

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS..... *Secretary Vigoda*

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the October 1, 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 October 1, 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.

David Kuznia addressed the Board regarding the most recent expired liquor license auction. Mr. Kuznia explained that his wife owns a restaurant and is seeking to obtain a liquor license but missed the submission deadline for the auction. He asked whether there was any procedure that would allow a petition to be filed for an expired license to be granted in a county that did not receive a winning bid.

Chief Counsel Jason Worley informed Mr. Kuznia that the Board does not have authority under the Liquor Code to permit such a process. Mr. Kuznia then inquired whether he could petition the Board to conduct

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another expired license auction. Mr. Worley responded that while such a petition could be submitted, the decision to hold an auction rests solely with the Board. He added that auctions are typically held once or twice per year, with licenses grouped in a manner that aligns with the PLCB's operational considerations.

Mr. Kuznia also expressed general concerns regarding the restaurant licensing process and the role of gas stations within that process.

NEW BUSINESS

From the Office of Chief Counsel Jason Worley, Chief Counsel

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| <p>(1) Cranberry Springs Development Group 4, LLC
7200 Cranberry Springs Drive
Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0000
License No. R-12306
LID 70751</p> | <p>Request for Recission of Conditional
Licensing Agreement</p> |
| <p>Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster</p> | |
| <p>Board Decision:</p> | <p>Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the request for recission of conditional licensing agreement upon the approval of the pending transfer application.</p> |
| <p>(2) Democratic Association of Bethlehem
540 North New Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018-5714
Club Liquor License No. C-486
LID 603</p> | <p>Resolution of Appeal Pending in the
Court of Common Pleas of Northampton
County</p> |
| <p>Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster</p> | |
| <p>Board Decision:</p> | <p>Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to resolve the pending appeal by approving the renewal of the license subject to the signed conditional licensing agreement.</p> |
| <p>(3) Michael L. Thomas
100-102 West Centre Street
Mahanoy City, PA 17948-2606
License No. R-14045
LID 52721</p> | <p>Appeal to Commonwealth Court</p> |
| <p>Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster</p> | |
| <p>Board Decision:</p> | <p>Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) not to pursue an appeal to Commonwealth Court.</p> |

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

- (1) **Aman's Easton, LLC**
t/a Aman's Artisan Indian Cuisine
(LID No. 128461) Case No. 24-9189
336 Northampton Street
Easton, Northampton County

New – Economic Development
Restaurant

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

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

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse the application for new economic development restaurant license.

- (2) **Armenia Mountain Spirits, LLC**
t/a Armenia Mountain Spirits
(LID No. 129794)
177 Douglas Road
Armenia Township
Troy, Bradford County

New & Requests for Interior Connections
with Other Businesses,
Conduct Other Businesses on the
Licensed Premises & Dual
Employment – Limited Distillery

HOLD 7/16/25 SESSION

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the application for new limited distillery license and requests for interior connections with other businesses, to conduct other business on the licensed premises, and dual employment.

- (3) **The Big Blue Door Organization Corporation**
t/a The Big Blue Door
C-1021 (LID No. 125876) Case No. 24-9190
3143 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Double Transfer – Club

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of The Big Blue Door Organization Corporation. There was no response.

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse the application for transfer.

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- (4) **Estate of Michael M. Jabbour,**
Marijo Jabbour, Executrix
t/a Mike's Fayette Bar
H-2180 (LID No. 30057) Case No. 24-9151
11 North 4th Street
Easton, Northampton County

Renewal – Hotel

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of the Estate of Michael M. Jabbour. There was no response.

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse the renewal for failure to obtain tax clearance.

- (5) **Roosevelt Club**
CC-5614 (LID No. 2565) Case No. 24-9072
1661 Mill Road
Upper Chichester Township
Boothwyn, Delaware County

Request for Hearing after
Administrative Cancellation –
“Intermunicipal” Place-to-Place
Transfer – Catering Club

HOLD 8/6/25 SESSION

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the request for Nunc Pro Tunc relief and that the transfer application also be approved.

- (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

HOLD 8/27/25 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.

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- (7) **223 Supper Club, LLC** Renewal – District 10
R-10734 (LID No. 71225) Case No. 2022-71225 and
2024-71225
223 South Sydenham 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.
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- (8) **430 Fang, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-16692 (LID No. 72354) Case No. 2024-72354
430-432 West Indiana 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.
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- (9) **2600 Lili, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-6358 (LID No. 45279) Case No. 2022-45279 and
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 approve renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (10) **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 approve renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (11) **Clarion River Forest Lodge, Inc.** Renewal – District 7
t/a Clarion River Forest Lodge
H-45356 (LID No. 96919) Case No. 2023-96919 and **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
2025-96919
159 Coleman Run Road
Barnett Township
Cooksburg, Forest County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve renewal with an amended conditional licensing agreement.
- (12) **Deli 54, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-923 (LID No. 70538) Case No. 2024-70538
5426 Chester 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.
- (13) **Lor, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-8107 (LID No. 57659) Case No. 2022-57659 and **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
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 approve renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
- (14) **R & G, Inc.** Renewal – District 5
t/a Lefty's In The Strip
R-19951 (LID No. 56072) Case No. 2025-56072 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
2021 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (15) **Sobo, Inc.** Renewal – District 6
t/a Belmont II
R-9939 (LID No. 49742) Case No. 2024-49742 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
1805 North Main Street Extension
Center Township
Butler, Butler County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
- (16) **United Gas, Inc.** Renewal – District 6
R-7223 (LID No. 86621) Case No. 2024-86621
326 Ridge Avenue
Washington, Washington County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for an amended conditional licensing agreement

From the Bureau of Human Resources Jason Lutcavage, Director of Administration
Jennifer von Sneidern, Director, Bureau of Human Resources

Personnel Actions

There were 11 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Tricia Alecki – Removal**
- (2) **Hannah Hampton – Removal**
- (3) **Ravyn Melvin – Removal**
- (4) **ShaRee Parker – Affirm Removal**
- (5) **Michael Potts – Removal**
- (6) **Javier Rivera – Removal**
- (7) **Andrea Shelton -Removal**
- (8) **Micheal Smith - Removal**
- (9) **Shakia White – Removal**
- (10) **Daniel Yungwirth – Affirm Removal**

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(11) Angela Zawacki - 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.

*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) Temperature/Digital Control System Maintenance & Corrective Service renewal -** Facility Control Services, for maintenance and corrective service when requested by the PLCB, on the Powers Pneumatic & Carrier Direct Digital Control (DDC) System, located in the Northwest Office Building, 910 Capital Street, Harrisburg, 17124-0001.

Procured via DGS Contract 4400018269. VENDOR: **CARRIER – estimated cost \$70,000.00.**

- (2) Trintech ReconNET Retail Reconciliation Renewal –** ReconNET is the retail industry’s leading reconciliation solution for daily reconciliation of POS/E-Commerce sales, including workflow driver “research” functionality to track/resolve discrepancies with the 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.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G – TERM:** One year for the period of 11/1/2025 through 10/31/2026 - **\$219,471.59 estimated cost.**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (JOB 35) –** The billing of \$58,546.80 for August/2025 to reimburse DGS vehicle leases in accordance with Management Directive 615.3. This billing is for the 101 vehicles leased by the PLCB and includes the monthly lease costs for Telematic (GPS) devices.

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 interagency charges received from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

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

1. #1524 – 449 North Third Street, Oxford
Amendment
2. #5137 – 5159 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia
Amendment (adding space)
3. #6311 – 327 Third Street, California
Amendment
4. #1903 – 1005 Scott Town Center, Bloomsburg
Exercise Option
5. #4624 – 125 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia
Exercise Option
6. #4639 – 1050 East Philadelphia Avenue, Gilbertsville
Exercise Option

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the proposed 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
Various
Various

1. Regular New Item Accepted
2. Regular PA New Items Accepted
3. Regular PA New Items Accepted Revision
4. Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Bronco Wine Company

Quail Oak Red Blend 750ml

18

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

2. Regular PA New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Cellar 54

Cellar 54 Clarity Cayuga Wine 2024 mL

16

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Cellar 54 Gratitude Concord Wine 2024 750 mL	16
Cellar 54 Sublime Steuben Blush Wine 750 mL	16

Kendeall Consulting LLC

Tiger Jane Gold Coffee Liqueur 375 mL	17
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Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery

Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Blackberry 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Blueberry 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Peach 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Strawberry 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Watermelon 750 mL	16

University Wine Company

University Wine Company Lion's Roar Red 750 mL	16
University Wine Company Sangria 750 mL	16
University Wine Company Spring Break White 750 mL	16

Vynecrest Winery

Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Blueberry 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Concord 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Cranberry Spritzer 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Niagara 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Pinot Grigio 750 mL	16

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

3. Regular PA New Items Accepted Revision

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
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Triage Distilling

Triage Blended Whiskey 750 mL	16
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Note: This item was on the 10/1/2025 Agenda with an \$18.00 retail.

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

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- 17. PA Wines
- 18. Licensee only
- 19. Probationary listing

4. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

CODE

Capital Wine and Spirits

Primo Amore Moscato Veneto 750 mL

96637

Majestic W S USA Inc

Valiant Red Blend 750 mL

97106

The Wine Merchant LTD

Famiglie Pinot Grigio Veneto 750 mL

898

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective November 14, 2025

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

Transfer to General Fund Fiscal Year 2025-26.....Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

The Office of Budget requests a transfer of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in the month of November 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 \$100,000,000 will be processed as authorized in Expenditure Symbol Notification Number 25-014.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the transfer of \$100M in the month of November 2025 from the State Stores Fund to the General Fund as requested.

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Transfer to Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2025-26.....Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

The Department of Agriculture requests a transfer of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the month of November 2025 from the State Stores Fund to the Department of Agriculture. The Liquor Control Board will transfer the \$3,000,000.00 for the PA Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board, PA Wine Marketing and Research Program Board, and PA Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board. The Finance team will schedule when this transfer will occur.

The transfer of this prescribed amount of \$3,000,000 will be processed as authorized in Expenditure Symbol Notification Number 25-012.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the transfer of \$3M in the month of November 2025 from the State Stores Fund to the Department of Agriculture as requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Thursday, November 6, 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 October 15, 2025, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary