



# CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION

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## BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

October 25, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

*This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.*

**Board Members (All Present):** Nicole Murati Ferrer, Christine A. Elow, and Thomas Cahill, Jr.

**Staff Member Present:** Chris O'Neil.

**Decisions:** All decisions were 3-0, unless otherwise indicated, and by roll call.

### Public Testimony Matters

**1. Disciplinary** La Fabrica Central, LLC d/b/a La Fabrica, All Alcohol Common Victualler License #11593, 450 Massachusetts venue, for alleged violation of G.L. c. 138, §§ 23, 64-64A, 69, G. L. c. 140, and Board's Rules 2, 12B.6, and 12B.7 – Service/Sale/Delivery of Alcohol to an intoxicated person on June 11, 2023.

**Present:** Attorney Bill Kelley; Dennis Benzan; Renato Rodriguez; Juan Valencia; Charleen Benjamin; Officer Timothy Francis; Investigator Tyler Bubenik; and Tyler Bubenik. Sgt William LaMonica.

**Documents Considered:** Hearing notice and documents attached thereto; and file.

**Summary:** Police responded to call for an unresponsive party. When arrived, the party was against the wall. Individual claimed their personal property had been taken by the staff. Everything they claimed to be missing (id and credit card) were in their pocket. The individual had glassy eyes, alcohol on breath and appeared highly intoxicated. They were unable to call an Uber or friends to pick them up, and kept cancelling the calls from their phone to Uber, so the police placed them in protective custody; the individual was falling over and unsteady on their feet. The receipt showed that the individual had purchased 30 drinks at the premises: 5 Long Island Iced Teas, 2 Brugal 1888, 9 Sex on Beach, and 11 Green Tea Shots. The bill was \$386 not including tax, and there was an additional \$500 tip added to it.

The staff reported to the License Investigator that the individual was buying drinks for themselves, a group of women and others at the bar. There was no security footage available because the system was getting upgraded. Supposedly La Fabrica did not serve more than one drink per person.

Juan Valencia stated the individual did not want to leave the establishment. They laid on the ground flat on their back. The individual was conscious, communicated with Valencia and Valencia understood what the individual was saying. Individual stated they did not want to leave without identification or credit card. Valencia confirmed that the bartender had provided it and at that point they called the police. The individual then sat with their back against the wall, and the police arrived less than 5 minutes afterwards. The police assisted the individual up and guided him towards the

outside, Valencia followed them outside. The individual was trying to call an Uber or some sort of ride but kept giving the police officers a hard time. Stayed until the police supervisor showed up.

Prior to police arrival, staff asked the individual if they were “okay.” The staff did not see signs of intoxication, they individual was not being cooperative as to commands, but was not slurring words. Believe the individual had come the night before and inquired about VIP status for next night, but did not get it. VIP status requires purchase of a table, must be with a group, and must buy at least 1 bottle. The staff did not feel like Fire or EMS was required.

The bartender, Leakkanyka Roeum, explained the individual came back a couple of times with a group of girls and ordered them drinks; the individual had about 2-3 Long Island and the rest of the drinks were for other patrons. The group of girls, always the same, and they would also buy drinks for people next to them at the bar. There was another bartender on duty who also served drinks to the group. Roeum served most of the drinks, the other bartender served a round of shots and gave the girls water at the end of the night. The individual had 2 to 3 Long Island Iced Teas; although there were 5 on the tab, 2 were for the girls but they did not drink them and they were poured out. The individual had no shots. There is not a maximum number of drinks quota. Long Islands are strong drink, Roeum would not serve more than 3 to a person in one night. Roeum testified the 3 girls, drank the green tea shots and Sex on the Beach drinks, and the Brugal were drunk by the couple next to them at the bar. Green tea shot is a mixture of whisky, sour mix and lime. The individual did not have any shots.

Renato Rodriguez testified the individual was laying flat on the floor but was conscious. Rodriguez did not find the individual to be intoxicated. They conversed at bar, at floor, and responsive; the individual was being a difficult customer and batty but was not unresponsive. Rodriguez was not concerned about overservice but more about safety. Individual did not seem like they needed emergency services.

**Decision:** Motion to dismiss the matter, denied. Matter taken under advisement.

**2. Application #244700** Long Quan Xuan, Inc. d/b/a Dumpling Xuan, 465 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler License #28777, to add All Alcoholic Beverages to said license. The current approved hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. all days with seating for 40 and an occupancy of 60. Hong Zheng as Proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: approximately 3,269 SF first floor with dining area in the front and kitchen in the back. One front entrance and 3 exits in the rear.

**Present:** Attorney James Rafferty; Patrick Conte; Hong Zheng; Lin Xu; and Meixiu Xu.

**Documents Considered:** Application submitted and documents attached thereto, including petition in support of application.

**Summary:** Operating since 2021 with no issues. The lease will be amended to show the proper address of 465 Cambridge Street. ABCC application will also be amended to show maximum occupancy of 48 (per the floor plan). This is a small family business. There are about 60 signatures in support of the application from customers and residents, and also have the support of local business association. The owners have received the necessary training and meet all statutory qualifications.

Hong Zheng has experience in the food and beverage industry. Has not been a manager of record on a liquor license and is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC, and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Zheng provided TIPS certification as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

**Decision:** Granted.

**3. Application #244570** Grendel's Den, Inc. d/b/a Grendel's Den, 95 Winthrop Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11382, for a Change of Officers/Directors, and Issuance/Transfer of Stock/New Stockholder.

**Present:** Karoline Kuelzer.

**Documents Considered:** Application submitted and documents attached thereto.

**Summary:** This is an application to correct changes in the corporate structure which have not been approved. The currently approved interest holders are Sue Kuelzer, Herbert Kuelzer and Karoline Kuelzer. Now seeking to have the holders be Karoline Kuelzer with 51% and Jenifer Kuelzer with 49%. This was a gift of father Herbert Kuelzer to daughters. No changes to the business. Physical/ mailing address for the business is 89 Winthrop Street.

**Decision:** Granted.

**4. Application #237176** Sonesta International Hotels Corp. d/b/a Royal Sonesta Hotel, 40 Edwin H Land Boulevard, All Alcohol Innholder License #10737, for a change of Officers/Directors, and Manager to Timothy Conklin.

**Present:** Timothy Conklin.

**Documents Considered:** Application submitted and documents attached thereto.

**Summary:** This includes a top tier change in corporate officers/directors. There are no changes to the business operations (other than the change of manager). Timothy Conklin has experience in the food and beverage industry. Has not been the manager of record on a liquor license and is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC, and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Provided TIPS certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

**Decision:** Granted.

**5. Application #239398** Reins International Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Gyu Kaku Restaurant, 16 Eliot Street, Common Victualler Wine & Malt License #11524, for a Change of Manager to Sienna Sophia Michele Han.

**Present:** Sienna Sophia Michele Han; and Wendy Le.

**Documents Considered:** Application submitted and documents attached thereto.

**Summary:** [Matter was given a second call.] Sienna Sophia Michele Han has experience in the food and beverage industry. Has not been the manager of record on a liquor license and is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC, and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Provided TIPS certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

**Decision:** Granted.

**6. Disciplinary** Boston Carting, Solid Waste Hauler License #65459, for alleged violations of Cambridge Municipal Code 8.16.080(e), loading and unloading outside allowable hours, on September 27, 2023, 10:02 p.m., at 15 Notre Dame Avenue.

**Documents Considered:** Hearing notice and documents attached thereto; file; and Waiver of Hearing.

**Summary:** On October 23, 2023, Michael Barry, Vice President of Boston Carting submitted a waiver of hearing admitting to the violation as noticed. Boston Carting has a disciplinary history at this location for similar incidents.

**Decision:** Violation, \$300 fine.

**7. Application #245138** Dan Blumberg, WT Rich Company, for a Special Noise Variance on 10/31/23 – 3/30/24 (alt. 11/7/23 – 4/13/24), at 197 Vassal Lane, for all hours on an as-needed basis to operate heating units for maintaining temperature conditions inside of the building.

**Present:** Dan Blumberg; Investigator Tyler Bubenik; and Investigator Joseph Kelley. Bendon Roy.

**Documents Considered:** Application submitted, and documents attached thereto.

**Summary:** This is for the Tobin Montessori School project. They are at the point where the finishes being installed are temperature sensitive. The heating units will ensure the work does not get affected by winter temperatures. The units have measured sound emissions of 75 dBA. They will have six units, all around the new building, 3 in close proximity. They have jersey barriers with fencing and installing sound blankets fully enclosing the units. The units are powered by natural gas, piped in (the temporary gas service was installed previous week).

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that a Sunday/Holiday permit is required.

**8. Application #245438** Ray Moore, Allied Paving Corporation, for a Special Noise Variance on 10/28/23 – 11/4/23 (Alt. 11/4/23 – 11/11/23), from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays only, to pave sections of Jacobs Street and Morgan Avenue, using an asphalt paver, vibratory rollers, and tri-axle dump trucks. The variance is sought to extend the day, accommodating the full scope of work.

**Present:** Ray Moore; Investigator Tyler Bubenik; and Investigator Joseph Kelley.

**Documents Considered:** Application submitted, and documents attached thereto.

**Summary:** The work is expected to only take one Saturday, the additional days are in case there is bad weather/unforeseen situation. They are looking to complete the work on 10/28.

**Decision:** Granted for 10/28, and alternatively 11/4 or 11/18, with the condition that the permittee must notice the License Commission at [noise@cambridgema.gov](mailto:noise@cambridgema.gov) the day(s) the variance is exercised and completed; variance and any balance of days are moot once the work is completed.

**9. Informational** Super Target Liquor of Massachusetts, Inc. d/b/a Target, 564 Massachusetts Avenue, Wine and Malt Package Store License #12982, to discuss business practices, manner in which business is being conducted, and alcohol related shoplifting at Target, and determination whether a revocation of the liquor license is appropriate, pursuant to G. L. c. 138, §§ 15, 23, 64, and Board's Rules 5.1-5.3.

**Present:** Attorney Andrew Upton; Janae Curry; Susan Smith; Brendan Jones; Jonas Garcia.

**Documents Considered:** Hearing notice and documents attached thereto; Target operational changes plan; police calls/theft reports; and file.

**Summary:** Moving the alcohol behind the register would be a massive reconfiguration, and there is currently not enough room with the current configuration. Janae Curry, Asset Protection Team Leader testified they only have persons at the front monitoring during peak hours. Cannot prioritize alcohol all the time, but right now guard it between 12:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. The coolers have gotten locks installed and one or two have been broken, but they have been fixed. They have seen local successful apprehension, 50% decrease in shoplifting in adult beverages. Reinforcing those, more flexible gate more visually appealing, about 98% effective. The current gates fulfill the spirit of the plan they submitted but are still working on it.

Right now the Target member takes the alcohol to the register – since have had gates locked, bring it to the guest each time, and bring it until they pay. Cannot do sale at self-register. Practice will continue. The area where the alcohol is location has motion sensors which is how the security members know to take a look at the monitors.

Target stressed there is a public need for the license at this location. They sell about \$300K in alcohol which shows a clear demand. In addition, Target is essentially a full one-stop store. Busiest time of the day is 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and Saturday afternoon. Inventory shrink is a huge national problem, so Target is in business and focused on getting this resolved to a 99% plus.

**Decision:** Under advisement.

### Administrative Matters

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**10. Application #246766** Jay Dunn, Waveguide, for a Special Noise Variance on 10/30/23 – 11/3/23 (Alt. 11/6/23 – 11/10/23), at 500 Main Street, from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the following morning, beginning for the week on Monday night and ending on Friday morning, to place and splice cable using the power derived from an idling vehicle engine. The variance is sought in the interest of limiting impacts from anticipated service outages.

**Summary:** Work must be scheduled overnight as service is anticipated to be interrupted as a function of the activity. Applicant only anticipates needing to exercise the variance for one or two nights. There are no noise complaints associated with this type of work.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that the permittee must notice the License Commission at [noise@cambridgema.gov](mailto:noise@cambridgema.gov) the day(s) the variance will be exercised and when the work is completed; variance and any balance of days are moot once the work is completed.

**11. Application #247005** Greek American Political Club of Mass d/b/a Greek American Political Club, 288 Green Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11682, for a one-day amendment to their closing hour on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

**Decision:** Granted.

**12. Application #246978** Theirry Corporation Inc. (c/o Jean Joseph) seeking the transfer of Medallion #174 from BK Transportation (c/o Bhupinder Kainth), previous record #59861. Sale price \$10,000.

**Decision:** Granted/approved.

### **13. Changes Made Through 2024 License Renewal Applications**

**Application #65522** 1160 Mass Ave, Inc. d/b/a Kung Fu Tea, 1160 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler License, changed the manager of record from Jaihui Feng to Jianhua Tang.

**Application #82636** PB Crimson, LLC d/b/a Playa Bowls, 71 Mt. Auburn Street, Common Victualler License, changed the manager of record from Fribert Nivar to Denis Mancia.

**Application #101987** Tea Do Central, Inc. d/b/a TeaDo, 425 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler License, change in beneficial interest, removing two of the three current owners and transferring all interest to the third, Shin Hung Poon. No other changes in the operation.

**Decision:** Approved/ratified as to all.

**14. Consideration of Meeting Minutes**      October 12, 2023.

**Decision:** Approved.

**15. Consideration of Statement of Reasons**

[Matter Heard September 14 and decided September 28, 2023]

**Application #234807**      Feast & Fettle, Inc. d/b/a Feast & Fettle, 1699 Massachusetts Avenue, for a new Wine and Malt Package Store License. Denied for lack of public need.

[Matters Heard October 12, 2023]

**Disciplinary**      Michael S. Coffin Landscape, Leaf Blower Permit #114228, violation of Cambridge Municipal Code 8.16.081.2(a), operating leaf blowers during a prohibited period, on September 11, 2023, at 88 Appleton Street. \$300 fine, plus \$100 hearing fee for failure to appear, for a total fine of \$400.

**Decision:** Approved as to all.

**One Day License Applications**

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**16. Application #244093**      Susana Santos, Escola Portuguesa de Somerville e Cambridge Inc., for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 11/12/23 from 11:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a fundraiser and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, DJ and live music. Expected attendance – 350.

**Decision:** Granted.

**17. Application #244217**      Jessica Lin, for a hawker/peddler license (12 vendors), at 1950 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/14/23 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to sell artwork and pop ephemera.

**Decision:** Granted.

**18. Application #245025**      Isaac Harmon, Mayor's office City of Cambridge, for an entertainment license at 795 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/31/23 from 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a Halloween celebration with patrons dancing, recorded music and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 200.

**Decision:** Granted, no license fee as it is a City event.

**19. Application #245222** Katarina Cheng, MIT Mocha Moves Dance Squad, for an entertainment license at 142 Memorial Drive, on 11/3/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance competition with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, amplification system, floor/light show, and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 400.

**Decision:** Granted.

**20. Application #245378** Jason Alves, East Cambridge Business Association, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 251 Hampshire Street, on 10/27/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for an Inmanween-neighborhood Halloween event with amplification system and theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 100.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

**21. Application #245345** Mulunesh Sisay for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/11/23 from 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for an appreciation night with DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 120.

**Decision:** Granted.

**22. Application #245399** Madison Dunn, Dirty Eventz, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 5 Callender Street, on 10/29/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a concert/art vending with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, live music, amplification system and light show. Expected attendance – 250.

**Decision:** Granted.

**23. Application #245442** Paul Clark for an entertainment license at 100 Cambridgeside Place, on 11/5/23 with rain date of 11/12/23 from 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for a road race with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 7,000.

**Decision:** Granted.

**24. Application #245489** Joseph Alicandro for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 2254 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/23/23 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a Thanksgiving dinner with recorded music. Expected attendance – 50.

**Decision:** Granted.

**25. Application #245795** Petar Dimitrov for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 41 Alewife Brook Parkway, on 11/4/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a folklore festival with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.



**Decision:** Granted.

**26. Application #245914** Sonia Santos-Soares, Brotherhood of the Children, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 10/28/23 from 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a dinner dance with patrons dancing, DJ and live music. Expected attendance – 350.

**Decision:** Granted.

**27. Application #245913** Andrea Campbell for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/5/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 210.

**Decision:** Granted.

**28. Application #246069** Ayah Khan, Harvard Caribbean Club, for an entertainment license at 56 Linnaean Street, on 10/27/23 from 9:00 p.m. – 2:30 a.m. for a social event with DJ. Expected attendance – 350.

**Decision:** Granted with amended start time of 10:00 p.m., police detail required, and no Halloween masks allowed per event registration form.

**29. Application #246067** Tsiyon Geremew, Harvard African Students Association, for an entertainment license at 59 Shepard Street, on 11/11/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a cultural event with performers/entertainers dancing, DJ, live music, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 200.

**Decision:** Granted with police detail required per event registration form.

**30. Application #246063** Henry Kuo, Harvard Taiwanese Cultural Society, for an entertainment license at 58 Plympton Street, on 10/28/23 from 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. for a performance with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

**Decision:** Granted with amended start time of 8:00 p.m. per event registration form.

**31. Application #245991** Paddy's Lunch Inc. d/b/a Paddy's Lunch, 260 Walden Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11694, for an entertainment license on 10/28/23 from 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

**Decision:** Granted.

**32. Application #246140** Philip Chaves for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 11/11/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a feast with recorded music. Expected attendance – 300.

**Decision:** Granted.

**33. Application #246168** Nicholas Caso, LabCentral, for a malt license at 700 Main Street, on 10/26/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a party. Expected attendance – 80.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

**34. Application #246268** Nicole Saras for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 60 Acorn Park Drive, on 10/26/23 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a Halloween party with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 59.

**Decision:** Granted.

**35. Application #246253** Raesia Straker, Diaspora, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 10/28/23 from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, DJ, amplification system and light show. Expected attendance – 200.

**Summary:** Applicant specified there will be no cannabis consumption and that it is a Halloween party.

**Decision:** Granted.

**36. Application #246321** Joe Juknievich for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/27/23 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for a dance lesson/dance party. Expected attendance – 50.

**Decision:** Granted.

**37. Application #246284** Ryan Nistler, Repertoire Immune Medicines, for an all alcohol license at 1400 One Kendall Square, on 10/26/23 with rain date of 11/2/23 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a corporate party. Expected attendance – 60.

**Decision:** Granted.

**38. Application #246351** Ayah Khan, Harvard Caribbean Club, for an entertainment license at 59 Shepard Street, on 10/27/23 from 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a social event with DJ. Expected attendance – 350.

**Decision:** Granted with the conditions that police detail is required, and no Halloween masks allowed per event registration form.

**39. Application #246350** Kiersten Mitzel, MIT Shakespeare Ensemble, for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/27, 10/28, 11/2, 11/3 & 11/4 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. & 10/29 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. for a Theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 150.

**Decision:** Granted.

**40. Application #246544** Sarah June, Lowell House Committee, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 10 Holyoke Place, on 11/10/23 from 10:00 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 600.

**Decision:** Granted, police detail required per event registration form.

**41. Application #246637** Erin Dyson-Enamorado, More Than Words Bookstore, for a hawkler/peddler license at 292 Main Street, on 10/28/23 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. to sell books, gift items, candles, t-shirts, totes, stickers, notebooks, pens, etc.

**Decision:** Granted.

**42. Application #246441** Thomas Kruskal, Great Meadows Morris and Sword, for an entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 11/3/23 from 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a dance with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

**Decision:** Granted.

**43. Application #246670** Joe Juknievich, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/28/23 from 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. for a concert. Expected attendance – 75.

**Decision:** Granted.

**44. Application #246673** Joe Juknievich, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 10/29/23 from 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. for a book launch party. Expected attendance – 50.

**Decision:** Granted.

**45. Application #246681** Jose da Silva, Patagonia Cambridge, for a malt license at 39 Brattle Street, on 10/26/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a thru-hike workshop. Expected attendance – 70.

**Decision:** Granted.

**46. Application #246600** Chelsea Jennings & Liza Shirazi, Longfellow, for a malt and wine license at 150 Cambridgepark Drive, on 11/2/23 with rain date of 11/3/23 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a lunch reception. Expected attendance – 50.

**Summary:** This is happening in an area outside the licensed premises of Revival/Mothership, hence the need for the one-day license.

**Decision:** Granted.

**47. Application #246665** Hridibrata Pal, MIT Sangam, for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/19/23 from 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a dinner and cultural show with performers/entertainers dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 600.

**Decision:** Granted with amended start time of 5:00 p.m. per event registration form.

**48. Application #246930** Kate Silverman Wilson, MIT Museum, for a wine license at 314 Main Street, on 11/7/23 with rain date of 11/8/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a reception. Expected attendance – 58.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that there must be a limited number of alcoholic drinks (3) associated with the admissions price; otherwise/thereafter the alcohol must be sold.

**49. Application #246956** Herman Sanchez, Cambridge Veterans' Service, for an entertainment license at 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/11/23 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a veterans' day commemoration with amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 75.

**Decision:** Granted with amended start time of 12:00 p.m. per City permit, no license fee as it is a City event.

#### **[Matters Considered, Not Previously Posted on Agenda]**

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**50. Application #247052** Sean Flynn, Beacon Piping Company, for a Special Noise Variance on 10/28/23 – 10/28/23 (alt. 11/4/23 – 11/4/23), at 52 Oxford Street, from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., to hoist mechanical equipment to the rooftop using a crane and delivery trucks. The variance is needed to allow a twelve-hour work window in order to complete the work before darkness.

**Decision:** Granted.

**51. Board Discussion** Hours of Operation for The Mothership Alewife, LLC d/b/a Revival/Mothership, 125 Cambridgepark Drive, Common Victualler Wine and Malt License #13675.

**Summary:** On October 12, 2023, the Board clarified/discussed the hours of operation of Mothership/Revival which was an alteration of premises application (#224223) basically merging what used to be two different locations owned by the same entity but which could not previously operate under one license. The grant for the merge/alteration was on June 29, 2023, but the Board did not discuss the hours until the October meeting. At that meeting, based on information received from the applicant's counsel, the Board granted global hours of operation for food, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; alcohol, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; and patio, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., with the understanding that the café

portion will operate 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and the Mothership portion will operate 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Now the attorney has contacted us to inform us there was a miscommunication/misunderstanding and the applicant seeks the global hours of operation for the entire operation/space. The Board discussed the global hours for the entire operation make it easier and cleaner, and it also provides the business the flexibility to provide the public the services it needs. In addition, since the hours have already been approved, there is no need for the applicant to apply for a change in hours or for the Board to further discuss.

**Decision:** Granted – administratively correct the hours of operation to be food, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; alcohol, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.; and patio, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**52. Application #246996** Anton Glamb, Right Here Recordings LLC, for an entertainment license at 1500 Massachusetts Avenue, on 11/9/23 with rain date of 11/10/23 from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a discussion panel/presentation with recorded music, DJ, live music, amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 150.

**Decision:** Granted pending submission of City permit and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

**53. Application #247000** William Manley, HSBA/Bonde Fine Wine, for an entertainment license at 27 Church Street, on 10/27/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a block party with recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50.

**Summary:** The applicant has gotten into the habit of submitting applications with every short notice. There should be a warning that next application filed untimely will be subjected to a denial.

**Decision:** Granted with amended start time of 6:00 p.m. per City permit. The applicant is warned that any future applications filed less than 2 weeks prior to the event will more likely than not be denied for failure to submit in a timely manner.

**54. Application #247069** Bertil Jean-Chronberg, Bonde Fine Wine, HSBA and Church Street Merchant District, for a wine license at 54 Church Street, on 10/27/23 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a block party with wine garden. Expected attendance – 200.

**Summary:** Related to the previous application and similarly the applicant has gotten into the habit of submitting applications with every short notice. There should be a warning that next application filed untimely will be subjected to a denial.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way. The applicant is warned that any future applications filed less than 2 weeks prior to the event will more likely than not be denied for failure to submit in a timely manner.

**55. Application #247105** Tran Le, Great Meadows Morris and Swords, for a malt and wine license at 36 JFK Street, on 11/3/23 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. and 11/4/23 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a banquet & awards event. Expected attendance – 170.

**Decision:** Granted with the conditions that there must be a system implemented to identify the of legal and non-legal drinking age persons attending the event, and police detail required.

**56. Application #247171** Boris Kusturic, St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Cathedral, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 41 Alewife Brook Parkway, on 11/11/23 from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a fundraiser banquet with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that there must be a limited number of alcoholic drinks (3) associated with the admissions price; otherwise/thereafter the alcohol must be sold.

**57. Application #247254** Shaun Brideau, Shy Bird, for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 1 Broadway 5<sup>th</sup> floor patio, on 10/27/23 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a Halloween party with recorded music. Expected attendance – 200.

**Summary:** This is in an area of the premises not covered by their license, hence the need for a one-day license.

**Decision:** Granted pending submission of the permission letter and subject to any conditions and modifications therein.

**58. Request for Reconsideration of Board Vote [Denial]** Application #244564, Matt Burham, McCourt Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 10/22/23 - 10/27/23, (Alt. 10/29/23 - 11/3/23), at 1 Science Park, for overnight work from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. the following morning. Drilling and placing a new traffic light foundation using a drill crane, crane, semi-trucks, backhoe, and water trucks. The variance is needed due to DOT requesting this work be done off-hours to maintain traffic flow on Rt. 28.

**Summary:** On October 12, 2023 we denied the application based on a lack of showing of undue hardship. Part of the information we heard and considered was that although the applicant represented that MassDot required the work be performed at night, MassDot unequivocally denied ever informing the applicant that the work had to be performed at night. Although MassDot may limit the hours during the daytime when the work can be performed due to traffic, MassDot informed the License Commission that the work could be performed during the day. We have received a significant number of complaints from residents in the area as to construction activity and noise. In addition, on the application, hearing and the subsequent reconsideration request, the applicant once again represents that the nighttime work is required by MassDot when it is not. The applicant also specifically stated at the hearing that although the work could be performed during the daytime, it was easier and faster for them to do it at night. This is insufficient to establish the need for a variance.

**Decision:** Board vote reaffirmed, request for reconsideration of Board vote and underlying variance denied.

**59. Application #247411** John Schall/Jonatas Eller, El Jefe’s Taqueria, for a malt and wine license at 7 JFK Street, on 10/27 & 28/23 with rain date of 10/29/23 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a block party. Expected attendance – 1,000.

**Summary:** Related to the previous application and similarly the applicant has gotten into the habit of submitting applications with every short notice. There should be a warning that next application filed untimely will be subjected to a denial.

**Decision:** Granted with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way. The applicant is warned that any future applications filed less than 2 weeks prior to the event will more likely than not be denied for failure to submit in a timely manner.


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**By the Board of License Commissioners**

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