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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 9:01 a.m.

By Remote Participation Via Zoom

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

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

Decisions: All decisions, unless otherwise stated, were 2-0, and by roll call.

Public Testimony Matters

1. **Application #1143264** [Continued from February 12, 2026, hearing] Little Crepe Cafe, LLC d/b/a Little Crepe Cafe, 102 Oxford Street, Common Victualler License #162162, to add Wine & Malt and Cordials/Liqueurs. The proposed hours are 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday with seating for 18 inside and occupancy of 27. Jean Dany Joachim as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: 1,200 sq. ft. on the ground level floor with open kitchen behind the counter, cafe/bistro style with an accessible entrance/exit facing Oxford Street. Basement for storage only.

Present: The Applicant did not appear at the meeting.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: The Board Incorporate by reference and made a part hereof, the 2/12/26 hearing. On February 12, 2026, the Board found a public need and voted to grant the license, provided the deficiencies outstanding documents were provided: (1) a corrected ABCC application showing all beneficial interest holders; and (2) An unredacted agreement or something that shows that Presume gave away any rights on Little Crepe LLC.

The applicant submitted a corrected ABCC application but it has a minor clerical error, and they submitted an agreement as to the exchange but it was heavily redacted and did not answer all questions. The applicant was advised of the need for corrections.

Decision: Continue to March 24, 2026. In the meantime, the Board will send a letter via certified mail to Presume to confirm that they no longer hold an interest in the LLC. If the application is completed and it is confirmed Presume is not part of the business, the Board will send the application to the ABCC in accordance with its vote of February 12, 2026. Otherwise, the Board will re-assess and re-vote on March 24, 2026.

2. Application #1191510 Central Square Theater, Inc. d/b/a Central Square Theater, 450 Massachusetts Avenue, General on Premises Wine & Malt License #11300, for a Change of Manager to Elizabeth Watson.

Present: Elizabeth Watson.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Elizabeth Watson has extensive experience in the food and beverage industry, starting when they were sixteen years old. They have never been a manager of record before. They will be manager of a concession stand that serves alcoholic drinks before shows and during intermission. They are TIPS certified.

Decision: Granted.

3. Application #1194127 La Fabrica Central, LLC d/b/a La Fabrica, 450 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11593, for a Change of Manager to Dennis Benzan.

Present: Attorney William Kelley; and Dennis Benzan.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Dennis Benzan has experience in the food and beverage industry, having co-owned La Fabrica for ten years. They are actively involved in every aspect of the business and expect to be present on premises. They have never been manager of record before. They are in the process of making changes to the business and reinventing themselves. They are TIPS certified and are a certified crowd control manager.

Decision: Granted.

4. Application #1194816 Highgate Hotels L.P. d/b/a Courtyard Boston Cambridge, 777 Memorial Drive, Innholder All Alcohol License #10744, for a Change of Officers/Directors.

Present: Whitney Gillings.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: These are upper-tier changes to officers/directors. They are removing Rickey Whitworth and adding Edward Martin and William Graham Rumble. There will be no changes to daily operations.

Decision: Granted, pending confirmation no disqualification issues with the CORIs.

5. Application #1195958 Merritt Hospitality, LLC d/b/a Le Meridien Cambridge, 20 Sidney Street, Innholder All Alcohol License #10897, for a Change of Manager to Shehzadi Ayesha Saddiqa.

Present: Pam Miller; and Shehzadi Ayesha Saddiqa.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Shehzadi Ayesha Saddiqa has extensive experience in the innholder industry. They were manager of record of Embassy Suites in Waltham and Hyatt Place in Braintree, with no issues with the local boards or the ABCC. They have experience with alcohol service in restaurants located inside the hotels, and are certified through ServeSafe in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

The Board reminded Pam Miller that they must submit an application updating their officers/directors by March 23, 2026. Miller confirmed they will submit the application in a timely manner.

Decision: Granted.

6. Application #1197210 3 Brothers Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Beyond Full, 1105 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #1145985, to add additional entertainment categories. Applicant is currently licensed for recorded music above conversation level and is seeking to add: dancing by patrons; dancing by entertainers; live music with amplification; theatrical exhibition; floor show; light show; any other dynamic audio or visual show; DJ; comedy show; karaoke; acrobatic show; beauty contest; talk show; trivia; magic show; and reading of poetry or other works.

Present: Richard Yancey; Mark Avedikian; and Lucio Marino.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: In addition to the additional entertainment categories, Beyond Full is seeking to change food service hours to 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Currently, the food hours are: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. all days, and alcohol hours are: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Monday – Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Thursday, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. Friday & Saturday. They only seek a change in the food hours, the alcohol service hours will remain as is.

Beyond Full explained that they were seeking the extension of hours and the entertainment categories due to customer demand. Regarding entertainment, they also explained that their customers want all different kinds of events, so they are actually seeking all the categories they applied for in their application. They confirmed that although the entertainment sought is expansive, they are trying to be flexible and tailor their business to the community/area's needs.

The Board acknowledged that there have been no disciplinary issues with this licensee.

Decision: Granted.

Administrative Matters

7. Application #1198785 Pentagon Federal Credit Union transferring Medallion #189 to Damas H & M, Inc. d/b/a Damas H & M Inc. for \$3,500.00.

Decision: Acknowledged/granted.

8. Application #1194036 Nagomi Bento LLC d/b/a Nagomi Bento Cambridge, 1670 Massachusetts Avenue, for a new Common Victualler License. Inside occupancy of 18, outside occupancy of 8. Hours 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. all days. Proposed manager Nagisa Yazawa of a premises described as: approximately 800 sq. ft. on the ground floor of the building. The space consists of one public service area with limited seating, a commercial kitchen located at the rear of the premises, and a basement used for storage and food preparation support functions. The kitchen and food preparation areas are not accessible to the public. The premises has one primary customer entrance from Massachusetts Avenue and a rear/service exit for staff and deliveries. Includes an outdoor area on the public way. This location was previously licensed.

Summary: Originally requested 18 seats inside and 8 outside. Now, they are only seeking 10 seats inside and 2 outside.

Decision: Granted with amended seating occupancy of 10 inside and 2 outside.

9. Application #1199931 C-Side Bar LLC d/b/a C-Side Bar, 100 Cambridgeside Place, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #272930, for a one-day amendment to its license to extend service hours from 11:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. on May 2, 2026, for a private event.

Decision: Granted.

10. Board Vote Disciplinary Club Recreativo Lusitania, Inc. d/b/a Club Recreativo Lusitania, 44 Fifth Street, Club All Alcohol License #11624, for alleged failure to update its officers/directors, in violation of M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 1, 15A, 64, and Board Rules 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 5.1, 5.5, 5.6, 5B.2, 13.1.

Summary: The Board discussed the state law requiring clubs to apply for a change of officers/directors every time they change, even if it is every year. The Board acknowledged that the Club had finally submitted a complete application after retaining counsel. There was discussion on how to handle the violation based on previously heard similar cases.

Decision: Violation, warning.

11. Consideration of Statements of Reasons

[Matters heard February 12, 2026]

GreenOp Management, Leaf Blower Permit #132811, for operating during a prohibited period and improper simultaneous of multiple blowers at 220 Binney Street on January 13, 2026, in violation of CMC 8.16.081.3(1) and (6).

Fresenius Medical Care, for violation of loading and unloading outside allowable hours on December 22, 2025 at 6:40 a.m., at 1575 Cambridge Street, in violation of CMC 8.16.080(E).

Decision: Approved as to all.

12. Consideration of Meeting Minutes February 12, 2026.

Decision: Approved.

One-Day License Applications

13. Application #1196027 Rebecca Conn, MIT, for a hawker/peddler license at 292 Main Street, on 3/10/26 with rain date of 3/11/26 from 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. to sell books.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. per event registration form.

14. Applications #1196474-1196477 Taylor Hansen, The Multicultural Arts Center, for entertainment licenses at Centanni Park, on 6/5/26, 7/10/26, 8/7/26 & 9/4/26 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for social dance events with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 75.

Decision: Granted as to all.

15. Application #1198002 Andrea Campbell, Cambridge Symphony Orchestra, for an entertainment license at 77 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/22/26 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #1198043 David Robichaud, MIT Latin Dance Club, for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/6 & 3/8/26 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance showcase with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, amplification system, floor and light show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. per event registration form.

17. Application #1198221 Jacob Chaves, Committee of Our Lady of Miracles, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 3/7/26 from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for a fundraiser with patrons dancing, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted with the condition that they must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

18. Application #1198476 Olaf Bleck, Swing City Boston, for an entertainment license at 680 Huron Avenue, on 3/7/26 with rain date of 4/4/26 from 6:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a swing dance with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 125.

Decision: Granted.

19. Application #1198562 Lynne Standish, Parents' Nursery School, for a malt, wine and entertainment license at 117 Cushing Street, on 5/9/26 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with patrons dancing, recorded music and live music. Expected attendance – 40.

Decision: Granted.

20. Application #1199035 Regina Kurban, Aceituna Cafe, LLC, d/b/a Aceituna Cafe, 605 West Kendall Street, Common Victualler license #12163, for a malt and wine license on 3/5/26 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a meet & greet opportunity. Expected attendance – 50.

Summary: Aceituna Café has a common victualler license but no alcohol license. They are looking to host an event for Life Lebanon, which is a global professional network that helps facilitate college education for Lebanese students in need. This will also be a cross-networking event with members from finance, law, and tech industries.

The Board discussed that they usually only grant one-day alcohol licenses for private events. They decided to add conditions to ensure that this event is not open to the public.

Decision: Granted with modifications and the conditions that: (1) The business must be closed to the public while the event is ongoing; (2) There must be a guest list and only those on the list may enter the premises while the event is ongoing; and (3) Alcohol must be sold.

21. Application #1199145 Pablo Laguarda, World Music Inc. d/b/a Global Arts Live for a hawker/peddler license at 45 Quincy Street, on 3/29/26 from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to sell cd's, posters, t-shirts and vinyl.

Decision: Granted.

22. Application #1199230 Julia Buben for an entertainment license at 41 Second Street, on 8/21/27 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a ceremony with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

23. Application #1199616 Austin Lawrence Smith for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 29 Mt. Auburn Street, on 6/6/26 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a wedding with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 160.

Decision: Granted with the condition that they must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

24. Application #1199731 Ruth Allen, Paddy’s Lunch, Inc. d/b/a Paddy’s Lunch, 260 Walden Street, Common All Alcohol Victualer License #11694, for a St. Patrick’s Day party on 3/14/26 from 7:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m. with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

25. Application #1199910 Erik Sarno, Central Square BID, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 541 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/13, 3/14 & 3/18, 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; 3/19, 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; & 3/28/26, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for community events with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, amplification system and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted with the condition that they must implement a system identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

26. Application #1199928 Jonathan Weintraub, The Harvard Crimson, for a malt and wine license at 14 Plympton Street, on 3/7/26 from 4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a reception. Expected attendance – 45.

Decision: Granted.

Additional Matters Considered – Not Previously Posted on the Agenda

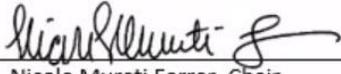
27. Application #1200559 Julia Bowers, MIT Ballroom Dance Team, for an entertainment license at 142 Memorial Drive, on 3/14/26 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a social dance with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

By the Board of License Commissioners

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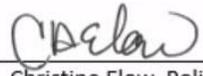
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