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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Friday, May 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Hearing commenced at 9:01 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 #1156120 Interstate Management Company, LLC d/b/a The Charles Hotel, 1 Bennett Street, All Alcohol Innholder License #10894, for a Change of Officers/Directors.

Present: Darlene Louie, Liquor Licensing Consultant.

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

Summary: This application is for a change of officers/directors at the upper levels. There will be no change to business operations.

Decision: Granted, pending submission and clearance of Cambridge CORI release forms and updated ABCC application (as to questions 4 & 5).

2. Application #1155002 Flavor Boom, LLC d/b/a Flavor Boom!, 201 Broadway, for a new Common Victualler License with seating and maximum occupancy of 36 and proposed hours of 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Jose Gomez "Starling" as proposed manager of a premises described as: One Dining Area, Kitchen, Serving Area On The First Floor/Lobby.

Present: Jun Tao.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Flavor Boom, LLC will be gourmet fast food, a fusion of Asian and Mediterranean flavors. They have other locations at Brookline, Boston and Jamaica Plain. They are taking over the Kendall Kitchen space.

Decision: Granted.

3. Disciplinary Horgan Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Horgan Enterprises, Leaf Blower Permit #10700, for allegedly operating a leaf blower at 2 Orchard Street on April 19, 2025 (8:00 a.m.), in violation of CMC 8.16.081.3(4)(b), operating outside allowable hours.

Present: Investigator Tyler Bubenik; no one appeared for Horgan Enterprises.

Documents Considered: Hearing notice and documents attached thereto.

Summary: [Second Call at 9:28 a.m.]. A SeeClickFix report from a complainant was received that stated Horgan operated a leaf blower on April 19, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. for one hour, outside of the allowable hours for a Saturday. The complainant submitted a photograph of a Horgan truck at the site in support.

Decision: Violation, \$300 fine and \$100 fee for failure to appear, for a total fine of \$400.

4. Disciplinary Ankang Corporation d/b/a Qing Dao Garden, Malt and Wine Common Victualler License #11618, 2382 Massachusetts Avenue, for allegedly operating without a license on April 16th, 2025, in violation of G.L. c. 138 §§ 60, 62, and 64; c. 140 §20; 204 CMR 2.05(2); and Board Rules 2, 5.1, and 13.1.

Summary/Decision: Matter removed, will be re-noticed and heard on 5/29/25.

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.

5. Application #1156775 Mi Corazon Taqueria, d/b/a Mi Corazon Taqueria, 194 N. Beacon Street, Watertown MA, for a new hawker/peddler license to sell tacos, burritos, quesadillas, and nachos via one food truck, with proposed manager Imelda Zamora.

Decision: Granted.

6. Board Approval/Ratification – Changes Made to Records Via Renewal Application

President & Fellows of Harvard College d/b/a Harvard University/Condominium, 165 Pleasant Street, Garage and/or Flammables License #113027, changing the manager to Joe Grasso.

President & Fellows of Harvard College d/b/a Harvard University/Condominium, 157 Pleasant Street, Garage and/or Flammables License #14458, changing the manager to Joseph Grasso.

President & Fellows of Harvard College d/b/a Harvard University/Condominium, 173 Pleasant Street, Garage and/or Flammables License #113052, changing the manager to Joseph Grasso.

610 Main Street Leasehold, d/b/a Bulfinch Property Management, 610 Main Street, Garage and/or Flammables License #14507, changing the manager to E.W. Sheets.

Cambridge Affordable Housing Corporation, d/b/a Temple Place Apartments LLC, 5 Temple Street, Garage and/or Flammables #14325, changing the manager to Ayahnna Williams.

Decision: Approved/ratified as to all.

7. Review/Ratification of Board Vote [Matter heard April 30, 2025] **Application #1155871**, Violette, LLC d/b/a Violette Bakers, 1782 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler License #256659, to extend the premises to an outdoor area on the public sidewalk (curbside) of 162 sq. ft. *Board granted it but pending review if public testimony was received. None received, and thus, per the Board's vote, the grant is to be ratified.*

Summary: There was a question as to abutter notification. The applicant represented only one abutter and that it was landlord. Based on that we proceeded to vote as noted, however, upon further review there are additional abutters.

Decision: Matter is to be reheard on May 29, 2025; the Board will incorporate by reference the testimony heard and hear any public comment on the issue on the 29th and then vote.

8. Board Vote [Matter Heard April 30, 2025] **Disciplinary**, Barcelona Cambridge, LLC d/b/a Barcelona Wine Bar, 1688 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #146333, for alleged (1) failure to provide proof of training in the safe service, sale and delivery of alcohol, (2) operation with an unapproved floorplan, and (3) operation over the licensed capacity on March 21, 2025 at approximately 10:15 p.m., in violation of M.G.L. c. 138, §§ 23 and 64; c. 140, § 9, c. 148 §34A, 204 C.M.R. 2.05(2), 527 C.M.R. 1.05 § 10.5.2.1, and Board Rules 2.2-2.6, 5.1, 5B.10, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, and 14.

Summary: This was as a result of a Task Force Inspection and the Board discussed how generally it provides written warnings for violations such as not having training certificates in hand but when multiple violations, including overcrowding, are observed, it hears the matter to discuss the appropriate penalty. The Board discussed the facts - 98 persons when licensed for 91; no blocked egresses; business's experience; business's understanding of the capacity limitations in the space; and plan for location which allows for a maximum occupant load of 107. The Board discussed whether a warning or a one-day suspension held in abeyance was more appropriate.

Decision: Violation, warning.

9. Consideration of Meeting Minutes April 30, 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.

[Note: Agenda Items 10-12 were heard together.]

10. Application #1163022 Vivek Sikri, Friends of Morse School, for an entertainment license at 40 Granite Street, on 5/18/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for the annual school spring fair and community block party with live and recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted.

11. Application #1161817 Vivek Sikri, Friends of Morse School, for a hawker/peddler license for one vendor at 40 Granite Street, on 5/18/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to sell pizza at the school annual spring fair and community block party.

Decision: Granted.

12. Application #1161818 Vivek Sikri, Friends of Morse School, for a temporary amusement license at 40 Granite Street, on 5/18/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for the annual school spring fair and community block party with two bouncy houses. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

[Note: Agenda Items 13-18 were heard together.]

13. Application #1158701 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Oxford Street, on 5/24/25 from 9:00 p.m. -1:00 a.m. for a dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 2000.

Decision: Granted.

14. Application #1158703 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 5/27/25 from 4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. for a family social with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 5000.

Decision: Granted.

15. Application #1158709 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 32 Mill Street, on 6/6/25 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. for a 30th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 325.

Decision: Granted.

16. Application #1158711 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 28 Dewolfe Street, on 6/6/25 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. for a 35th reunion dinner with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing and amplification system. Expected attendance – 530.

Decision: Granted.

17. Application #1158713 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 6/6/25 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. for a 45th reunion dinner with performers/entertainers dancing, amplification system and speaker. Expected attendance – 425.

Decision: Granted.

18. Application #1158727 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 6/6/25 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for an alumni party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 6000.

Decision: Granted.

19. Application #1158729 Michelle Torra, Harvard Alumni Association, for an entertainment license at 1 Harvard Yard, on 6/6/25 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. for a 5th & 10th dinner party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 1430.

Decision: Granted.

20. Application #1162838 Joe Juknievich, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/23/25 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a dance lesson/party. Expected attendance – 40.

Decision: Granted.

21. Application #1162471 Lupo Partners, Inc. d/b/a Gufo, 660 Cambridge Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #174713, for an entertainment license on 5/10/25 from 4:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a wedding with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

22. Application #1162296 Monica Concepcion, Whitehead Institute, for a malt and wine license at 455 Main Street, on 5/13/25 from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a symposium and reception. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. per permission letter.

23. Application #1162018 Qianyu Zhu, MIT Chinese Students and Scholars Association, for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/18/25 from Sound check and Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Performance 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. with a cappella show. Expected attendance – 120.

Decision: Granted.

24. Application #1161836 Julie Gray, Buckingham, Brown & Nichols School, for an entertainment license at 10 Buckingham Street, on 5/17/25 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for an annual family event with performers/entertainers dancing, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 700.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. per permission letter.

25. Application #1162830 Joe Juknievich, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/10-5/11/25 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance concert. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

26. Application 1159608 Sean Hope, 1 Hour Party, Inc., for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 53 Church Street parking lot, on 5/17/25 with rain date of 6/7/25 from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a people party with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 1500.

Summary: Asked for a letter from 1 Hour Party, Inc. from a disclosed corporate officer regarding the license application as it is for a full liquor license and the applicant is not a disclosed member of the 501(c)(3). The letter was received on 5/8.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. per the Traffic Permit (set up may commence at 9:00 a.m.) and the condition that the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

27. Application #1159558 Pamela Mindell, for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/18/25 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. for a concert with live music. Expected attendance – 600.

Decision: Granted.

28. Application #1158929 Brenda Lorda, Friends of the Amigos School, Inc., for an entertainment license at 15 Upton Street, on 6/16/25 with rain date 6/17/25 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a block party with patrons dancing, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

29. Application #1158622 Philip Chaves, Saint Anthony Parish, for malt, wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 5/16-5/18/25 from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; 4:00 p.m. –

12:00 a.m.& 12:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a religious feast with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees and the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

30. Application #1158624 Philip Chaves, Saint Anthony Parish, for malt, wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 6/21-6/22/25 from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.& 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a religious feast with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees and the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

31. Application #1158625 Alexander Maciel, St John's Holy Ghost Society, for malt, wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 6/7-6/8/25 from 12:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. & 10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a religious feast with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted with the condition that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

32. Application #1158629 Tony Felicio, Saint Anthony Parish, for a malt, wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 7/12/25 with rain date of 7/19/25 from 2:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a BBQ festival with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, DJ, and amplification system. Expected attendance – 700.

Decision: Granted with the conditions that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees; the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way; and must communicate with the Fire Department and obtain approval from it with regard to the set up and use of the BBQ. [Note to staff: Please give them Fire Prevention contact information]

33. Application #1158791 Sonia Santo-Soares, Children Holy Ghost Brotherhood, for malt, wine and entertainment license at 400 Cardinal Medeiros Avenue, on 6/14-6/15/25 from 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a religious feast with patrons dancing, recorded music, DJ, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted with the condition that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees.

34. Application #1159096 Alyssa Kaitz, JCC Greater Boston and Congregation Eitz Chayim, for an entertainment license at 70 Magazine Street, on 6/7/25 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. (includes setup and

breakdown: event time is 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) for a gathering with live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 75.

Decision: Granted.

35. Application #1162026 Jennifer Ridge, Blueprint Medicines, for a malt, wine and entertainment license at 45 Sidney Street, on 5/13/25 with rain date of 5/14/25 from 12:30 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. for a badminton tournament with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

36. Application #1157110 Jason Alves, East Cambridge Business Association, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 1310 Cambridge Street, on 5/18/25 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a festival with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 5000.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (may commence set up at 8:00 a.m.) per Traffic Permit, and the conditions that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees and the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way. Applicant must request police detail.

37. Application #1157726 Jason Alves, East Cambridge Business Association, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 544 Cambridge Street, on 6/8/25 from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a street festival with recorded, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 5000.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (may commence set up at 8:00 a.m.) per Traffic Permit, and the conditions that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees and the area where the alcohol is served, sold and consumed must be enclosed from the public way. Applicant must request police detail.

38. Application #1161280, #1153067, #1153076 Erin Muirhead McCarty, Community Art Center, Inc. for an entertainment, amusement and hawker/peddler license at 119 Windsor Street, on 5/17/25 with rain date of 5/18/25 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a block party/festival with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and amplification system and inflatable slide. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted as to all.

39. Application #1161677 Eliot Martin, Marzae, LLC d/b/a Marzae for a farmer winery license to sell at a farmer's market at 76 Bishop Allen Drive, on Mondays only from 5/19/25-11/24/25 from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for Central Square Farmer's market.

Decision: Granted.

40. Application #1162871 Kaitlin Gallo, Cambridge Youth Soccer-Cambridge Football Club U12 Girls Team, for a hawker/peddler license at 99 Sherman Street, on 5/17/25 with rain date of 5/31/25 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to sell baked goods and drinks.

Decision: Granted.

41. Application #1163019 Bailey Bailey, Brazen Productions, for an entertainment license at 2376 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/22/25 from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 40.

Summary: This event is at Tilde, which holds Common Victualler Malt and Wine License #279043. They have a maximum capacity of 35 persons (25 sitting + 10 standing) and 6 staff.

Decision: Granted with the amendment that the maximum number of patrons/attendees allowed in the space is 35, and 6 staff.

42. Application #1161417 Maureen McSweeney, Clover Fast Food, for a hawker/peddler license at 1326 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/29/25 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. to sell baked goods.

Decision: Granted.

43. Application 1159296 Rebecca Conn, MIT, for a hawker/peddler license at 292 Main Street, on 5/14/25 with rain date of 5/15/25 from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. to sell books.

Decision: Granted.

44. Application #1160328 Samantha Franklin, Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum Foundation, for a hawker/peddler license at 8 Harvard Yard, on 6/6/25 to sell clothing, stickers, water bottles and pencils.

Decision: Granted with approved hours of 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

45. Application #1159304 Jennifer McManus, MIT, for a hawker/peddler license at 292 Main Street, on 5/14/25 from 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. to sell plants.

Decision: Granted.

46. Application #1161981 Nina Wu, MIT School of Science, for a malt, wine and entertainment license at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/28/25 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a reception with recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 600.

Decision: Granted with the condition that there must be a system implemented identifying of legal drinking age attendees. Applicant must request police detail.

47. Application #1161588 Justin Crane, Friends of Peabody School, for an entertainment license at 70 Rindge Avenue, on 5/30/25 from 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a fundraiser with recorded music and DJ. Expected attendance – 600.

Decision: Granted.

48. Application #1163258 Craig Marin, The Computer Loft, Inc., for a hawker/peddler license at 32 Albany Street, on 5/18/25 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to sell electronics.

Summary/Decision: This application was administratively denied/stopped as moot since this is part of Swapfest, which is already a licensed event which includes this vendor. No vote.

49. Application #1162579 Kathleen Murphy, Buckingham Browne & Nichols School, for a temporary amusement license at 10 Buckingham Street, on 5/17/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Decision: Granted.

Matters Considered at Meeting – Not Previously Posted on the Agenda

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49. Application #1163478 Joseph Paradisco, MIT Media Lab, for an entertainment license at 20 Ames Street, on 5/24/25 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a concert with live music and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 250.

Decision: Granted with amended end time of 5:05 p.m. per event registration form.

50. Application #1163548 Nasya Choy, MIT Asian Dance Team, for an entertainment license at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/14 8:30 p.m. -11:30 p.m. & 5/15/25 5:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. for a dance performance with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music amplification system, light show and dynamic audio/visual show live/recorded. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted with amended hours of 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. per event registration form.

51. Application #1163739 Julia Bowers, MIT Ballroom Dance Team, for an entertainment license at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/17/25 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. for a social with patrons dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

52. Application #1164001 Michelle Liang for an entertainment license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 5/18/25 with rain date of 5/17/25 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a hip hop jam with

patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, d, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 25.

Decision: Granted.


By the Board of License Commissioners

Minutes Approved: May 29, 2025

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Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair



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