25 for Defined Contribution Plan costs from the State Employees Retirement System (SERS). Act 23 of 2020 allows SERS to assess charges to cover the administrative costs for the newly defined contribution (DC) retirement plans. The LCB’s billing is \$58,797.68 or (+31.9%) higher than last year’s billing \$184,146.48.
- (2) **Office of Administration – IT Shared Services** – Billing of \$955,080 for the FY 2024-25 Q1 billing for OA’s IT Enterprise Technology Essential Services. This billing is for enterprise-wide infrastructure, network, security, enterprise data center (EDC) and service desk costs.
- (3) **Department of Auditor General** – FY 2023-24 Q4 billing of \$1,027,495.64 from the Department of the Auditor General. The charge for FY 2023-24 Q4 services are \$243,576.21 (+31.1%) more than last year’s Q4 estimated billing. The total FY 2023-24 billings are \$3.74M or \$402,325.10 (+12.1%) more than last year, primarily due to a higher audit rate (+12%).
- (4) **Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (Job 35)** – The billing to reimburse DGS \$53,277.13 for June /2024 vehicle leases in accordance with Management Directive 615.3. This billing is for the 101 vehicles leased by the PLCB and includes the monthly lease costs for Telematic (GPS) devices.

The Bureau of Financial Management and Analysis has reviewed these charges and determined that they are reasonable based on billing methodology and previous experience.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the Inter-Agency Charges received from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

From the Office of Retail Operations.....Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

- (1) **#0244 – 739 Monongahela Avenue, Glassport
Amendment**
- (2) **#5104 – Columbus Commons, 1940 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., Philadelphia
Amendment**
- (3) **#5190 – Ogontz Plaza, 7161 Ogontz Avenue, Philadelphia
Amendment**
- (4) **#0938 – Center Point Plaza, 748 West Street Road, Warminster
Exercise Option**
- (5) **#1008 – Slippery Rock Plaza, 223 Grove City Road, Slippery Rock
Exercise Option**

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- (6) **#1009 – 240 Buffalo Plaza, Sarver
Exercise Option**
- (7) **#1509 – Shoppes at Jenner Village, 855 West Baltimore Pike, West Grove
Exercise Option**
- (8) **#2806 – Waynesboro Shopping Center, 642 West Main Street, Waynesboro
Exercise Option**
- (9) **#3510 – 1531 Main Street, Peckville
Exercise Option**
- (10) **#3619 – Kendig Square, 2600 Willow Street Pike North, Willow Street
Exercise Option**
- (11) **#4306 – Hermitage Town Plaza, 2321 East State Street, Hermitage
Exercise Option**
- (12) **#6101 – Seneca Street Plaza, 50 Seneca Street, Oil City
Exercise Option**
- (13) **#6503 – 925 Donner Street, Monessen
Exercise Option**
- (14) **#6720 – 406 US Route 15 North, Dillsburg
Exercise Option**
- (15) **#9108 – Pennypack Circle Shopping Center, 8200 E. Roosevelt Blvd., Philadelphia
Exercise Option**
- (16) **#9212 – Penn Lincoln Center, 440 Penn Lincoln Drive, Imperial
Exercise Option**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the lease actions received from the Office of Retail Operations.

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From the Bureau of Product Management.....Vacant, Director of Product Management

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

“These items went to Board for the public meeting without pricing”

Various

1. Regular Recommended Delist

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BRAND NAME AND SIZE

CODE

Pernod Richard USA

Malibu Rum Punch Cocktail 1.75 L

3304

Mumm NAPA Blanc de Blancs 750 mL

8553

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective October 11, 2024.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Interim Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the product recommendations received from the Bureau of Product Management.

FINANCIAL REPORT *Michael J. Burns, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget*

None

OTHER ISSUES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Prior to the public meeting, an Executive Session or Sessions will be held for the specific purposes as regularly set forth in the printed Board Agenda.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Board Member Vulakovich and seconded by Interim Chairman Clarke, the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing actions are hereby officially approved.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary