

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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 February 26, 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 February 26, 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

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

Ms. Maureen Brophy addressed the Board regarding her objections to the noise exemption application for Lower Macungie Township. Ms. Brophy’s full statement is attached and incorporated in these minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

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

**(1) Lower Macungie Township
Case No. 25-NE-02**

Municipal Petition for Exemption
from Liquor Code Statute Regarding
Amplified Sound

Board Member Vulakovich shared his thoughts on Ms. Maureen Brophy's comments and the pending application from Lower Macungie Township. He referenced the two previous applications from the Township that had been approved, noting that, according to standard PLCB policy, a third application would typically be granted for a five-year period. However, after considering Ms. Brophy's remarks, Mr. Vulakovich is now approaching the application from a different perspective. He pointed out that the Township lacks a municipal police department to enforce the ordinance, leaving enforcement duties to a member of the planning commission who is unavailable when potential violations occur. As a result, violations are only identified after the fact, and the necessary noise levels cannot be measured at the time of the alleged incident.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Lower Macungie Township. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse the request filed by Lower Macungie Township of Lehigh County for noise exemption.

(2) Simple Surprise, Inc.
240 South Easton Road
Glenside, PA 19038-3901
License No. D-2982
LID 127402

Request for Recission of Conditional
Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the request to rescind the conditional licensing agreement.

(3) Ralph E. Moore Peggy Moore
669 National Pike East
Washington, PA 15301
License No. R-2569
LID 10578

Resolution of Appeal Pending in the
Court of Common Pleas of
Washington County

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to resolve this matter by approving renewal of the license subject to the signed conditional licensing agreement in exchange for the licensee agreeing to withdraw the appeal.

- (4) **The Inn at Centre Bridge LLC**
2998 River Road
Solebury Township
New Hope, PA 18938-9529
License No. R-19626
LID 111159

Resolution of Appeal Pending in the
Court of Common Pleas of Bucks
County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to resolve this matter by approving renewal of the license subject to the licensee submitting all outstanding renewal and validation applications and fees in exchange for the licensee agreeing to withdraw the appeal.

- (5) **Brockway Sportsman's Association**
506 Main Street
Brockway, PA 15824-0257
License No. CC-6401
LID 50940
Citation No. 24-0014

ALJ Appeal

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to grant the Bureau's appeal, reverse the decision of the ALJ as to count two of the citation and remand the matter to the ALJ for the imposition of an appropriate penalty as to count two, in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as prepared by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (6) **JJ's Saloon LLC**
415-417 East Main Street
Bradford, PA 16701
License No. R-14805
LID 88388
Citation Nos. 21-0006 and 21-0201

ALJ Appeal

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to dismiss the licensee's appeal, affirm the decision of the ALJ in all respects, and remand the matter to the ALJ to set the suspension dates and ensure compliance in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as prepared by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (7) **L & M Tavern, Inc.** ALJ Appeal
t/a L & M Tavern
279 West State Street
Hamburg, PA 19526
License No. R-11696
LID 15107
Citation Nos. 20-1129, 20-1212, 21-0090, 21-0536, and
21-0726

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to dismiss the licensee's appeal, affirm the decision of the ALJ in all respects, and remand the matter to the ALJ to set the license suspension dates and ensure compliance in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as prepared by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (8) **Radhe Krish Corp** ALJ Appeal
2701 North 5th Street
Reading, PA 19605-2416
License No. D-763
LID 104622
Citation No. 23-0929

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to grant the Bureau's appeal, reverse the decision of the ALJ as to count two of the citation, and remand the matter for imposition of an appropriate penalty as to count two, in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as prepared by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (9) **Tin Lizzy, Inc.** ALJ Appeal
259 Main Street
P.O. Box 403
Youngstown, PA 15696
License No. R-15787
LID 53320
Citation Nos. 20-0762, 20-0850, 21-0187, 21-0544, 21-
0616, and 21-0634

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to grant the licensee's appeal, vacate the decision of the ALJ as to the prescribed penalty, and remand the matter for the imposition of an appropriate penalty in accordance with the proposed opinion and order as prepared by the Office of Chief Counsel.

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

- (1) **236 East Lincoln Highway, LLC** Request for Hearing to Extend
t/a Andréa's Jazz Café Safekeeping Period – Economic
EDR-51680 (LID No. 105567) Case No. 24-9098 Development Restaurant
236 East Lincoln Highway
Coatesville, Chester County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to deny the request to extend safekeeping for an additional year at no cost, however, grant the licensee until April 30, 2025, to file the extension of safekeeping and the required fee.

- (2) **Berks Lodge No. 47 I B P O E** Renewal with Notice of Change in
C-490 (LID No. 605) Case No. 24-9014 Officers – Club
235-237 Walnut Street
Reading, Berks County **HOLD 12/18/24 SESSION**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal and the notice of change of officers.

- (3) **Jennifer Boyd** Renewal – Restaurant
t/a Patricks Pub
R-9988 (LID No. 107833) Case No. 24-9134
205 First Street
Apollo, Armstrong County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Jennifer Boyd. There was no response.

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Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse renewal for failure to obtain tax clearance.

- (4) **Broken Bottle 2, LLC** Renewal - Restaurant
t/a Broken Bottle
R-8229 (LID No. 112730) Case No. 24-9136
11812 State Route 85
Rayburn Township
Kittanning, Armstrong County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Broken Bottle 2, LLC. There was no response.

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to refuse renewal for failure to obtain tax clearance.

- (5) **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

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Chairman Clarke

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

- (6) **Manbel Restaurant, LLC** Appointment of Manager –
t/a P.J. Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant Restaurant
R-21211 (LID No. 84077) Case No. 24-9127
1569 Fruitville Pike
Suites 2 & 3
Manheim Township
Lancaster, Lancaster County

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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- (7) **Sheetz, Inc.**
t/a Sheetz 214403
R-4330 (LID No. 119651) Case No. 24-9088
215 Wyoming Avenue
Wyoming Borough
Wyoming, Luzerne County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the inter-municipal double transfer and request for interior connection with another business.
- (8) **Shree Hari Daya, LLC**
t/a Quick Pick Beer
D-3814 (LID No. 123970) Case No. 24-9161
40 South Mountain Boulevard
Fairview Township
Mountain Top, Luzerne County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve transfer.
- (9) **WTZ, Inc.**
t/a White Tavern
R-7769 (LID No. 66388) Case No. 24-9082
2072 Pittsburgh Road
Franklin Township
Smock, Fayette County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (10) **Alina, Inc.**
R-10927 (LID No. 83912) Case No. 2023-83912
60 East Baltimore Avenue
Clifton Heights, Delaware County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
- “Intermunicipal” Double Transfer &
Request for Interior Connections
with Another Business – Restaurant
- Double Transfer – Distributor
- Notice of Change in Business
Structure – Restaurant
- Renewal – District 11
- HOLD 1/15/25 SESSION**
- Conditional Licensing Agreement**

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- (11) **BRB Brothers, Inc.** Renewal – District 2
H-1419 (LID No. 105939) Case No. 2024-105939
3500-3502 Walnut Street
Susquehanna Township
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.
- (12) **Craft Beer Taproom, LLC** Renewal – District 2
t/a Holy Hound Taproom
R-18371 (LID No. 66083) Case No. 2024-66083 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
55-57 West Market Street
York, York County
- 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) **Democratic Assn. Of Bethlehem** Renewal – District 4
C-486 (LID No. 603) Case No. 2024-603
540 North New Street
Bethlehem, Northampton County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (14) **Lightstreet Beer Express, LLC** Renewal – District 8
R-21082 (LID No. 83694) Case No. 2024-83694
3 Fowlersville Road
Scott Township
Orangeville, Columbia 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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- (15) **Mambo Café, Inc.** Renewal – District 8
R-14666 (LID No. 85844) Case No. 2022-85844 & 2024-85844
501 South Church Street
Hazleton, Luzerne 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.
- (16) **Milford Beer Barn, Inc.** Renewal – District 9
D-3482 (LID No. 5060) Case No. 2023-5060
204 West Harford Street
Milford, Pike County
HOLD 2/5/25 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.
- (17) **Ralph E Moore** Renewal – District 6
t/a Midway Lounge
R-12392 (LID No. 15505) Case No. 2022-15505
R D 1 Box 154
Amwell Township
Amity, Washington County
HOLD 3/23/23 SESSION
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the renewal.
- (18) **Tried N True, LLC** New Tavern Gaming License
t/a Horse Inn Tavern
R-9354 (LID No. 68959)
540 East Fulton Street
Lancaster, Lancaster County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the tavern gaming license.

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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 19 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Nicholas Angel - Removal**
- (2) **Shirleen Benson – Removal**
- (3) **Nicole Buscio - Removal**
- (4) **Amy Delong – Affirm Removal**
- (5) **Bailey Felter – Affirm Removal**
- (6) **Curtis Ford – Removal**
- (7) **Christopher Fry – Affirm Removal**
- (8) **Anthony Hackman - Removal**
- (9) **Chelsea Keys – Affirm Removal**
- (10) **Tkhai Kojima – Affirm Removal**
- (11) **Jamal Lane – Removal**
- (12) **Kevin McCullough – Removal**
- (13) **Emely Morales – Affirm Removal**
- (14) **Joshua Newberry – Affirm Removal**
- (15) **Mistique Owens – Affirm Removal**
- (16) **Cassie Swallows – Removal**
- (17) **Sharnika Wright – Removal**
- (18) **Naierah Yarde – Affirm Removal**
- (19) **Trenay Young – Removal**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 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) Supply Source Room 312 New Workstations.

Space design, materials, and installation of 19 modular workstations as part of the Room 312 improvement project and the NWOB return-to-office floor plan reconfiguration.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400025852– VENDOR: Supply Source, Inc - \$125,397.70 estimated cost.

(2) Hearing Examiner Services – Represent the Board in the capacity of a Hearing Examiner for administrative hearing conducted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding matters which the Board shall adjudicate as required by law.

Procured via PO 80148463 Option Year 1 – VENDOR: Thomas R. Miller, Esquire - TERM: One year for the period of 4/1/2025 through 3/31/2026 - \$250,000.00 estimated cost.

(3) Hearing Examiner Services – Represent the Board in the capacity of a Hearing Examiner for administrative hearings conducted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding matters which the Board shall adjudicate as required by law.

Procured via PO 80001416 Option Year 2 – VENDOR: John A. Mulroy, Esquire – TERM: One year for the period of 9/1/2025 through 8/31/2026 - \$150,000.00 estimated cost.

Inter-Agency Charges:

(1) Office of Comptroller Operations – Net billing of \$1,972,976.84 for the 2nd quarter of FY 2024-25 from the Office of Comptroller Operations. The 2nd Qtr.'s gross billing increased \$ 137,200.27 or (+7.5%) over 2nd Qtr. prior year.

(2) PA Compute Services (PACS) – Information Technology Services Office PACS billing is \$63,407.32 for the 2nd Qtr. (Oct, Nov and Dec). The PACS contract has been extended for two (2) years through June 2026.

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) #6527 – 6750 Hollywood Boulevard, Delmont
Exercise Option**

**(2) #3516 – 222 Northern Boulevard, Clarks Summit
New Lease**

**(3) #3520 – 1610 Nay Aug Avenue, Scranton
New Lease (additional space)**

**(4) #2219 – 333 Market Street, Harrisburg
Closing Recommendation**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the lease 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

Various
Various

1. Regular New Items Accepted
2. Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Fetzer Vineyards

Frontera Carmenere 1.5 L

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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

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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

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>C Jacquin Et Cie Inc</u>	
Bartenders Trading Company Hot Sex Cocktail 200 mL	2186
Bartenders Trading Company Pina Colada Cocktail 25 Proof 750 mL	2354
Irish Manor Irish Cream 34 Proof 750 mL	6761
Jacquin's Vodka 100 Proof 750 mL	5543
Jacquins Coffee Flavored Brandy 66 Proof 750 mL	97419
Jacquins Vodka Royale 151 Proof 750 mL	98972
Jacquin's Wild Cherry Brandy 750 mL	4548
<u>Majestic Wine and Spirits USA Inc</u>	
Rancho La Gloria Peach Margarita Wine Cocktail 750 mL	97347
<u>Moet Hennessy USA</u>	
Glenmorangie Nectar D'Or Highland Single Malt Scotch 750 mL	10520

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective March 24, 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

Transfer to General Fund Fiscal Year 2024-25.....Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

The Office of Budget requests a transfer of \$85.1 million dollars (\$85,100,000) in the month of March 2025 from the State Stores Fund to the General Fund. The Finance team will schedule when this transfer will occur.

The transfer of this prescribed amount of \$85,100,000 will be processed as authorized in Expenditure Symbol Notification Number 24-013.

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer of \$85.1M in the month of March 2025, from the State Store fund to the General Fund for fiscal year 24-25.

*Transfer to Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2024-25.....Rodrigo Diaz,
Executive Director*

The Department of Agriculture requests a transfer of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) by April 9th 2025 from the State Stores Fund to the Department of Agriculture for use by the Pennsylvania Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board as required by Act 57 of 2024. The Finance team will schedule when this transfer will occur.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Chairman Clarke

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (2-0 vote) to approve the transfer of \$1M by April 9, 2025, from the State Store Fund to the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 24-25.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were offered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 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.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The foregoing actions are hereby officially approved.

Chairman

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary

M. Brophy

Meeting regarding noise exemption

3.19.2025

Subject: Opposition to Lower Macungie Township's Noise Exemption Request

I speak today to formally express my opposition to Lower Macungie Township's request for a noise exemption, which appears to serve the interests of a single business—the brewery—at the direct expense of the surrounding residential community. This exemption would erode the quality of life for tax-paying residents while enabling ongoing noise disturbances and disorderly conduct with little to no meaningful enforcement. In addition to the noise from amplified sound, entertainment, and patrons there are patrons traversing through our neighborhood properties to wade across the creek to the bar. There are cars parking in our development to go to the brewery/bar and there are other activities that are dangerous such as peeling out of the parking lot onto a two lane unlit country road from the establishment, and unattended sometimes unclothed patrons urinating publicly or playing in the creek. There are often unattended young children in the creek.

I am aware that a meeting occurred at the township level recently. I did not attend as I am a stay at home mother to 5 children one of who is a toddler. The meeting was not widely advertised or explained and I found out about it through an email from a state official. The meeting was also held during the daytime hours. There were 2 persons from our development in attendance and I notified them both of the meeting. Point being there was not meaningful participation of the community and for something that will potentially negatively impact our quality of life for the next several years it would be beneficial moving forward if the public at large had more readily available means by which to participate. A zoom or teams call similar to today's meeting and advertisement of the meeting so people have the opportunity to speak would be appropriate.

Before I move forward I want to let you know that I am a former criminal detective and spent my career as sworn officer with a large jurisdiction so I have a working knowledge of the law as it pertains to disorderly conduct and noise violations along with other offenses.

Background and Concerns

The brewery in question is located in a residential neighborhood and has been a persistent source of excessive noise and disruption since its opening. Unlike the prior long-standing family restaurant that operated

without incident, this establishment has demonstrated a pattern of disregard for the well-being of its neighbors.

Every Wednesday thru Sunday and holiday in good weather there is excessive noise all day long getting worse as the day progresses and going up to closing time and sometimes after.

The amplified noise from speakers make it so that we can hear every word to every song, trivia questions and answers, loud raucous noise, and vibrations that can be felt through the concrete and make our windows vibrate and rattle. In the front of our home it can be heard in our bathroom and our little boys bedroom. He is afraid to sleep in his room as a result. The decibels are in excess of 75 and considered excessive as such many times. We can also hear screaming and loud profanities at times as well as other concerning behaviors. The noise though has been a constant and we have lived in the township for years and have never had an issue prior to the opening of the brewery. We now dread nice weather and this situation has caused for us to not be able to use our home and property. If a citizen was responsible for this noise he or she would be cited and possibly arrested for a variety of infractions but this business has the blanket protection of the township noise exemption.

The elected officials involved in ownership or who are on the board for the township are the only ones who stand to

benefit from this exemption. The township again has no means by which to enforce anything as it is happening or witness it for themselves as they do not live in the impacted neighborhoods and the township is closed nights, weekends and holidays. The code enforcer is one man. There are no after hours numbers and by the time the township “responds” if at all the owner denies the allegations and calls the neighbors crazy. He has given his phone number to neighbors and has had a close family member get involved by directly approaching neighbors as opposed to following the law.

Some neighbors fear repercussions since the code enforcer and that office is responsible for other matters such as building permits and it is a small office and everyone is connected. The fear of retaliation has permeated some of the community impacted by the noise.

One neighbor moved after living here for two decades. He tried to work with the township and owner to no avail.

People support small business but not at the expense of our families, quality of life and real estate investments.

- **Lack of Transparency in Approval Process:** The brewery was approved during the pandemic with limited public participation, as meetings were held remotely with minimal engagement options.

- **Conflict of Interest:** There are clear personal and political ties between township officials and the brewery owner, raising ethical concerns about favoritism.
- **Failure to Conduct Proper Impact Studies:** The township did not commission independent noise, environmental, or traffic studies before approving this establishment, neglecting due diligence.
- **Lack of Enforcement:** The township lacks the resources and willingness to enforce noise regulations. Complaints have been routinely ignored, and residents are left without recourse, especially during nights, weekends, and holidays.

Ongoing Issues

The disturbances caused by the brewery have been well-documented:

- Live amplified music, often at excessive volumes, disrupts households to the point where residents can hear lyrics and conversations inside their homes.
- Sound levels routinely exceed acceptable limits, as verified by independent noise readings.
- Windows rattle, homes vibrate from bass, and outdoor gatherings frequently involve profanity and intoxicated behavior.

- Residents, including children, have lost the ability to sleep or enjoy their homes in peace.

Attempts to address these issues directly with the brewery owner have been met with dismissiveness and hostility. Complaints filed with the township have largely gone unanswered, with enforcement being inconsistent or non-existent. Residents have had to resort to contacting state agencies, which have already documented multiple violations. 8 pending disorderly violations and unknown township violations as Vince Tranguch has failed to provide that public information regarding code violations.

Call for Action

The township's request for a noise exemption is a direct attempt to shield the brewery from accountability while placing an unfair burden on residents. If granted, this exemption would allow the establishment to continue unchecked, worsening an already unacceptable situation.

I urge the board to:

1. Deny the noise exemption request and prioritize the rights of residents over the financial interests of a single business.
2. Conduct an independent investigation into the township's handling of this issue, including conflicts of interest and failures in enforcement.

3. Implement proper oversight and enforcement measures, ensuring that noise ordinances are upheld and that complaints are addressed in a timely and transparent manner. Give the enforcement power back to the PA State Police and PLCB and entities.

This is not a matter of opposing small businesses but rather ensuring that no single entity is given preferential treatment at the expense of an entire community. I encourage the board to visit our neighborhood and witness firsthand the disruption that has been allowed to continue for far too long. A bar should not be plopped into the middle of residential neighborhoods as it does not work.

I am prepared to provide documentation, including noise logs, videos, and records of complaints, to substantiate these claims. I respectfully request that this matter be given the serious attention it deserves and that the board act in the best interests of the community it serves. I am prepared to provide a virtual tour of our neighborhood and walk to the creek bank to show you all the environment and proximity. I did do this with neighbors with Officer Farrell.

Officer Farrell, Brian Remper, Officer Odoms involvement have very temporarily calmed things down but unfortunately without constant oversight, enforcement power not held by the township, and consequences along

with mitigation this pattern of behavior will continue at the expense of families who have peacefully lived here for decades.

The totality of the circumstances substantiates the need for this noise exemption to be denied and for this business to be put on a very short leash until it can act responsibly and allow for us to live in peace.

We do not have a local police force so that further substantiates the need for this exemption to be denied. We the people need to have someone to call when these things are occurring so they can be dealt with on the spot by law enforcement who has specialized training, knowledge and resources to force this business into compliance. The township is closed nights, weekends and holidays. There is no one to help us if this moves forward.

Thank you all for what you do. I appreciate your time and consideration and truly hope that this can be expeditiously resolved. I will continue to advocate for my family.