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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2025 adopted by the Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

Board Members: Nicole Murati Ferrer (present); Christine A. Elow (present); and Thomas Cahill, Jr. (present).

Staff Members Present: Chris O'Neil and Kris Foster.

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

Public Testimony Matters

1. **Application #1162612** Wonderful Mart, Inc. d/b/a Wonderful Mart, 2368 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler Wine and Malt Package Store License #1140395, to add two 30 square foot patios with 8 seats on the public way, no alcohol service.

Present: Luis Marte.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: The Applicant is seeking a patio with four tables for customers from its deli to eat outside. There will be no alcohol consumption on the patio (as this is a package store). The patio will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily. Because abutters were not timely notified, the matter will remain under advisement until the next hearing for any potential public comment.

Decision: Under advisement until the next meeting, July 3, 2025, in the event public comment is received.

2. **Application #1166019** Cambridge Restaurant Partners, LLC d/b/a Ole, 11 Springfield Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11603, for a change of manager to David Tapia Flores and to add live entertainment with amplification indoors/outdoors.

Present: Attorney Tyler Henseler and David Tapia Flores.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: The Board discussed that because the Applicant failed to notify abutters, the application has been bifurcated and only the change of manager would be considered by the Board at this hearing.

David Tapia Flores has twenty years of experience in the food and beverage industry and seven years at Ole. They have not been a manager of record before. They are familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Tapia Flores has TIPS and ServSafe certificates as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol and will submit them.

Decision: Granted as to manager of record only; no vote on the entertainment portion, which has been bifurcated.

3. Application #1154877 Black Ruby, Inc. d/b/a Black Ruby, 1790 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler Wine and Malt License #281527, to add seasonal outdoor seating on the public sidewalk for 28 seats.

Present: Monson Theerapanont.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: The Applicant is seeking a patio with 18 seats. The Board discussed that several patio plans have been submitted and they confirmed with DPW and the Law Department that the 18-seat plan submitted is the one to be considered. The patio will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, which are the same hours as inside.

The Board reminded the Applicant that the total capacity is 58, inclusive of employees. The Applicant stated that when the patio is open the indoor capacity will be 40, inclusive of employees, and 18 outside; when the patio is closed, the indoor capacity, inclusive of employees, will be 58.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that: (1) the maximum capacity for the premises is 58, including employees, and indoor and outdoor areas; (2) maximum indoor capacity is 58 when the outdoor area is not in use, inclusive of employees; and (3) when outdoor area is in use, maximum indoor capacity is 40 and outdoor capacity is 18, inclusive of employees.

4. Application #1168638 Colwen Management, Inc. d/b/a Fairfield Inn & Suites Cambridge, 209 Monsignor O'Brien Highway, All Alcohol Innholder License #10760, for a change of manager to Sean Baran.

Present: Attorney Kevin Butler; and Sean Baran.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: Sean Baran has five years of experience in the food and beverage industry and has never been a manager of record before. They are familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of

alcohol. Baran has a TIPS certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol and will upload a copy.

Decision: Granted.

5. Application #1167867 President and Fellows of Harvard College d/b/a The Pub, All Alcohol Educational License #11450, for a change of manager to Joseph Iovino.

Present: Joseph Iovino.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: Joseph Iovino has 19 years of experience in the food and beverage industry and four years at this location. They have not been a manager of record before. They are familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board, ABCC, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts with regard to the sale and service of alcohol. Iovino submitted a ServeSafe certificate as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted.

Administrative Matters

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

6. Application #1168788 Central P&I Inc. d/b/a Cambridge Italian Pizzeria, 1621 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler License #1144195, for change of corporate name to Cambridge Italian Pizzeria Inc. and change of full ownership interest to current owner Beshara Ibrahim.

Decision: Granted.

7. Application #1169105 Bill Conway, Zayo Group, for a Special Noise Variance on 7/8/25 (alt. 7/9/25) from 6:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m., at 145 Broadway for fiber optic cable splicing using trucks. The variance is sought per the request of the Cambridge Pole and Conduit Commission that the work be performed in the evening.

Decision: Granted.

8. Board Acknowledgement SLMS Nightlife Ventures, LLC, d/b/a Dx, 33 Dunster Street, All Alcohol General On Premises License #270007, notice of temporary closure due to renovations.

Summary: The Board acknowledged receipt of an email from the Licensee that they will be closed all summer for renovations and anticipate reopening in September.

Decision: Acknowledged.

9. Consideration of Meeting Minutes June 11, 2025.

Decision: Approved.

One Day License Applications

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

10. Application #1164065 Ken Field, The Phoenix Landing, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11656, for an entertainment license at 385 Massachusetts Avenue (not on the licensed premises), on 6/26/25 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a party with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 40.

Decision: Granted.

11. Application #1169245 & 1169247 Jared Staley, City of Cambridge Community Development Department, for an entertainment and hawker/peddler license (for 8 vendors to sell food, drinks & retail goods) at 31 Brattle Street, on 6/28/25 with rain date of 6/29/25 from 1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

12. Application #1169383 Tesfaye Sileshi, Massachusetts Ethiopian Support Association, Inc., for an entertainment license at 99 Sherman Street, on 8/2/25 with rain date of 8/3/25 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a festival with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 180.

Decision: Granted.

13. Application #1169541 Cassandra Campbell, Fresh Food Generation, for a hawker/peddler license at 795 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/30/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to sell food.

Decision: Granted.

14. Application #1169632 Sarah Jane Huber, Cambridge Community Development Department, for an entertainment license at 385 Massachusetts Avenue, on 6/25/25 with rain date of 7/2/25 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a Cambridge plays event with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 50.

Decision: Granted.

15. Application #1169654 Jeremiah Maloni, ACM, Inc., for a hawker/peddler license at Wadsworth at Memorial Drive, on 7/4/25 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. to sell Italian ice, lemonade, water and glow necklaces.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #1169595 Mary Gallagher, MIT, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 50 Memorial Drive, on 8/7/25 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a gala with patrons dancing, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted; applicant to request MIT police detail.

17. Application #1169616 Sarah Jane Huber, City of Cambridge Community Development Department, for an entertainment license at 71 Rogers Street, on 6/28/25 with rain date of 7/16/25 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a Cambridge plays event with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 40.

Decision: Granted.

18. Application #1170009 Dalia Fares, MIT Department of Biological Engineering Graduate Student Board, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 75 Amherst Street, on 6/27/25 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a formal with patrons dancing, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted with amended start time of 7:30 p.m. per MIT registration form; applicant to request MIT police detail.

19. Application #1170384 Michael Jonas, Swing City Boston, for an entertainment license at 680 Huron Avenue on 07/12/25 (rain date 08/09/25) from 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a swing dance with live band, patrons dancing and amplification system. Expected attendance – 125.

Decision: Granted.

20. Application #1170570 Saffana Anwar, City of Cambridge, for an entertainment license at Dottie Doyle Way on 06/30/25 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for a Caribbean Heritage Month celebration with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. per Traffic Permit, may commence set up at 6:00 a.m.


By the Board of License Commissioners

Minutes Approved: July 3, 2025

Minutes Posted: July 3, 2025



Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair



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Christine Elow, Police Commissioner