

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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

[Office of Chief Counsel](#)
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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 September 17, 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 September 17, 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.

No public comments were offered.

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NEW BUSINESS

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

None

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

- (1) **541 E. Thelma Street, Inc.** Request for Hearing – *Nunc Pro Tunc* – Renewals, Validations & Extension of Safekeeping – Restaurant
R-8138 (LID No. 37464) Case No. 24-9176
541 East Thelma Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of 541 E. Thelma Street, Inc. There was no response.

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse the licensee's request for *Nunc Pro Tunc* relief.

- (2) **DeAngelis Bar, Inc.** Appointment of Manager – Restaurant
R-15470 (LID No. 33402) Case No. 24-9115
2300 Duss Avenue
Ambridge, Beaver County

**HOLD 5/14/25 SESSION
HOLD 9/17/25 SESSION**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) that the Application for Appointment of Manager be canceled as moot.

- (3) **Hysyde Lounge, Inc.** Extension of License – Restaurant
R-2165 (LID No. 106512) Case No. 24-9168
2650 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Allegheny 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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- (4) **McKeesport Beer Barrel, LLC** Appointment of Manager –
t/a McKeesport Beer Barrel Restaurant
R-10152 (LID No. 81638) Case No. 24-9147
545 5th Avenue
McKeesport, Allegheny County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (5) **Plaza Beer, Inc.** Appointment of Manager –
t/a Brewers Outlet Distributor
D-3783 (LID No. 8826) Case No. 24-9203
231 Reagan Street
Sunbury, Northumberland County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
- (6) **Rios Tavern, Inc.** Request for Hearing After
R-85 (LID No. 45812) Case No. 24-9172 Revocation –
4162 North 5th Street Restaurant
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
- Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Rios Tavern. There was no response.
- Seconded:** Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to affirm the administrative revocation of the license and that the license shall remain revoked.
- (7) **Sugar Lake Hotel and Ji's Place, LLC** Appointment of Manager – Hotel
t/a Sugar Lake Hotel
H-44164 (LID No. 100555) Case No. 25-9003
7308 Sugar Lake Road
Wayne Township
Cochranon, Crawford County

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Sugar Lake Hotel. There was no response.

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse the Application for Appointment of Manager.

- (8) **319 BLT, Inc.**
R-13523 (LID No. 59816) Case No. 2020-59816 and
2022-59816
319 Market Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Renewal – District 10

HOLD 7/16/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

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.

- (9) **BSC, Inc.**
E-1774 (LID No. 70607) Case No. 2024-70607
5147 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Renewal – District 10

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

- (10) **Fagan Hopwood Tavern, LLC**
t/a Hopwood Tavern
R-12216 (LID No. 86284) Case No. 2024-86284
1225 National Pike Road
North Union Township
Hopwood, Fayette County

Renewal – District 6

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

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- (11) **J & J Fang, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-15837 (LID No. 83589) Case No. 2024-83589
6419 Woodland 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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- (12) **Jai Khodiyar, LLC** Renewal – District 10
R-14880 (LID No. 115393) Case No. 2023-115393 &
2025-115393 **HOLD 8/6/25 SESSION**
349 South Main Avenue **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
Scranton, Lackawanna 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.
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- (13) **L & M Tavern, Inc.** Renewal – District 3
t/a L & M Tavern
R-11696 (LID No. 15107) Case No. 2023-15107 &
2025-15107
279 West State Street
Tilden Township
Hamburg, Berks County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (14) **T D Beer, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-11382 (LID No. 67601) Case No. 2024-67601
2262 East Allegheny Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia 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.

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**(15) T George Enterprises, Inc.
t/a Fat Daddy's**

Renewal – District 8

R-14773 (LID No. 60975) Case No. 2024-60975
174 Main Street
Luzerne, 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.

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

There were 9 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) Latia Carr – Removal
- (2) Patrick Coia – Affirm Removal
- (3) Tyla Cornelius – Affirm Removal
- (4) Antoine Curry – Removal
- (5) Ristin Hartwigs – Removal
- (6) Kyle Kelsch – Affirm Removal
- (7) Bryant Patterson -Removal
- (8) Tionne Poland – Removal
- (9) Anthony Sewell – 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) **75 Ingenico Lane 8000 Standard PIN pads and 75 mounts** - This purchase is for 75 Ingenico Lane 8000 Standard Model PIN pads which will be deployed to stores on an as needed basis. PIN pads occasionally are broken and need to be repaired. The repair cycle can take up to 2 months. These PIN pads are needed to supplement our stock.

Procured via DGS Contract 4400016084. VENDOR: **FISERV – estimated cost \$92,250.00.**

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- (2) **Tenable Nessus and Security Center renewal - 11/26/2025 thru 11/25/2026** - The Tenable Security Center solution allows PLCB IT Security to conduct vulnerability scans and configuration audits on all PLCB systems to ensure: all devices are scanned, vulnerabilities are identified, vulnerability mitigation can be prioritized, and ensure this process is repeated on a continuous basis.

Evidence of a deployed vulnerability management solution is required in order to complete our annual compliance audit, enabling acceptance of Visa/Mastercard procured via DGS Contract 4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G – estimated cost \$54,754.92**

- (3) **Managed Print Services** - to provide to all Commonwealth Stores monitoring and service for approximately 675 Lexmark 600 series printers. Estimated yearly quantity amount is 18,500,000 @ .0165 each. December 1, 2025, PO #80561973 was set up for 370,000 @ .0165 = \$6105.00.

Procured via IFB # 274060, PO #80561973 – VENDOR: **Edwards Business Solutions – estimated cost \$604,395.00**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (JOB 35)** – The billing of \$61,516.81 for July/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.
- (2) **Department of General Services (DGS) Property Costs (JOB 7)** – Billing of \$111,428.44 comprises of \$118,691.38 expense with a \$7,262.94 true-up credit for the first quarter of FY 2024-25 for Commonwealth property costs. This is for the property costs for the Northwest Office Building (NWOB), which includes direct costs paid by DGS (electricity charges), as well as prorated expenses for Capital Police services, City of Harrisburg Fire Protection.

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.

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

- (1) **#3202 – 575 Philadelphia Street, Indiana Amendment**

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.

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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 PA New Items Accepted

Various

2. Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular PA New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

2Moods Inc

2MOODS Vodka Orange Crush 6x355 mL Cans

16

3 Sisters Rum INC

3 Sisters Rum Banana Rum 750 mL

16

3 Sisters Rum Peach Rum 750 mL

16

7th Ward Spirits

7th Ward Spirits Cristalino Agave Tequila Reposado 750 mL

16

Art in the Age LLC

Art in the Age Old Baldy Spiced Apple Whiskey 750 mL

16

Big Chef Cocktails LLC

Big Chef Cocktails Top Dog Vodka 750 mL

16

Bones Distillery

Bones Distillery Blue Falcon Vodka 750 mL

16

Mellow Moose Moonshine and Spirits Hot Cinnamon Rum 750 mL

16

Mellow Moose Moonshine and Spirits Moose Pie Rum 750 mL

16

Jack Azz Distilling LLC

Jackazz Distilling Ball Buster Blueberry Cocktail 750 mL

16

Jackazz Distilling Kicker Cream Soda Cocktail 750 mL

16

Jackazz Distilling Skook Birch Beer Soda Cocktail 750 mL

16

Jackazz Distilling Vanilla Rum 750 mL

16

Lancaster Brewing Company

Lancaster Hexx Vodka 750 mL

16

Lancaster Imperial Jo Espresso Liqueur 750 mL

16

Mabsco Enterprises LLC

Pour Decisions Distillery Peppermint Vodka 750 mL

16

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Pittsburgh Spirits LLC

Wigle Bourbon Old Fashioned 750 mL	16
Wigle Spiced Liqueur 750 mL	16

Ponfeigh Distillery LLC

Ponfeigh Distillery Gin 750 mL	16
Ponfeigh Distillery Spiced Maple Whiskey 200 mL	16

Premier Innovations

Big Spring Orange Vodka 1 L	16
Big Spring Raspberry Vodka 1 L	16
Big Spring Vanilla Vodka 1 L	16

Robert Mazza Inc

Hercules Mulligan Eyr and Rye 750 mL	16
Hercules Mulligan Rum & Rye 750 mL	16

Triage Distilling

Triage Blended Whiskey 750 mL	16
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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

Dead Lightning Distillery LLC

Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Cherry Vodka 1 L	98863
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Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Lemon Vodka 1 L	98865
Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Peach Vodka 1 L	98869
Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Vodka 1 L	98872

Majestic W S USA Inc

Valiant Red Blend 750 mL	97106
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EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective October 31, 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

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, October 15, 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 Board Member Brewster, the meeting of October 1, 2025, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary