

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

**NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING**

Darrell Clarke, Chairman
Randy Vulakovich, Board Member
James Brewster, 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.

Chairman Clarke recognized Secretary Vigoda for a matter of personal privilege. The following statement was entered into the meeting record by Secretary Vigoda:

Good morning. Before we begin today, I would like to take a moment to honor the memory of someone no longer with us.

On August 7th, Former Board Secretary John D.W. Reiley passed away in Pottsville at the age of 89.

Mr. Reiley served as board secretary for 29 years from 1976 until retirement in 2005 which bestows John the distinction of being the longest serving Board Secretary.

In speaking with former Board Members and colleagues regarding John, many spoke of his unwavering leadership. Further, they mentioned his political aptitude, strength of character and wisdom. Lastly, they often discussed his compassion and loyalty to the PLCB and its employees. Even in retirement, John stayed in touch with the friends he left behind and was a constant presence amongst his retired colleagues.

While I did not have the privilege of working with Secretary Reiley, I did have the honor of calling him Mayor Reiley. John served as Mayor of my hometown, the Great city of Pottsville from 2000 until 2011. It was during his time as Mayor that I got to know John which allowed me to see his warmth, compassion and loyalty to his community. I am truly grateful to be able to call my predecessor a friend. John was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years Agnes McGowan Reiley, infant son Joseph, son Terrance, brother Edmund and sisters Eleanor and Sister Cecile. He is survived by son Hugh Reiley, granddaughters Caitlin Hippeli, Erin Goodman, Great-Grandson Blaise Hippeli, his sister, Sister Kathleen Reiley and brother Father Robert Reily along with nieces' nephews and cousins.

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At this time, I ask that you join me in a moment of silence and reflection in memory of Secretary John Reiley and all those who are no longer with us.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS.....Secretary Vigoda

- A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the August 6, 2025, meeting.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes of the August 6, 2025, meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

NEW BUSINESS

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

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| (1) Borough of Wormleysburg
Case No. 25-NE-10 | Municipal Petition for Exemption from
Liquor Code Statute Regarding Amplified
Sound |
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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the petition for exemption from the Liquor Code’s provisions regarding amplified sound for a 5-year period from August 27, 2025, to August 27, 2030.

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| (2) Borough of Bridgeville
Case No. 25-NE-11 | Municipal Petition for Exemption from
Liquor Code Statute Regarding Amplified
Sound |
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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the petition for exemption from the Liquor Code's provisions regarding amplified sound for a 1-year period from August 27, 2025, to August 27, 2026.

- (3) **Blue Water Enterprise, Inc.** Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court of
118 Main Street Common Pleas of Juniata County
Mifflin, PA 17058
License No. R-13919/LID 114774

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to resolve the pending appeal by agreeing to renew the license in exchange for the licensee agreeing to withdraw its appeal within 10 days.

- (4) **Roadrunners Sports Bar & Grill, LLC** Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court of
2401-03 Saw Mill Run Boulevard Common Pleas of Allegheny County
Pittsburgh, PA 15234-3006
License No. R-12236/LID 99893

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to resolve the pending appeal by agreeing to allow the licensee to pay all required renewal, validation, safekeeping, and late fees within 60 days in exchange the licensee agreeing to withdraw the appeal.

- (5) **Stoish, Inc.** Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court of
240 Market Street Common Pleas of Philadelphia County
Philadelphia, PA 19106
License No. R-8975/LID 98359

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to resolve the pending appeal by agreeing to renew the license subject to the signed CLA in exchange for the licensee agreeing to withdrawing the appeal within 10 days.

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

- (1) **Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza of Settlers Ridge, LLC** Appointment of Manager – Restaurant
t/a Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza
R-8861 (LID No. 65701) Case No. 24-9132 **HOLD 7/16/25 SESSION**
1810 Settlers Ridge Center Drive
Robinson Township
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Secretary Vigoda indicated that since the July 16, 2025, Board meeting when the application was held, the application has been since withdrawn. Therefore, no further action by the Board is needed.

- (2) **Erie County Convention Center Authority** Appointment of Manager – Hotel
t/a Courtyard Erie Bayfront
H-6530 (LID No. 73021) Case No. 24-9150
2 Sassafras Pier
Erie, Erie County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

- (3) **Germantown Nest No. 1624 Order of Owls** Request for Hearing after Administrative
CC-1820 (LID No. 1085) Case No. 24-9073 Cancellation – Place-to-Place Transfer–
16-18 South 2nd Street, 2nd Floor Catering Club
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to uphold the administrative cancellation of the application for place-to-place transfer and that the license now also be considered administratively canceled due to the applicant being unable to sufficiently demonstrate that it continues to meet the definition of a club as set forth in the Liquor Code.

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- (4) **Hillcrest Distributing, LLC**
t/a Hillcrest Distributing
D-1292 (LID No. 70739) Case No. 24-9153
Rear Basement 3245 Leechburg Road
Lower Burrell, Westmoreland County

Notice of Change in Business
Structure – Distributor

HOLD 5/14/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the notice of change in business structure with a conditional licensing agreement.

- (5) **Indian Hills Golf Club, LLC**
t/a Indian Hills Golf Club
PGR-51482 (LID No. 111855) Case No. 24-9183
1167 Old Reading Road
Shamokin Township
Paxinos, Northumberland County

Appointment of Manager –
Privately-Owned Public Golf Course

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

- (6) **Schaylor Brewing Company**
G-36255 (LID No. 87551) Case No. 24-9166
2390 Lancaster Pike
Cumru Township
Shillington, Berks County

Notice of Change in Business
Structure – Brewery

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

- (7) **VIP Toys Ltd.**
t/a Hotel Fiesole
H-5846 (LID No. 46389) Case No. 24-9156
4046 Skippack Pike
Skippack Township
Skippack, Montgomery County

Appointment of Manager & Request to
Retain Other Employment – Hotel

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (8) **2600 Lili, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-6358 (LID No. 45279) Case No. 2022-45279 &
2024-45279
2600 North 12th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (9) **3509 Germantown, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
E-104 (LID No. 70341) Case No. 2024-70341
6500 Paschall Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (10) **Lor, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-8107 (LID No. 57659) Case No. 2022-57659 &
2024-57659
5222-24 North 5th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (11) **Mocanaqua Sporting Club** Renewal – District 8
C-4477 (LID No. 2060) Case No. 2024-2060
126 Main Street
Conyngham Township
Mocanaqua, Luzerne County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a 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 14 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) Donna Anderson-Turner – Affirm Removal
- (2) Celeata Bailey - Removal
- (3) Christopher Banks – Removal
- (4) Kevin Clark – Affirm Removal
- (5) Jason Conrad – Removal
- (6) Glenda Dauberman - Removal
- (7) Asia Fishel – Removal
- (8) Tatyana Goosby – Affirm Removal
- (9) Ashlee Klein - Removal
- (10) Kahmir Mackey – Affirm Removal
- (11) Deandre Mathis – Affirm Removal
- (12) Patricia Murphy - Removal
- (13) Arthur Outen – Affirm Removal
- (14) Robert Pollard – Affirm Removal

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the recommended personnel actions received from the Bureau of Human Resources.

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*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) **Cisco Smartnet Renewal:** Cisco Smartnet hardware and software maintenance support for the PLCB's Cisco network devices. Cisco Smartnet provides coverage for hardware repair/replacement and PLCB staff with telephone, online, and onsite support from a Cisco authorized maintenance vendor, software upgrade assurance, and troubleshooting assistance.

VENDOR: **ePlus Technologies** – **\$54,062.52 estimated cost.** Renewal dates 11-1-25 through 10-31-2026

- 2) **Trintech ReconNET Retail Reconciliation Invoice** – ReconNET is the retail industry's leading reconciliation solution for daily reconciliation of POS/E-Commerce sales, including workflow driven "research" functionality to track/resolve discrepancies with store/bank/credit card processor. Smart Analysis is the solution to track and monitor all bank fees being charges to the PLCB by the banks that we deal with to ensure accurate billing/no overcharges for services to take place. A 90-day contract extension was executed on 7/30/2024 to PO #80001233 to prevent a lapse in Contract coverage until a new Contract was put in place. Board approval was originally obtained for a one-year period of 8/1/2023 through 7/31/2024 on 5/3/2023.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400018548 – VENDOR: **CDW-G** – TERM: 90-Day period for 8/1/2024 through 10/31/2024 - **\$55,091.62**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **Department of Auditor General** – Billing of \$922,940.52 for the FY 2024-25 fourth quarter from the Department of the Auditor General. The fourth quarter's services decreased \$104,555.14 or (-10.2%) under fourth quarter FY 2023-24. The billing decrease is due to a decrease in IT audit hours - 151hr., (-36.6%).
- (2) **Office of Unemployment Compensation** – The billing of \$136,425.95 for reimbursement of Unemployment Compensation from FY24-25, April (\$47,653.12), May (\$37,817.92) and June (\$50,954.91).

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: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 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. **#0604 – Exeter Commons, 4721 Perkiomen Avenue, Reading
Exercise Option**
2. **#1108 – 300 Wal-Mart Drive, Suite 130, Ebensburg
Exercise Option**
3. **#2805 – 1660 Lincoln Highway East, #8&9, Chambersburg
Exercise Option**
4. **#6003 – 310 North 10th Street, Suite 200, Lewisburg
Exercise Option**
5. **#1201 – 54 East 4th Street, Emporium
Amendment**
6. **#0282 – 2001 Lincoln Way, Suite 250, White Oak
New Lease / Relocation**
7. **#0285 – 4706 William Flynn Hwy., Suite 8, Allison Park
New Lease / Rebrand**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the recommended lease actions received from the Office of Retail Operations as presented.

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
Various

1. Regular New Items Accepted
2. Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular New Item Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Republic National Distributing Company

XXL Cali Extreme 21 750 mL

19

XXL Moscato 750 mL

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

**New Items – Recommended Listings
Reason Codes**

1. Strong marketing support
2. High brand recognition
3. Line/Size extension of successful brand
4. Trade up opportunity
5. Growing category
6. Growing segment
7. National rollout
8. Niche item / Limited distribution
9. High dollar profit potential
10. Trade out
11. High quality for the value
12. Innovative product/flavor
13. High sales through other PLCB channels (Luxury, Online, SLO)
14. Underrepresented category/segment
15. Hole in selection – consumer/store requests
16. PA Spirits
17. PA Wines
18. Licensee only
19. Probationary listing

2. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

CODE

MHW LTD

Viva Agave Maduro 1 L

97934

Viva Agave Silver Tequila 1 L

97935

Proximo Spirits Inc

Proper No Twelve Irish Whiskey 1 L

98151

Sazerac Company Inc

Zachariah Harris Straight Bourbon 1 L

98123

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, September 17, 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 Board Member Vulakovich and seconded by Board Member Brewster, the meeting of August 27, 2025, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary