



CAMBRIDGE LICENSE COMMISSION

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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

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

Board Members: Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair (present); Pauline Wells, Police Commissioner (present); Thomas Cahill, Jr. (absent); and John Cotter, as Acting Fire Chief (present).

Staff Members Present: Chris O'Neil.

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

1. Board Discussion Review of current Rules and Regulations as they relate to Common Victualler, Alcohol, Entertainment and/or Innholder Licenses. The Board will discuss the current rules, any feedback received as to current rules or impending proposed changes to rules, and the working draft of the rules. (The current working draft is attached hereto [as Exhibit A]).

Present: The Commissioners.

Documents Considered: Copy of proposed draft attached to the agenda; and all correspondence and feedback received since April 2026 regarding the Rules and Regulations.

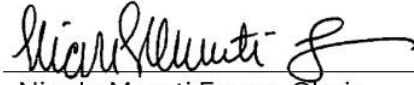
Summary: The Board decided to go through the document page by page and discuss what had already been flagged as well as any other matters. The document was shared on the screen, and notes were taken as to the votes and Board's stance live. The Board discussed all feedback provided to date, as well as its own perspective on the current rules, proposed changes, and the feedback received. The Board accepted and rejected some of the previously published proposals, cleaned up some language based on its own perspective and feedback received, and added new proposals to provide additional flexibility to the businesses and shift certain requirements not under its purview to the proper departments. The Board also added information as an addendum to assist businesses with identifying all provisions with which they must comply, and also procedures they can follow after receiving a decision. Throughout the discussion the Board made clear it is intending to create a document that is helpful, protects the public and businesses, and maintains or provides businesses with flexibility so that they can succeed. The Board also made it clear whatever they ended up proposing would not be the final draft – additional feedback would be solicited, and as it has done in the past, it would turn over the proposal to the City Solicitor's office for review to ensure consistency with current laws and regulations. Additional information as to the content of the discussion can be seen on the attached document.

Decision: Accepted (3-0) the attached [as Exhibit B] as an *updated working draft* and voted (3-0) to send to the City Solicitor's Office for a preliminary legal review.

By the Board of License Commissioners

Minutes Approved: September 17, 2026

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Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair



Thomas Cahill, Jr., Fire Chief



Pauline Wells, Police Commissioner