

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS..... *Secretary Vigoda*

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the August 27, 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 27, 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.

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NEW BUSINESS

From the Office of Chief Counsel Jason Worley, Chief Counsel

- (1) **City of Harrisburg** Municipal Petition for Exemption from
Case No. 25-NE-13 Liquor Code Statute Regarding Amplified
Sound

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the petition filed by the City of Harrisburg, Dauphin County, for exemption from the Liquor Code's statute regarding amplified sound for a 1-year period from September 17, 2025, to September 17, 2026.

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

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| <p>(1) 49 Falone, Inc.
 E-4897 (LID No. 59386) Case No. 24-9184
 47-49 North Chester Pike
 Glenolden, Delaware County</p> | <p>Request for Hearing to Extend
 Safekeeping Period – Eating Place
 Malt Beverage</p> |
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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the request to extend safekeeping period from November 1, 2024, to November 1, 2025, at no charge.

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| <p>(2) CHR Corp.
 R-36097 (LID No. 89838) Case No. 25-9032
 1520 Pennsylvania Avenue
 York, York County</p> | <p>Extension of License & Requests for
 Interior Connections with Another
 Business & to Conduct Another
 Business on the Licensed Premises –
 Restaurant</p> |
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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the extension of license and request for interior connection and to conduct another business on the licensed premises, subject to the licensee more clearly identifying the specific areas of use.

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(3) **CHR Corp.**

(LID No. 127781) Case No. 25-9028
50 Grumbacher Road
Suites 50-16 and 50-20
Manchester Township
York, York County
(New Importer – I)

New Importer, Limited Distilleries &
Limited Distillery Additional Board-
Approved Location & Requests for
Interior Connections with Other
Businesses – Importer, Limited
Distillery & Limited Distillery
Additional Board-Approved Location

CHR Corp.

(see attached list for addresses of 64 new applications)
(New Limited Distillery – AL)

CHR Corp.

(LID No. 127783) Case No. 25-9028
50 Grumbacher Road
Suites 50-16 and 50-20
Manchester Township
York, York County
(64 AL-BAL's will be at this 1 location)
(New Limited Distillery Additional Board-Approved
Location – BAL)

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of CHR Corporation. Mr. Chris Reed, General Counsel to CHR Corp addressed the Board and stated the following:

My name is Chris Reed. I'm general counsel for the Rutters, CHR, for being one of the entities under the Rutters Companies umbrella. I rise today to offer and remind that the PLCB is an agency created by statute, and thus its powers are limited by statute. And while this Board has power to craft and enforce regulations, those regulations remain limited to the confines of the authorizing statute.

It is well-settled in Pennsylvania that a state agency cannot discriminate against an applicant for licensure, simply because that agency does not like the applicant's operations, as this would amount to the establishment of a licensing requirement outside of enumerated statutory requirements, which is prohibited. Our own Supreme Court has recently confirmed that a state agency that fabricates licensing requirements outside of its statutory authority is engaging in such prohibited discriminatory practice.

In short, a state agency cannot deny an applicant a license simply because the state agency does not like something about the proposed operation. The applicant's background, etc. A review of the evidentiary hearing transcript clearly demonstrates that the Board has no substantive reason to deny these applications and is therefore operating against this recently reaffirmed principle. CHR's applications have been pending for 13 months.

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CHR has been nothing but forthcoming and prompt with communications with the PLCB. CHR has proposed the operations not only fall squarely within the letter of the applicable statutes and regulations, but mirror other licensed limited distilleries in the Commonwealth. And yet, simply because it proposes to exercise its rights as a licensee on a larger scale, opposition has arisen.

This motion, which you are considering now, presents a broader question than just CHR's applications. On the one hand, this Board can approve the applications of CHR and thereby affirm over a decade of limited distillery licensing practices by the PLCB that are based upon statute and regulations, as well as a multitude of opinions furnished by this Board's own Office of Chief Counsel.

On the other hand, this Board can deny the applications of CHR and thereby establish that this agency is not interested in the uniform application of law but rather is susceptible to discriminatory licensing practices based upon negative perceptions of an applicant's proposed operations. Any negative vote today will also upset the current limited distillery industry in Pennsylvania, resulting in closure of Pennsylvania's small businesses and a stagnation of Pennsylvania's spirits manufacturing.

I ask that the Board weigh considerably these broad questions before they render a decision. Thank you.

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse the 64 applications for limited distillery licenses and as a result the remaining applications and requests must also be refused.

(4) DeAngelis Bar, Inc.

R-15470 (LID No. 33402) Case No. 24-9115
2300 Duss Avenue
Ambridge, Beaver County

Appointment of Manager –
Restaurant

HOLD 5/14/25 SESSION

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to place a further hold on this matter.

(5) Hamilton-Maloy VFW Post 595 Canteen, Inc.

CC-2617 (LID No. 50307) Case No. 24-9142
401 Shipley Street
Everson, Fayette County

Renewal with Notice of Change in
Officers – Catering Club

HOLD 7/16/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the application for renewal of the license and notice of change of officers with a conditional licensing agreement.

- (6) **O’Fowley’s, Inc.**
R-15349 (LID No. 52270) Case No. 24-9061
200 State Road
Bristol Township
Croydon, Bucks County

Appointment of Manager –
Restaurant

HOLD 2/5/25 SESSION

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to place a further hold on this matter.

- (7) **Quick Courier Service, Inc.**
t/a Quick Courier Service
J-59691 (LID No. 126644)
5185 Campus Drive
Suite 100
Whitemarsh Township
Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery County

Extension of License & Requests for
Interior Connections with Another
Business & to Conduct Another
Business on the Licensed Premises –
Bailee for Hire Storage

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the extension of the license and request for interior connection and to conduct another business on the licensed premises.

- (8) **515 Main Street Management, LLC**
t/a 515 Main
R-8246 (LID No. 102870) Case No. 2024-102870
513-517 Main Street
Bethlehem, Northampton County

Renewal – District 4

HOLD 6/4/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (9) **HR02, LLC** Renewal – District 5
t/a Choice Tobacco Discount Outlet
R-12956 (LID No. 109545) Case No. 2025-109545 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
5129 Brightwood Road
Bethel Park, Allegheny County
Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
- (10) **Lin’s Willits Inc.** Renewal – District 10
E-144 (LID No. 68639) Case No. 2024-68639
3217 Willits Road
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) **Yo Deli, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-2410 (LID No. 66445) Case No. 2024-66445 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
900 West Huntingdon Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.

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) **Kameron Calime – Affirm Removal**
- (2) **Calvin Dean - Removal**
- (3) **Jeffrey DiDomenico – Affirm Removal**

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- (4) **Christopher Eisenhuth – Affirm Removal**
- (5) **Turquoise Etheridge-Gibb – Affirm Removal**
- (6) **Robah Hess – Affirm Removal**
- (7) **Kevin Kiddy - Affirm Removal**
- (8) **Elena Moreno – Removal**
- (9) **Damire Noland – Affirm Removal**
- (10) **Antwan Robinson - Removal**
- (11) **Dymir White – 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.

*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) **Extension for Contract 20220912 for Services with Deloitte Consulting, LLP, for Production Support and Associated Services for Oracle Cloud Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Oracle Applications** – Engagement to have Deloitte Consulting, LLP, continue to perform the ERP “hypercare” duties (i.e. post-go-live production support and maintenance and associated knowledge transfer) after Oracle’s roll-off.

Procured via PO 80050710 Option 3-Month Extension to RFP Contract 20220912. **VENDOR: Deloitte Consulting LLP – TERM:** Three (3) months for the period 11/01/2025 through 01/31/2026 – **estimated cost \$375,000.00.**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **State Employee’s Defined Contribution Plan** – Billing of \$186,131.40 for FY 2025-26 for Defined Contribution Plan costs from the State Employees Retirement System (SERS). Act 23 of 2020 allows SERS to assess charges to cover the administrative costs for the newly defined contribution (DC) retirement plans. The LCB’s billing is \$56,812.76 or (-23.4%) lower than last year’s billing \$242,944.16.
- (2) **Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (Job 35)** – The billing of \$56,461.45 for May/2025 to reimburse DGS vehicle leases in accordance with Management Directive 615.3.

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This billing is for the 101 vehicles leased by the PLCB and includes the monthly lease costs for Telematic (GPS) devices.

- (3) Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (Job 35)** – The billing of \$57,508.12 for June/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 inter-agency charges received from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

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

- (1) #0933 – 4950 Old York Road, Holicong
Amendment**
- (2) #3301 – 160 Main Street, Brookville
Amendment**
- (3) 3806 – 475 3-A West Penn Avenue, Cleona
Amendment**
- (4) 6302 – 40 East Pike Street, Canonsburg
Amendment**
- (5) 6307 – 2038 Smith Township Road, Ste. 2, Burgettstown
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

These items went to Board for the public meeting without pricing

1. Regular Recommended Delist

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>M and M Wine Cellar LLC</u>	
Luva Bella Passion Blackberry 750 mL	97689
Luva Bella Passion Peach 750 mL	97690
Luva Bella Passion Tropical Rose 750 mL	97691
<u>Mingo Creek Craft Distillers</u>	
Liberty Pole Spirits Old Fashioned Cocktail 375 mL	100034828
<u>The Wine Group</u>	
Big House Wine Co Birdman Pinot Grigio 3 L	6620
<u>Vivino Selections Inc</u>	
Intuition Cotes du Rhone Red 750 mL	96097
Oblivion Zinfandel 750 mL	97964
Wellsley Farms Cabernet Sauvignon 750 mL	97667
Wellsley Farms Prosecco DOC Treviso Extra Dry 750 mL	97668
<u>W J Deutsch Sons LTD</u>	
Yellow Tail Fresh Twist Peach and Mango White 750 mL	96377

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective October 17, 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

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OTHER ISSUES

2026 Board Meeting Schedule.....Secretary Vigoda

The public meetings will be held in Harrisburg, PA and commence at 11:00 a.m. in the Northwest Office Building, Conference Room 117 and streamed via Microsoft Teams. Instructions to participate via Teams is available on the PLCB website.

2026 PLCB Board Meeting Schedule

January 14, 2026
February 4, 2026
February 25, 2026
March 11, 2026
April 1, 2026
April 22, 2026
May 13, 2026
June 3, 2026
June 24, 2026
July 15, 2026
August 5, 2026
August 26, 2026
September 16, 2026
October 7, 2026
October 28, 2026
November 18, 2026
December 16, 2026

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the proposed 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were offered.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 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 September 17, 2025, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary