

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025
NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

Darrell Clarke, Chairman
Randy Vulakovich, Board Member
Vacant, Board Member
Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director
Michael Vigoda, Board Secretary

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PUBLIC MEETING – 11:00 A.M

CALL TO ORDER *Chairman Clarke*

Board Secretary Michael Vigoda indicated that a quorum of the Board was present, and Chairman Clarke called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS..... *Secretary Vigoda*

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

As explained in the printed Meeting Agenda, certain matters being presented for “official action” at today’s meeting were discussed during Executive Sessions held prior to today’s meeting as permitted by the Sunshine Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

Attorney Daniel Baurkot addressed the Board seeking the conversion of a license suspension into a monetary fine. Mr. Baurkot represents TBS Venture, the current holder of Restaurant Liquor License No.

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R-20881, which is in the process of being transferred to WAWA, Inc. He respectfully requested the Board's favorable consideration, emphasizing that denial of the request would result in irreparable harm to his client.

NEW BUSINESS

From the Office of Chief Counsel.....Jason Worley, Chief Counsel

- (1) **WAWA, Inc.** Application for Conversion of
3608 Nazareth Pike Suspension to Fine
Bethlehem, PA 18020-1136
License No. R-20881
LID 128960
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the request to convert the nine days of unserved suspension to a fine of \$15,000.
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- (2) **Bernie's Hatboro, LLC t/a Bernie's** ALJ Appeal
58 South York Road
Hatboro, PA 19040-3326
License No. R-11978
LID 84272
Citation Nos. 23-0345 and 23-0453
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) that leave to appeal Nunc Pro Tunc be dismissed, that the ALJ second supplemental order remain in effect, and the license remain revoked in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as drafted by the Office of Chief Counsel.
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- (3) **Bernie's Hatboro, LLC t/a Bernie's** ALJ Appeal
58 South York Road
Hatboro, PA 19040-3326
License No. R-11978
LID 84272
Citation Nos. 22-1307 and 23-1007

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) that the petition leave to appeal Nunc Pro Tunc be dismissed, that the ALJ's adjudication and orders remain in effect, and the license remain revoked in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as drafted by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (4) **Maitland Partners, LLC t/a South Hills Golf Course** ALJ Appeal
925-985 Westminster Avenue
Hanover, PA 17331
License No. PGR-47760
LID 105756
Citation No. 24-0035

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to grant the appeal of the Bureau, that the decision of the ALJ be reversed as to count 2, and that the matter remanded to the ALJ for the imposition of an appropriate penalty as to count 2 in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as drafted by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (5) **Merzoney, LLC t/a Happy Hour and Dale's Deli** ALJ Appeal
927-931 Veterans Highway
Levittown, PA 19056-1022
License No. R-19351
LID 63933
Citation No. 23-0193

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to grant the appeal of the Bureau, the decision of the ALJ be reversed as to count 3, and that the matter remanded to the ALJ for the imposition of an appropriate penalty as to count 3 in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as drafted by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (6) **William Ross t/a Keystone Hotel** ALJ Appeal
400-404-406 Erie Avenue
Renovo, PA 17764-1017
License No. H-2078
LID 6439
Citation No. 24-0033

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Motion Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to grant the appeal of Bureau, that the decision of the ALJ be reversed, and that the matter remanded to the ALJ for the imposition of an appropriate penalty in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as drafted by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (7) **York Street Equities, LLC t/a Mike's York Street Bar & Grill** ALJ Appeal
544 York Road
Warminster, PA 18974-4511
License No. R-19207
LID 90557
Citation No. 20-0339

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) that the petition leave to appeal Nunc Pro Tunc be dismissed, that the ALJ second supplemental order remain in effect, and the license remain revoked in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as drafted by the Office of Chief Counsel.

From the Bureau of Licensing Tisha Albert, Director of Regulatory Affairs
Andrew Stuffick, Director, Bureau of Licensing

- (1) **ATP Beer Distributor, LLC** Person-to-Person Transfer &
t/a ATP Beer Distributor Requests for Interior Connections
D-2571 (LID No. 130038) with Another Business & to Retain
2384 Memorial Highway Other Employment – Distributor
Dallas, Luzerne County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer and request for interior connection with another business and to retain other employment.

- (2) **Bases Loaded, Inc.** Requests for Hearing After
t/a The Outpost Inn Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* –
H-1440 (LID No. 31677) Case No. 24-9091 Extension of Safekeeping – Hotel
2 Roberts Street
Lehman Township
Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Based Loaded, Inc. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to deny request for Nunc Pro Tunc relief to extend the safekeeping period and the license should remain administratively revoked by operation of law.

- (3) **Bridged Hospitality Group Inc.
t/a Around Back Restaurant & Bar**
R-14595 (LID No. 64433) Case No. 24-9085
2400 Leechburg Road
Suite 1000 RD
New Kensington, Westmoreland County

Request for Hearing After
Revocation – Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

Board Secretary Vigoda advised the audience the Board needed to address an error in the motion and that the Board would vote on a new motion.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Bridged Hospitality Group, Inc. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to rescind the previous motion and deny request for Nunc Pro Tunc relief to extend safekeeping period and the license should remain administratively revoked by operation of law.

- (4) **The Cumberland Club**
C-756 (LID No. 699) Case No. 24-9109
713 Locust Street
Lebanon, Lebanon County

Renewal with Notice of Change in
Officers – Club

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (5) **Douglas Political Club, Inc.** Renewal – Club
C-2403 (LID No. 1260) Case No. 24-9086
106 East Sharpnack Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Douglas Political Club, Inc. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse the renewal.

- (6) **HS Hospitality, LLC** Person-to-Person Transfer –
t/a The Pub II Restaurant
R-12004 (LID No. 125316) Case No. 24-9141
365 Mill Street
Danville, Montour County

HOLD 3/19/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer with a conditional licensing agreement.

- (7) **Mattis Family, Inc.** Person-to-Person Transfer –
R-13766 (LID No. 122084) Case No. 24-9131 Restaurant
615 Ragers Hill Road
Adams Township
South Fork, Cambria County

HOLD 2/26/25 SESSION

Amended Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer with an amended conditional licensing agreement.

- (8) **Roadrunners Sports Bar & Grille, LLC** Requests for Hearing After
t/a Roadrunners Sports Bar & Grille Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* –
R-12236 (LID No. 99893) Case No. 24-9074 Extension of Safekeeping –
2401-03 Saw Mill Run Boulevard Restaurant
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Roadrunners Sports Bar & Grille, LLC. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to deny request for Nunc Pro Tunc relief to extend safekeeping period and the license should remain administratively revoked by operation of law.

(9) Sal's Beer Express, LLC

R-4535 (LID No. 119415) Case No. 24-9104
181 Old River Road
Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County

Person-to-Person Transfer &
Request for Interior Connections
with Another Business – Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Sal's Beer Express, LLC. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse the transfer.

(10) Shahnaz, Inc.

t/a Star of India Restaurant
R-1748 (LID No. 52304) Case No. 24-9084
412 South Craig Street
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Requests for Hearing After
Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* –
Extension of Safekeeping –
Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Shahnaz, Inc. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to deny the request for Nunc Pro Tunc relief to extend the safekeeping period and that the license remain administratively revoked by operation of law.

(11) Smokes Convenience Store, LLC

t/a @Your Convenience Featuring Samurai Subs
E-2013 (LID No. 99591) Case No. 24-9116
6048 South Route 220 Highway
Woodward Township
Linden, Lycoming County

“Intermunicipal” Place-to-Place
Transfer & Request to Conduct
Another Business on the Licensed
Premises – Eating Place
Malt Beverage

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Motion Made: Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Smokes Convenience Store, LLC. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse the transfer.

(12) 5th Year, Inc.

R-13001 (LID No. 91815) Case No. 2023-91815
116 Oakland Avenue
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Renewal – District 5

HOLD 10/16/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

(13) 33 North 2nd Street Tavern, LLC

R-54022 (LID No. 109441) Case No. 2024-109441
31-33 North 2nd Street
Coplay, Lehigh County

Renewal – District 4

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

(14) 511 Broad, LLC

R-4261 (LID No. 71290) Case No. 2024-71290
511 West Broad Street
Hazleton, Luzerne County

Renewal – District 8

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (15) **BRB Brothers, Inc.** Renewal – District 2
R-1419 (LID No. 105939) Case No. 2024-105939
3500-3502 Walnut Street
Susquehanna Township
Harrisburg, Dauphin County
HOLD 3/19/25 SESSION
Conditional Licensing Agreement
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
- (16) **Danny V, LLC** Renewal – District 6
t/a Hugo's Taproom
R-9978 (LID No. 71405) Case No. 2024-71405
106 West Pittsburgh Street
Greensburg, Westmoreland County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for an amended conditional licensing agreement.
- (17) **IBPOE of West Valley Lodge 294** Renewal – District 6
C-1771 (LID No. 1067) Case No. 2024-1067
932 3rd Avenue
New Kensington, Westmoreland County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
- Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of IBPOE of West Valley Lodge 294. There was no response.
- Seconded:** Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse the renewal.
- (18) **Kaldes, Inc.** Renewal – District 2
t/a Al's Café
R-167 (LID No. 34233) Case No. 2024-34233
268 Verbeke Street
Harrisburg, Dauphin County
HOLD 2/26/25 SESSION
Conditional Licensing Agreement
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with an amended conditional licensing agreement.

- (19) **LAOV, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-3915 (LID No. 50432) Case No. 2024-50432
5217 West Girard Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
Conditional Licensing Agreement
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
- (20) **MacBlane Enterprises, Inc.** Renewal – District 9
t/a Brackney Inn
H-3198 (LID No. 43382) Case No. 2023-43382
769 Brackney Hill Road
Silver Lake Township
Brackney, Susquehanna County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (21) **Mtbunch, Inc.** Renewal – District 2
t/a Conner's Tavern
R-11673 (LID No. 68571) Case No. 2024-68571
319 South Fifth Street
Lebanon, Lebanon County
HOLD 2/26/25 SESSION
Conditional Licensing Agreement
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with an amended conditional licensing agreement.
- (22) **Rosheema L. Thomas** Renewal – District 2
R-16347 (LID No. 64434) Case No. 2024-64434
1412 Swatara Street
Harrisburg, Dauphin County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for an amended conditional licensing agreement.

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*From the Bureau of Human Resources Jason Lutcavage, Director of Administration
Jennifer Haas, Director, Bureau of Human Resources*

Personnel Actions

There were 11 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Maria Braxton - Removal**
- (2) **Quinn Coley – Removal**
- (3) **J’had Ferris – Affirm Removal**
- (4) **Karen Kochaba– Removal**
- (5) **Imani Lamar – Affirm Removal**
- (6) **Ebenezer Martey – Affirm Removal**
- (7) **Nikola Moore – Removal**
- (8) **Anthony Ogden – Removal**
- (9) **Michael Reichardt - Removal**
- (10) **Cynthia Transue – Removal**
- (11) **Daniel West – Removal**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the proposed personnel actions received from the Bureau of Human Resources.

*From the Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director
Tammy Wenrich, Chief, Purchasing & Contracting Administration
Ijeoma Ezekoye, Director, Bureau of Financial Management & Analysis*

Procurement Actions:

- 1) **AppWorx Software Renewal** – AppWorx is our scheduling software used to run jobs and chains in the IBMS system. The IBMS system is the Agency’s main computer system that runs the day-to-day operations of the Agency. Without AppWorx we would have to run all the jobs and chains manually with the risk of user error.

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Procured via DGS Contract #4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G** – TERM: One year for the period 5/13/2025 through 5/12/2025 - **\$342,191.40 estimated cost.**

- 2) **Zebra Enterprise Browser** – These 1,620 licenses are for Enterprise Browser. This enables Javascript APIs to run on the Zebra TC53s, which is needed for the AP updates. These licenses will be used for production scanners.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029740 - VENDOR: Insight Public Sector: **\$131,414.40, estimated cost.**

- 3) **SOTI Mobicontrol** – These 1,620 licenses are for SOTI Mobicontrol licenses for the Zebra TC53 scanners. This allows for full MDM (Mobile Device Management) services on the Zebra TC53 scanners. Mobicontrol allows remote control, file management on the devices, deployment of updates, geofencing, etc. This will be used for troubleshooting and administering the devices.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029739 – VENDOR: SHI International Corp.: **\$83,235.60, estimated cost.**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **Department of General Services (DGS) Real Estate MOU charge** – Billing of \$ \$943,207.24 for estimated services for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The billing reflects the FY23 true-up which resulted in a credit of (\$12,792.76) that has been applied to this year's billing.
- (2) **Office of Administration – IT Shared Services** – Billing of \$835,376.00 for the FY 2024-25 Q3 billing for OA's IT Enterprise Technology Essential Services. This billing is for enterprise-wide infrastructure, network, security, enterprise data center (EDC) and service desk costs.
- (3) **Bureau of Commonwealth Payroll Operations (BCPO) Billing (Job 30)** – Billing of \$378,802.00 for the PLCB's share of costs representing payroll and travel services in FY 2024-25. The billing is based on actual payroll and travel transaction counts for the previous two fiscal year (FY 2023 & 2022).
- (4) **Office of Administration – HR Shared Services (Job 73)** – Billing of \$999,575.00 for FY 2024-25 Q4 the PLCB's allocated share of OA's HR-Enterprise Services (HR service center, training, labor relations, employee benefits, SEAP, etc.). The variance is \$127,100 (14.6%) greater than the prior billing that included offsetting credit last year. The billing is allocated based on the agency's number of benefit eligible employees (BEEs). The LCB's billing portion is 3.6% of the HRSS total billing of \$28.1 million.

The Bureau of Financial Management and Analysis has reviewed these charges and determined that they are reasonable based on billing methodology and previous experience.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the Procurement Actions and Inter-Agency Charges received from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

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From the Office of Retail Operations..... Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

1. **#0250 – 56 Highlands Mall, 4015 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights
Exercise Option**
2. **#2206 – Mid-Town Plaza, 436 East Main Street, Middletown
New Lease (added space)**
3. **#4901 – 136 South Oak Street, Mount Carmel
Closing**
4. **#0804 – 41871 Route 6, Wyalusing
Closing**
5. **#0264 – Shaler Plaza, 880 Butler Street, Pittsburgh
Amendment**
6. **#2501 – Summit Towne Center, 7200 Peach Street, Unit 360, Erie
Amendment**
7. **#4202 – 124 Fraley Street, Kane
Amendment**
8. **#6511 – Willow Brook Plaza, 4627 Route 51, Suite 520, Belle Vernon
Amendment**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the recommended leasing actions received from the Office of Retail Operations.

From the Bureau of Product Management.....Megan Painter, Director of Product Management

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

“These items went to Board for the public meeting without pricing”

Various

1. Regular Recommended Delist

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BRAND NAME AND SIZE

CODE

Capital Wine and Spirits

Carpano Antica Formula Vermouth 1 L

10833

Diageo Americas Inc

Ciroc Mango Vodka 750 mL

1696

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Ciroc Pineapple Vodka 700 mL

1062

Sutter Home Winery

Menage a Trois Pinot Noir 750 mL

6605

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective May 5, 2025

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the recommended product actions received from the Bureau of Product Management.

FINANCIAL REPORT *Michael J. Burns, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget*

None

OTHER ISSUES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

No public comments were offered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Prior to the public meeting, an Executive Session or Sessions will be held for the specific purposes as regularly set forth in the printed Board Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Member Vulakovich and seconded by Chairman Clarke, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

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Member

ATTEST:

Secretary