

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 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

[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 June 24, 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 June 24, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- (1) **City of Carbondale**
Case No. 26-NE-05

Municipal Petition for Exemption
from 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 for exemption from the Liquor Code Statute regarding amplified sound for a 3-year period from 7/15/26 to 7/15/29.

*From the Bureau of LicensingAndrew Stuffick, Director of Regulatory Affairs
Stephanie McGrath, Acting Director, Bureau of Licensing*

- (1) **The Bakery Bar, LLC**
t/a The Bakery Bar
(LID No. 130412) Case Nos. 25-9124 & 26-9024
1501 West King Street
West York Borough
York, York County

New & Request for Dual
Employment – Economic
Development
Restaurant

HOLD 2/25/26 SESSION
HOLD 5/13/26 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the application for new economic development license with a conditional licensing agreement.

- (2) **Brownsville Beer, LLC**
t/a Brownsville Beer
D-2630 (LID No. 128621) Case No. 26-9007
6008 National Pike
Redstone Township
Grindstone, Fayette County

Appointment of Manager –
Distributor

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

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

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to deny the application for appointment of manager.

- (3) **Fraternal Order of Eagles 536 Aerie** Renewal with Notice of Change in
C-1061 (LID No. 807) Case No. 25-9110 Officers – Club
Trout Run Road
P.O. Box 184
Saint Marys, Elk County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

- (4) **Madhu, LLC** Renewal – Hotel
H-6341 (LID No. 67238) Case No. 25-9090
14451 Clearfield Shawville Highway
Lawrence Township
Clearfield, Clearfield County

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

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

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to deny the renewal due to lack of tax clearance.

- (5) **Top-Star Express, Inc.** Double Transfer & Request for
E-15 (LID No. 129072) Case No. 26-9005 Interior Connections with Another
2050 Tilghman Street Business – Eating Place Malt
Allentown, Lehigh County Beverage

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the application for double transfer on a prior approval basis and an interior connection with another business.

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- (6) **WIGLAF Development, LLC** Extension of Premises – Restaurant
t/a Canadohta Lake Resort
R-20529 (LID No. 125408) Case No. 25-9101
35765 Circuit Drive
Bloomfield Township
Union City, Crawford County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold this matter.
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- (7) **6200 Lansdowne, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-1809 (LID No. 66786) Case No 2024-66786
6200 Lansdowne Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster
- Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to hold this matter.
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- (8) **Bongo, Inc.** Renewal – District 3
R-969 (LID No. 9716) Case No. 2025-9716
563 South 1st Avenue
South Coatesville
Coatesville, Chester County
- 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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- (9) **D And W Aramingo, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-1471 (LID No. 73292) Case No. 2024-73292
2974 Aramingo Avenue
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.
- HOLD 4/1/26 SESSION**
Conditional Licensing Agreement

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- (10) **Excel Beverage, Inc.** Renewal – District 4
t/a Whitpain Beverage
D-2619 (LID No. 90639) Case No. 2026-90639 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
1667 Dekalb Pike
Whitpain Township
Blue Bell, Montgomery 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.
- (11) **J & K Motel Management, Inc.** Renewal – District 3
H-5883 (LID No. 113683) Case No. 2025-113683 **HOLD 4/29/26 SESSION**
2545 North 5th Street
Muhlenberg Township **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
Reading, Berks 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.
- (12) **Keeler Corp** Renewal – District 3
t/a Grumpy's Bar
R-16197 (LID No. 65712) Case No. 2025-65712 **Conditional Licensing Agreement**
1501 Elizabeth Avenue
Laureldale, Berks 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.
- (13) **N & K Deli, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-1934 (LID No. 33106) Case No. 2024-33106 **HOLD 5/13/26 SESSION**
6118-20 Market Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County **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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**(14) Visions Of Success, LLC
t/a Visionz**

R-15608 (LID No. 105012) Case No. 2025-105012
4343 Verona Road
Penn Hills Township
Verona, Allegheny County

Renewal – District 5

HOLD 4/29/26 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.

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

Personnel Actions

There were 14 personnel actions presented for consideration

- (1) Natalie Ansell– Affirm Removal**
- (2) Zafira Barnes– Removal**
- (3) Jamaica Calhoun– Removal**
- (4) Ramly Cintron-Padilla– Affirm Removal**
- (5) Alyssa Gonzalez– Affirm Removal**
- (6) Charles Gorman– Removal**
- (7) Dennis Greek– Removal**
- (8) Luis Nunez-Diaz- Affirm Removal**
- (9) Catherine Teague- Removal**
- (10) Asia Thompson– Affirm Removal**
- (11) Maimunah Walker- Removal**
- (12) Jonathan Wellen– Removal**
- (13) Grant Williams– Removal**
- (14) Robin Woods– Removal**

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Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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) **Hearing Examiner Services** – Represent the Board in the capacity of a Hearing Examiner for administrative hearings conducted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania regarding matters which the Board shall adjudicate as required by law.

Procured via Sole Source – VENDOR: **John A. Mulroy** – TERM: One year for the period of 9/1/2026 through 8/31/2027 - **\$150,000.00 estimated cost.**

- 2) **NWOB Snow Removal** - Contractor to provide snow removal and salting services as per the PLCB Statement of Work for the eight parking lots surrounding the Northwest Office building located at 910 Capital Street, Harrisburg, PA 17124.

Procured via IFB # 274990, Agreement # 70000205 – VENDOR: **Paul A Carlevale** – TERM: One year starting 8/1/2026 - **\$214,507.00 estimated cost.**

- 3) **Furniture for Store # 1410** – Wall Units for Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #1410 in State College.

Procured via DGS Contract # 4400030437 – VENDOR: **TC Millwork** - **\$ 76,054.98 estimated cost.**

- 4) **OST Request – Java Developer** - The OST resource will help by developing and supporting our B2B ecommerce platform while we hire a regular employee.

Procured via DGS Contract # 4400024749 – VENDOR: **OST** – TERM: One year starting August 3, 2026, through December 31, 2026 - **\$73,028.80 estimated cost.**

- 5) **Store Switch Refresh – Part 2** - 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, the replacement project has been split over two fiscal years.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029660 – VENDOR: **ePlus Technology Inc.** - **\$1,487,587.50 estimated cost.**

- 6) **Level 3 Financing Inc. dba Level 3 Communications LLC Settlement Agreement:** Vendor provides user connectivity telecommunication services to hundreds of Agency's retail locations throughout the Commonwealth. Settlement agreement for \$254,714.55 for the services the

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Vendor provided to the Agency between August 5, 2020, and May 31, 2025, that were not billed. Due to a change in the billing process, six of the Agency's retail locations continued to receive services from Vendor but the Agency was not billed.

VENDOR: Level 3 Financing Inc. dba Level 3 Communications LLC - Contract #4400017603.

- 7) **Universal Pro Serv LP DBA Universal Pro Serv LLC DBA Allied Universal Services Settlement Agreement: Vendor provides** comprehensive security services through Blanket Purchase Agreement No. 63021822 ("BPA"). The BPA provided that a Purchase Order for initial security camera and alarm installations would be issued at the start of the contract. The Vendor, at the direction and approval of the Agency, completed additional camera and alarm installations after the initial equipment installation over the course of the contract. Due to scope and complexity of the installations, Vendor's invoices to the Agency were significantly delayed. Due to the delay in invoicing, a settlement agreement for \$439,272.42 was put in place to pay for the additional services received.

VENDOR: Universal Pro Serv LP DBA Universal Pro Serv LLC - Blanket Purchase Agreement No. 63021822.

Inter-Agency Charges:

- 1) **Department of General Services (DGS) – Vehicle Lease Reimbursement (Job 35) - \$58,736.74**
A billing of \$58,736.74 has been submitted for March 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.

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 presented from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

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

- (1) **#4001 – 2136 Wilkes-Barre Boulevard, Wilkes-Barre Amendment**
(2) **#4028 – 850 San Souci Parkway, Wilkes-Barre Amendment**

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- (3) **#9114 – 730 Adams Avenue, Philadelphia
Amendment**
- (4) **#3924 – 750 North Krocks Road, Suite 302, Allentown
Exercise Option**
- (5) **#4819 – 4817 Freemansburg Avenue, Bethlehem
Exercise Option**
- (6) **#5198 – 5113 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia
Terminate Lease**

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich
Seconded: Board Member Brewster

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

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

1. Regular New Items Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Jim Beam Brands Co

Minus 196 Zero Sugar Green Tea Vodka Seltzer 8x355 mL Cans Variety Pack	18
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Proximo Spirits Inc

Jose Cuervo Sparkling Paloma 4x355 mL Cans	18
Jose Cuervo Sparkling Pink Lemonade Margarita 4x355 mL Cans	18
Jose Cuervo Sparkling Strawberry Margarita 4x355 mL Cans	18

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

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2. Regular Probationary Listing Accepted

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>Latitude Beverage</u>	
90 Plus Cellars Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 750 mL	19
<u>MHW Ltd</u>	
Chopin Potato Vodka 50 mL	19

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

3. Regular Probationary Listing Accepted - Revision

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>Takara Sake USA</u>	
HANA Flavored Sparkling Sake Fuji Apple 4x250 mL	19

Note: This item was on the 6-24-2026 agenda under Southern Glazers Wines and Spirits USA

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

4. Regular Recommended Delist

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>6 Mile Cellars Inc</u>	
6 Mile Cellars Derby Red Blend 750 mL	7998
<u>Majestic W S USA Inc</u>	
White Claw Spirits Vodka Soda Variety Pack 8x355 mL Cans	96395

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Pernod Ricard USA

Kahlua Mudslide Cocktail 1.75 L	5082
Kahlua White Russian Cocktail 1.75 L	7956

Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits of PA

Le Altane Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 750 mL	97243
Le Altane Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie 750 mL	97244

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective August 14, 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 *Andrea Kapp, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget*

None

OTHER ISSUES

Transfer to General Fund Fiscal Year 2026-27.....Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

The Department of Agriculture requests a transfer of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the month of July 2026 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 26-013.

Motion Made: Board Member Vulakovich

Seconded: Board Member Brewster

Board Decision: Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the requested transfer of \$3M in the month of July 2026 from the State Store Fund to the Department of Agriculture for purposes of funding the PA Malt and Brewed Beverages Industry Promotion Board the PA Wine Marketing and Research Program Board and the PA Distilled Spirits Industry Promotion Board as required by the Liquor Code.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

No public comments were received.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 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 July 15, 2026, was adjourned.

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

Secretary