

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

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 August 5, 2026 meeting.

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the previous Board Meeting Minutes of the August 5, 2026, 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.

Dr. Christopher Kager addressed the Board regarding the online whiskey or bourbon releases. Dr. Kager stated that the system is sometimes difficult to navigate with unannounced release times that favor bots over consumers and he hopes the Board can try and find a better way to distribute the products.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- (1) **James D. Gallagher, Jr.** ALJ Appeal
t/a Gallagher's Pub
120 Quarry Street
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666-1720
License No. R-12372
LID 40015
Citation No. 24-0514

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to dismiss the licensee appeal and the ALJ decision be affirmed in all respects in accordance with order and opinion prepared by the Office of Chief Counsel.

- (2) **Jocko's Iron Gate, Inc.** Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court
812 Main Street of Common Pleas of Allegheny County
Sharpsburg
Pittsburgh, PA 15215-2301
License No. R-19452
LID 51984

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to agree to resolve the appeal as proposed, contingent on the licensee withdrawing its appeal, file all required application and pay all applicable fees within 30-days.

*From the Bureau of LicensingAndrew Stuffick, Director of Regulatory Affairs
Joseph Murray, Director, Bureau of Licensing*

- (1) **Coen Markets, Inc.** Appointment of Manager –
R-8802 (LID No. 100459) Case No. 26-9006 Restaurant
1297 West Chestnut Street
Canton Township
Washington, Washington County

HOLD 6/24/26 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

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- (2) **Nell M. Hadian** Place-to-Place Transfer – Distributor
D-3530 (LID No. 56875) Case No. 26-9021
1781 Stefko Boulevard
Bethlehem, Northampton County

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

- (3) **Mr. I, LLC** Request for Hearing after
R-2244 (LID No. 86694) Case No. 25-9047 Revocation – Restaurant
1000 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster

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

Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to affirm the revocation of the license.

- (4) **No Love Lost, Inc.** New – Limited Winery (out-of-state)
(LID No. 131016) Case No. 26-9001
100 Napa Junction Road
American Canyon, CA

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

- (5) **Ormsby Ave Café, LLC** Appointment of Manager –
R-4652 (LID No. 70247) Case No. 25-9130 Restaurant
402 Ormsby Avenue
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

HOLD 6/3/26 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the application for appointment of manager with a conditional licensing agreement.

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- (6) **Sheetz, Inc.** Request for Hearing to Extend
t/a Sheetz #796 Safekeeping Period – Restaurant
R-14635 (LID No. 112474) Case No. 25-9169
1101 Northern Boulevard
South Abington Township
Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the request for additional year of safekeeping at no cost from 12/12/25 to 12/12/26.
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- (7) **2901 Anthony, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-976 (LID No. 68059) Case No. 2024-68059
2901 North 27th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Brewster
- Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of 2901 Anthony, Inc. There was no response.
- Seconded:** Board Member Vulakovich
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse renewal.
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- (8) **3800 Lin, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-1464 (LID No. 103852) Case No. 2024-103852
3800 North 6th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- HOLD – 6/3/26 SESSION**
- Conditional Licensing Agreement**
- Motion Made:** Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (9) **5424 Lee, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-16578 (LID No. 69474) Case No. 2024-69474
5424-26 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- HOLD – 1/14/26 SESSION**
- Conditional Licensing Agreement**

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Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

- (10) **Fly Guy Properties, LLC**
R-3879 (LID No. 111304) Case No. 2025-111304
362 West 31st Street
Erie, Erie County

Renewal – District 7

HOLD – 6/3/26 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

- (11) **JJP# 8, Inc.**
E-146 (LID No. 69195) Case No. 2024-69195
6501 Elmwood Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Renewal – District 10

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster

Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of JJP#8, Inc. There was no response.

Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse renewal.

- (12) **Lafamilia Holding, LLC**
R-46780 (LID No. 108366) Case No. 2025-108366
464 Hollywell Avenue
Chambersburg, Franklin County

Renewal – District 1

HOLD – 6/3/26 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

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- (13) **LL1, LLC** Renewal – District 5
H-3181 (LID No. 92772) Case No. 2025-92772
106-108 East 8th Avenue
Homestead, Allegheny County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold for a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (14) **Lucky J Sportsbar, Inc.** Renewal – District 8
t/a Caribbean Breeze
R-10802 (LID No. 106262) Case No. 2024-106262
201 North First Street
Lehighton, Carbon County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal with a conditional licensing agreement.
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- (15) **Martinas Castle, LLC** Renewal – District 3
R-9535 (LID No. 67261) Case No. 2023-67261 & 2025-67261
200 South 2nd Street
Saint Clair, Schuylkill County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Brewster
- Chairman Clarke asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak on behalf of Martinas Castle, LLC. There was no response.
- Seconded:** Board Member Vulakovich
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to refuse renewal.

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

Personnel Actions

There were 10 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Amanda Cuthbert – Removal**
- (2) **Amy Daumit - Removal**
- (3) **Marquan Henry - Removal**
- (4) **Yasmine Hubley – Affirm Removal**
- (5) **Jayquan Jacobs – Removal**
- (6) **Edward Mazzel – Removal**
- (7) **Evan Miklos – Removal**
- (8) **Nefetera Murphy-Graham - Removal**
- (9) **Richard Rees – Removal**
- (10) **Sri Siri Setty – Removal**

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the recommended personnel actions as presented by 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. **Cisco SMARTNET continuance** – Cisco Smartnet hardware and software maintenance support (next business day) for the PLCB’s Cisco network components such as switches, routers, access points, and other appliances. These components are installed in distribution centers, regional offices, PLCB Central Office, and retail locations.

Procured via DGS Contract 4400029660 – VENDOR: **ePlus** – TERM: November 1, 2026 – October 31, 2027 - **\$73,308.00 estimated cost.**

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2. **Microsoft Software Assurance Enterprise Agreement** – Additional funds required in our Microsoft Azure cloud which gives us support for all our Microsoft products as well as upgrades and updates. This was for service in May 2025 and February, March, April, and May 2026.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029225/PO# 80217572 – **VENDOR: Insight Public Sector – \$123,738.78 estimated cost.**

3. **OST Request – Product Specialist, Neal Higham** - The OST resource will augment resources for Sales Audit, MFCS and Batch processing. This resource will allow the Business Process team to better balance daily operational responsibilities with project work.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 – **VENDOR: OST – TERM: September 8, 2026 – March 10, 2027 - \$145,600.00 estimated cost.**

Inter-Agency Charges:

1. **Office of Administration – IT Shared Services - \$ 1,064,950.**

An estimated billing of \$1,064,950.00 has been submitted for Q1 of FY 2026-27 to cover the PLCB's share of the Office of Administration's Enterprise Technology Essential Services. This includes costs associated with infrastructure, network, security, enterprise data center (EDC), and service desk operations. The PLCB's portion represents 1.1% of the total \$91.4 million billed by OA for IT Shared Services. Overall, total billings for FY 2026-27 reflect an decrease of \$847,738, or -0.9%, compared to FY 2025-26.

2. **Department of General Services (DGS) – Vehicle Lease Reimbursement (Job 35) - \$59,313.80.**

A billing of \$59,313.80 has been submitted for June 2026 to reimburse the Department of General Services for vehicle leases, in accordance with Management Directive 615.3. This amount covers the lease costs for 101 vehicles utilized by the PLCB, including monthly charges for Telematic (GPS) devices.

3. **Office of Unemployment Compensation – Reimbursement Billing - \$116,838.77.**

The billing of \$116,287.65 has been submitted for Unemployment Compensation reimbursements covering the fourth quarter of FY 2025-26. This invoice includes; April \$34,734.76, May \$36,120.69, June \$45,983.32 UC repayments. These charges reflect the PLCB's obligation to reimburse the Commonwealth for unemployment benefits paid during the quarter.

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 Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the Procurement Actions and Inter-Agency Charges presented from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

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

- (1) #0502 – 600 Main Street, Saxton
Amendment
- (2) #2301/2390 – Lawrence Park Industrial Center, 629 Parkway Drive, Broomall
Amendment (Licensee Service Center)
- (3) #4103 – 354 Allegheny Street, Jersey Shore
Amendment
- (4) #4106 – 2067 Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport
Amendment
- (5) #4622 – 404 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge
Amendment
- (6) #4636 – One Station Circle, Narberth
Amendment
- (7) #1527 – Devon Village, 821 West Lancaster Avenue, Wayne
Exercise Option
- (8) #4607 – 132 East Butler Pike, Ambler
Exercise Option

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

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

From the Bureau of Product Management..... Kimberly Mack, Director of Marketing & Merchandising

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

“These items went to Board for the public meeting without pricing”

Various	1. Regular New Items Accepted
Various	2. Regular New Items Accepted Revision
Various	3. Regular PA New Items Accepted
Various	4. Regular Probationary Listing Accepted
Various	5. Regular Recommended Delist

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1. Regular New Items Accepted

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>North Wales Wines</u>	
High Noon Vodka Seltzer Beach Variety 12x355 mL	18

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action.

2. Regular New Items Accepted Revision

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>Jim Beam Brands Co</u>	
Knob Creek Straight Bourbon 12 Year Old 750 mL	98329

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action.

3. Regular PA New Items Accepted

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>Mingo Creek Craft Distillers</u>	
Liberty Pole Spirits Wheated Bourbon 100 Proof 750 mL	16
<u>Rocky's Revels LLC</u>	
Copper Bonnet Distillery Gin 750 mL	16

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action.

4. Regular Probationary Listing Accepted

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>Brown Forman Corporation</u>	
El Jimador New Mix Cantarito 4x355 mL	19
El Jimador New Mix Paloma 4x355 mL	19
El Jimador New Mix Vampiro 4x355 mL	19
<u>North Wales Wines</u>	
High Noon Tequila Hard Seltzer Fiesta 12x355 mL Cans Variety Pack	19

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

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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

5. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

CODE

Allegheny Distilling LLC

Personal Day Grapefruit Hard Seltzer 4x355 mL Cans	97272
Personal Day Hard Seltzer 12x355 mL Cans Variety Pack	97901
Personal Day Lemon Hard Seltzer 4x355 mL Cans	97279
Personal Day Lime Hard Seltzer 4x355 mL Cans	97273
Personal Day Pineapple Hard Seltzer 4x355 mL Cans	97274

Diageo Americas Inc

Casamigos Margarita Cocktail Variety Pack 8x200 mL Cans	100049588
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Mingo Creek Craft Distillers

Liberty Pole Spirits Bourbon 750 mL	2438
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EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective September 25, 2026.

Motion Made: Board Member Brewster
Seconded: Board Member Vulakovich

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the recommended product actions received from the Bureau of Product Management.

FINANCIAL REPORT *Andrea Kapp, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget*

None

OTHER ISSUES

None

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

No public comments were offered.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 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 26, 2026, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary