

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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 January 14, 2026 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 January 14, 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.

No public comments were offered.

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NEW BUSINESS

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

(1) 2nd Street Ventures, LP Resolution of Appeal Pending in the
201 North 2nd Street Court of Common Pleas of Dauphin
Harrisburg, PA 17101-1420 County
License No. R-12649
LID 65950

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to resolve the pending appeal by approving renewal of the license subject to the signed conditional licensing agreement.

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

(1) Arch's Country Saloon, LLC Appointment of Manager – Restaurant
R-13666 (LID No. 68107) Case No. 25-9036
1007 Green Street
Canton Township
Washington, Washington County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

(2) HKL Enterprise, LLC Request to Rescind Approval & Cancel
t/a Hustontown Beverage Person-to-Person Transfer & Requests
D-3770 (LID No. 133086) for Interior Connections with Another
8933 Waterfall Road Business & to be Engaged in Another
Dublin Township Business/Dual Employment –
Hustontown, Fulton County Distributor

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve request to rescind December 17, 2025 transfer at the request of the transferor.

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- (3) **JKLMS, Inc.** Appointment of Manager – Restaurant
t/a Myst Mountain Top
R-14789 (LID No. 121535) Case No. 25-9077
12 Kirby Avenue
Fairview Township
Mountain Top, 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.

- (4) **Klein & Schultz, Inc.** Request for Hearing to Extend
t/a Valley Beverage Safekeeping Period – Distributor
D-3731 (LID No. 40945) Case No. 25-9044
4919 Highway Route 220
Wolf Township
Hughesville, Lycoming County

HOLD 1/14/26 SESSION

Attorney Frank Sluzis and Mr. Shultz addressed the Board prior to the Board taking any action. Both spoke in favor of the application due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the eminent domain action which affected the licensee's ability to transfer the license to a new location.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the request to extend safekeeping period to February 19, 2026 at no cost.

- (5) **Lawrenceville Brewing Interests, LLC** Appointment of Manager – Brewery
t/a Cinderlands Foederhouse
G-36361 (LID No. 88307) Case No. 24-9157
3705 Butler Street, 1st Floor
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

HOLD 11/6/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

- (6) **McKeesport Beer Barrel, LLC** Appointment of Manager – Restaurant
t/a McKeesport Beer Barrel
R-10152 (LID No. 81638) Case No. 24-9147
545 5th Avenue
McKeesport, Allegheny County

HOLD 10/1/25 SESSION

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Secretary Vigoda made the following statement regarding the application: Ladies and gentlemen, for the record this case was held at the October 1, 2025 board meeting for a CLA. Since that time, the applicant has withdrawn the application; therefore, no further action is needed. However, due to the previous vote, it was brought to your attention. Thank you.

- (7) **300 Ontario, LLC** Renewal – District 10
R-4234 (LID No. 69755) Case No. 2024-69755
300 East Ontario Street **LCP**
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) **1630 UN, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-918 (LID No. 65044) Case No. 2024-65044
1630C West Lehigh Avenue **LCP**
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) **2176 Webster, LLC** Renewal – District 5
R-10299 (LID No. 70001) Case No. 2025-70001
2176 Webster 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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- (10) **4100 H & T Enterprises, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-3911 (LID No. 42937) Case No. 2024-42937
4100 Lancaster Avenue **LCP**
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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- (11) **4201 Fairhill, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-4362 (LID No. 73273) Case No. 2024-73273
4201 North Fairhill Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
HOLD 12/17/25 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.

- (12) **5215 Market, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
E-313 (LID No. 54570) Case No. 2024-54570
5215-17 Market Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
LCP

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

- (13) **Barto Hospitality Group, Inc.** Renewal – District 3
R-10239 (LID No. 101517) Case No. 2025-101517
140 Barto Road
Washington Township
Barto, Berks County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

- (14) **Centre Street Investments, Inc.** Renewal – District 3
R-3558 (LID No. 96769) Case No. 2025-96769
501-503 North Centre Street
Pottsville, Schuylkill 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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- (15) **Eastvale Inn & Restaurant, Inc.** Renewal – District 6
R-17511 (LID No. 18727) Case No. 2024-18727
318 Second Avenue
Eastvale
Beaver Falls, Beaver 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.

- (16) **Glory Days Investments, LLC** Renewal – District 3
R-15818 (LID No. 64304) Case No. 2025-64304
1402 North 9th Street
Reading, Berks County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

- (17) **Lina 1071, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-254 (LID No. 66955) Case No. 2024-66955
4507 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

HELD FROM 12/17/25 MEETING
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.

- (18) **T D Beer, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-11382 (LID No. 67601) Case No. 2024-67601
2262 East Allegheny Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

HELD FROM 10/1/25 MEETING
Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

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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 15 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Jayshawn Allen – Affirm Removal**
- (2) **Lloyd Amarosa – Affirm Removal**
- (3) **Terrence Augustine - Removal**
- (4) **Kayenne Barley – Removal**
- (5) **Aspen Bryant – Affirm Removal**
- (6) **Refilwe Carroll – Affirm Removal**
- (7) **Johnisha Cotton – Removal**
- (8) **Tatiana Flores - Removal**
- (9) **Andrea Friedrich – Removal**
- (10) **Tahjir Gladney-Payne – Affirm Removal**
- (11) **Aremonie Greene – Removal**
- (12) **Jakirah Heath - Removal**
- (13) **Samuel Loring – Affirm Removal**
- (14) **Nicholas Moran – Affirm Removal**
- (15) **Mario Tribuiani - 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.

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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) **Meraki Switches at Stores** – All IT equipment plugs into a network switch. To maintain vendor support, and ensure business continuity of operations, the network switches must be replaced as they reach end of life.

All retail location network switches will reach end of life in Oct 2026. They will need to be replaced by then or very soon after. For budgetary and logistical purposes, we will split the replacement project over two fiscal years.

Vendor: **ePlus Technology Inc.** DGS Contract 4400029660 – **estimated cost: \$1,427,693.33**

- (2) **Extension of IT Consultants for Skillnet** - Two IT consultants are used for advanced troubleshooting of the ORPOS system. Yashawanth Kothanahalli is also a Java developer for the ORPOS and Xstore systems. Mahipal will provide support for the backend systems during rollout. Their responsibilities will continue with our legacy system until it is sunset. Until that point, integrations and changes will still be made as other attached and related systems are replaced or updated. The ORPOS 14.0.1 system will need to be supported and updated to accommodate the new systems. The ORPOS system requires support and development into 2026. Xstore will be deployed from February 2026 to May 2026. The Skillnet resources will cover the ORPOS system while the POS team works on Xstore. We are estimating to use Yash and Mahipal for 40 hours a week each, from the start date to the end date - Mahipal Singh from April 1, 2026 - June 1, 2026, and Yash Kothanahalli from April 1, 2026 - June 30, 2026.

Vendor: **OST Inc.** DGS Contract 4400024749 – **estimated cost: \$130,019.20**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **Department of General Services (DGS) Property Costs (Job 7) – \$163,955.49.**
The billing comprises of \$126,525.04 expense with an additional \$37,430.45 true-up costs for Q1 of FY 2025-26 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 and the City of Harrisburg Fire Protection.
- (2) **Office of Administration – HR Shared Services (Job 73) – \$937,400.00.**
The billing for FY 2025-26 Q3 plus a true-up of the PLCB’s allocated share of OA’s HR-Enterprise Services (HR service center, training, labor relations, employee benefits, SEAP, etc.). The third quarter variance was \$285,075 (23.3%) less than the prior billing due to a prior year offsetting credit. The billing is allocated based on the agency’s number of benefit eligible employees (BEEs). The LCB’s billing portion is 3.3% of the HRSS total billing of \$28.4 million.
- (3) **Department of General Services (DGS) Procurement Services (Job 917) – \$519,285.82.**
The billing for DGS procurement service costs in FY 2025. The invoicing is allocated based on agency usage of DGS’s state-wide contracts and purchasing card usage over the two-year average and includes a \$24,106.77 true-up credit for the prior year’s estimated billing.

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(4) Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (Job 35) – \$58,693.47.

The billing for November/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.

(5) Department of the Auditor General – \$1,129,674.08.

The billing of \$1,129,674.08 for services rendered during the second quarter of fiscal year 2025-26. The invoice displays an increase of \$188,108.39 or (20.0%) compared to the same period in FY 2024-25. The growth is primarily attributed to a rise of the audit rate (23.0%), resulting in a higher overall service costs.

(6) Office of Comptroller Operations – \$1,913,177.

The billing of 1,913,177 for the first quarter of FY 2025-26 from the Office of Comptroller Operations, which includes a “true-up” add-on of \$380,450 for FY2024-25’s estimated fourth quarter billing. The first quarter’s gross billing increased \$400,995 or (+26.5%) specifically relates to the run rate of the last three quarters of the prior year.

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) #0914 – 162 East Street Road, Feasterville
Amendment**

**(2) #3908 – 199 West Main Street, Macungie
Amendment**

**(3) #8533 – 2230 Paxton Church Road, Harrisburg
Amendment (Harrisburg ALJ Office)**

**(4) #5404 – 630 Centre Street, Ashland
Closing**

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 with the exception of item 3 - #8533 2230 Paxton Church Road, Harrisburg, which was held.

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From the Bureau of Product Management.....Megan Painter, Director of Product Management

The Bureau of Product Management respectfully submits the attached Actions for Board approval:

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

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

Various
Various
Various

1. Regular New Items Accepted
2. Regular New Items Accepted Off-Cycle
3. Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Sutter Home Winery

Aravail Pinot Noir Central Coast 750 mL

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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 New Items Accepted Off-Cycle

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits

Korbel Brut California Champagne 3x187 mL

2, 3

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

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3. Regular Recommended Delist

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>C Jacquin Et Cie Inc</u> Bartenders Trading Company Irish Coffee Cocktail 750 mL	97684
<u>Capital Wine and Spirits</u> Castello del Poggio Moscato 750 mL	1982
<u>Diageo Americas Inc</u> Casamigas Jalapeno Tequila Blanco 750 mL	100032986
<u>Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits of PA</u> Korbel Brut California Champagne 4x187 mL	4802
<u>Sutter Home Winery</u> Menage a Trois Prosecco 750 mL	9127

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective March 6, 2026

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

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, February 25, 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.

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ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Board Member Vulakovich, and seconded by Board Member Brewster, the meeting of February 4, 2026, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary