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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 11:30 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 (absent)¹; and Thomas Cahill, Jr. (present).

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

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

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.

1. Board Discussion Potential amendments to the Board of License Commissioners' Rules and Regulations.

Summary: The Board discussed the rules need to be updated as some laws have changed and there are some that need clarification based on feedback. Staff have provided suggestions and they have been incorporated into a single document. The document with suggestions for changes will be published and circulated to licensees. There will be time for licensees to submit feedback and the Board will regroup and discuss in the summer.

Decision: Post and retake conversation in summer. Input from the public will be taken in writing and at some future meetings.

2. Application 1205396 Yamil Brito, B, Alpha Construction, LLC, 4/17/26-4/18/26, at 147 Hampshire St, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. for a spray foam trailer that uses an enclosed generator for weatherization at the Cambridge DPW Building. The variance is needed to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work.

Summary: This is for a Special Noise Variance.

¹ At the time of the meeting, Commissioner Elow was still the appointed Police Commissioner. At the time of the approval of the meeting minutes, Commissioner Wells was the appointed Police Commissioner, hence, the apparent discrepancy in the letterhead and signature block.

Decision: Granted.

3. Application 1205588, Herb Beherrell, Turner Construction, 4/18/26 and 4/25/26, two Saturdays (alternate date 5/2/26) at 1350 Massachusetts Avenue for two crane picks in support of the construction of Harvard’s Smith Campus Center mechanical upgrade project using a hydraulic crane. The variance is needed to extend the workday to complete the full scope of work and ensure public safety.

Summary: This is for a Special Noise Variance from 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Decision: Granted.

4. Application #1204786 Boston Duck Tours, 4 Copley Place Suite 4155, Jitney License #80022, adding three new drivers.

Decision: Approved.

5. Application #1205003 Avocado Transport LLC, 18 Plymouth Street, for a new Livery License. Proposed manager Luis Mejias with one vehicle to be licensed.

Summary: Luis Mejias is also the sole driver.

Decision: Granted.

6. Application # 1205150 Fleuradin Michel Charlot, for a new Hackney Driver License.

Decision: Granted.

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

Colwen Management, Inc. d/b/a Fairfield Inn & Suites – Cambridge, 215 Monsignor O’Brien Highway, Open Air Parking License #14193, changing the manager to Greg Moore.

Decision: Approved/Ratified.

8. Consideration of Meeting Minutes April 10, 2026.

Decision: Approved.

One-Day License Applications

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9. Application 1205576 – Rabindra Singh, Original Markets LLC, for a hawker/peddler license at 222 Jacobs Street on 4/25 (rain date 4/26) from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. for 79 hawker/peddlers to sell vintage clothing and goods.

Decision: Granted.

10. Application 1205745 - Mike Firestone, The Harvard Lampoon, for an alcohol license at 44 Bow Street on 4/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. for a reception to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Harvard Lampoon. Expected attendance – 415.

Summary: The event is outdoors in a public area. The permits with the City are still under review but the Board does not meet prior to the event.

Decision: Granted, pending submission of City permits and subject to any conditions and modifications therein, and with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

11. Application 1205750 – Mike Firestone, The Harvard Lampoon, for an alcohol license at 44 Bow Street on 4/26 from 10:0 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for a brunch celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Harvard Lampoon. Expected attendance -415.

Summary: The event is outdoors in a public area. The permits with the City are still under review but the Board does not meet prior to the event.

Decision: Granted, pending submission of City permits and subject to any conditions and modifications therein, and with the condition that the area where the alcohol is served and consumed must be enclosed from the public way.

12. Application #1205980 Joel Dinin, MIT Hillel, for an entertainment license at 305 Memorial Drive on 4/22/26 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted, applicant must request MIT police detail.

13. Application #1206017 Bessy Dushime, Harvard African Student Association, for an entertainment license at 12 Quincy Street, on 4/24/26 from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a banquet with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and DJ. Expected attendance – 90.

Decision: Granted.

Additional Matters Not Previously Posted on the Agenda

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the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

14. Board Discussion Entering a time where the Commissioners' schedules are booked/unavailable and it may be difficult to obtain a quorum for meetings.

Summary: The Board discussed that to ensure not all business comes to a halt, the Board should designate the Chair to vote, on behalf of the Board, as to all administrative matters outside of a meeting. Those votes would be ratified in the first available meeting after the votes are taken.

Decision: Chair to administratively vote outside of a hearing on any matter typically addressed administratively. Any vote taken will be placed on a future agenda for Board acknowledgement/ratification.

15. Board Consideration Hot Pot Boston 1, LLC d/b/a Happy Lamb Hot Pot, 485 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11584, request for stay of two (2) day suspension pending resolution of the appeal.

Decision: The Board considered that the suspension was not as a result of a violation causing an immediate public safety issue.

Decision: Stay pending the resolution of the appeal, granted.

16. Application #1206300 Jamil Myrie, Healing Greene Massachusetts LLC, for an entertainment license at 1960 Massachusetts Avenue, on 4/18/26 from 10:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. for a grand opening with DJ and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.


By the Board of License Commissioners

Minutes Approved: April 24, 2026

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Nicole Murati Ferrer, Chair



Thomas Cahill, Jr., Fire Chief



Christine Elow, Police Commissioner