

# PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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 February 25, 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 February 25, 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.

Mr. Ben Sutton addressed the Board concerning the Bakery Bar LLC application. He reaffirmed his support for the application and offered to answer any questions. Board Secretary Vigoda noted that he would speak with Mr. Sutton’s counsel following the meeting.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

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

- (1) **Lower Allen Township** Municipal Petition for Exemption  
**Case No. 26-NE-01** 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 Liquor Code Statute regarding amplified sound for a 5-year period from April 30, 2026 to April 30, 2031.

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

- (1) **50 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC** Request for Hearing to Extend  
R-19583 (LID No. 109701) Case No. 25-9082 Safekeeping Period – Restaurant  
50 South 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Perkasie, Bucks County

**Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich  
**Seconded:** Board Member Brewster

**Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to grant the request for an additional year of safekeeping at no cost for the period from July 8, 2025 to July 8, 2026.

- (2) **The 442, LLC** Double Transfer – Restaurant  
R-1411 (LID No. 128746) Case No. 25-9081  
1636-38 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

**Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich  
**Seconded:** Board Member Brewster

**Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the transfer.

- (3) **Hysyde Lounge, Inc.** Extension of License – Restaurant  
R-2165 (LID No. 106512) Case No. 24-9168  
2650 California Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

**HOLD 10/1/25 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 request for extension of premises with a conditional licensing agreement.

- (4) **Young and Sae, Inc.** Person-to-Person Transfer &  
**t/a Martin's Deli** Request for Interior Connections  
E-193 (LID No. 129052) Case No. 25-9070 with Another Business – Eating  
2764-72 Kensington Avenue Place Malt Beverage  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

**Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich  
**Seconded:** Board Member Brewster

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

- (5) **275 Banhan, Inc.** Renewal – District 10  
R-8061 (LID No. 50671) Case No 2024-50671  
275-277 South 60th Street  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

**Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich  
**Seconded:** Board Member Brewster

**Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal.

- (6) **300 Ontario, LLC** Renewal – District 10  
R-4234 (LID No. 69755) Case No. 2024-69755  
300 Ontario Street  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County  
**HOLD 2/4/26 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.

- (7) **4101 New Addition, Inc.** Renewal – District 10  
R-8991 (LID No. 72476) Case No. 2024-72476  
4101 Paul Street  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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**Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich  
**Seconded:** Board Member Brewster

**Board Decision:** Unanimously agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the renewal.

- (8) **BT Liquor, LLC** Renewal – District 3  
**t/a Ash Oil & Gas**  
R-21247 (LID No. 105444) Case No. 2025-105444  
7941 Boyertown Pike  
Earl Township  
Boyertown, 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.

- (9) **Cottage Pub, Inc.** Renewal – District 1  
R-18394 (LID No. 99948) Case No. 2025-99948  
572 Wayne Avenue  
Chambersburg, Franklin 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.

- (10) **Crab Du Jour of Broad, Inc.** Renewal – District 10  
**t/a Crab Du Jour**  
R-8992 (LID No. 102881) Case No. 2024-102881  
822 North Broad Street  
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) **D S Grace Enterprises, LLC** Renewal – District 1  
R-16196 (LID No. 60139) Case No. 2025-60139  
411 South Kettle Street  
Altoona, Blair County

**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 renewal with an amended conditional licensing agreement.

(12) **Felton Gallon, Jr.** Renewal – District 10  
**t/a Carolina Market**  
E-4688 (LID No. 5783) Case No. 2024-5783  
2637 West Lehigh 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.

(13) **J & J Fang, Inc.** Renewal – District 10  
R-15837 (LID No. 83589) Case No. 2024-83589  
6419 Woodland Avenue  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County  
**HOLD 10/1/25 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.

(14) **Lucky Deli, Inc.** Renewal – District 10  
E-4724 (LID No. 80684) Case No. 2024-80684  
24 North 52nd 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.

(15) **Ridge Mart, Inc.** Renewal – District 10  
E-3346 (LID No. 59486) Case No. 2024-59486  
2248 Ridge Avenue  
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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**Motion Made:** Board Member Vulakovich  
**Seconded:** Board Member Brewster

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

(16) **Shovel Head Tavern, LLC**  
H-1173 (LID No. 109920) Case No. 2025-109920  
631 Front Street  
Cresson, Cambria County

Renewal – District 1

**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.

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

Personnel Actions

There were 5 personnel actions presented for consideration.

- (1) **Howard Few – Affirm Removal**
- (2) **Brandi Gimse – Affirm Removal**
- (3) **Zaire Hamlett – Removal**
- (4) **Damien Shavers – Removal**
- (5) **Connor Strait – 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.

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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) **Paper Bags Renewal** - This procurement action is to renew the contract for paper shopping bags used in all Fine Wine & Spirit stores to package products sold to customers.

Vendor: **Broadway Kleer-Guard Corp.** - TERM: One year for period through 5/31/2027 - Procured via BPA 70000058 Option Year 2 – **estimated cost: \$ 877,000.00**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) **Integrated Enterprise System (IES) Billing (Job 920) – \$2,001,535.32**  
The Executive Office’s FY 2025-26 billing of \$2,001,535.32 is for the PLCB’s estimated share of costs for the Commonwealth’s integrated ERP system (SAP). The billing is \$ \$(88,689.21) (-4.2%) lower than last year’s billing of \$2,090,224.53 due to credit of \$115,210.45.

- (2) **Annual MOU General Invoice FY2025 PLCB-DGSB MOU invoice - \$931,359.15.**  
Billing of \$ \$931,359.00 for estimated services for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The billing reflects the FY24 true-up which resulted in a credit of \$(21,640.85) that has been applied to this year’s billing. In 2013, the Board and the DGS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to transfer certain real estate responsibilities and personnel from the Board over to DGS. As part of the MOU, the PLCB agreed to pay DGS an annual fee to cover the payroll costs for the transferred staff and the related operating expenses, (travel, telecommunications, advertising, equipment, etc.) for these real estate services. The annual billing is estimated, with a true-up adjustment for the prior year’s billing and actual expenses.

- (3) **PA Compute Services (PACS) – \$64,315.00.**  
To reimburse Enterprise Technology Services Office (ETSO) for PACSPM Fee QTR - 1 (July-Aug-Sept 2025)

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 action and inter-agency charges received from the Bureau of Accounting and Purchasing.

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

- (1) #0216 – 102 East Main Street, Carnegie  
Amendment
- (2) #3201 – 215 East Market Street, Blairsville  
Amendment
- (3) #4509 – Tannersville Plaza, 2838 Route 611, Ste. 107, Tannersville  
Amendment
- (4) #6514 – 147 Columbia Avenue, Vandergrift  
Amendment

**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

*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:

<u>VENDOR – ITEM NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION REQUESTED</u>
Various	1. Regular New Items Accepted
Various	2. Regular PA Proud New Items Accepted – Off Cycle
Various	3. Regular Recommended Delist

**1. Regular New Items Accepted**

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>Capital Wine and Spirits</u>	
Nutrl Vodka Seltzer Lemonade Variety Pack 8x355 mL Cans	18

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

**2. Regular PA Proud New Items Accepted – Off Cycle**

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>PA Meade LLC</u>	
Elders Cut Meadery Apple Cider Mead 750 mL	17
Elders Cut Meadery Mead with Blood Orange 750 mL	17

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

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**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

**3. Regular Recommended Delist**

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
 <u>Majestic W S USA Inc</u>	
BuzzBallz Chillers Choco Wine Cocktail 187 mL	97140
BuzzBallz Chillers Cranberry Wine Cocktail 187 mL	97141
BuzzBallz Chillers Pineapple Colada Wine Cocktail 187 mL	97143
BuzzBallz Chillers Strawberry Rita Wine Cocktail 187 mL	97145
 <u>Paterno Imports Ltd</u>	
The Federalist Liberty Bell Cabernet Sauvignon Lodi 750 mL	98382
 <u>Pennsylvania Pure Distilleries LLC</u>	
Boyd and Blair Happy Valley Vodka 750 mL	100029408

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective April 10, 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

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## OTHER ISSUES

### Special Recognition - Secretary Vigoda

Thank you, Mr. chairman. It is a bittersweet day at the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board as we recognize 18 of our colleagues who will be leaving the PLCB for retirement in the coming days and weeks. These individuals have dedicated a significant portion or, in some cases, their entire careers to public service. Both the Commonwealth and the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board are better off for it. They are:

Finance	Vickie	Ebersole	39
Finance	Susan	Stum	16
Information Technology Services	Robin	Fears	40
Store Operations	Melissa	Kutz	36
Store Operations	Robert	Komorowski	34
Store Operations	Darla	Sanders	29
Store Operations	Patricia	Mazzanti-Price	15
Store Operations	Darla	Sidler	33
Store Operations	Richard	Besterman	20
Store Operations	Bernadette	Gibson	13
Store Operations	Steven	McDonald	27
Store Operations	Mary	Sweetall	20
Regulatory Affairs	Karen	Lengle	35
Regulatory Affairs	Donald	Fullerton	28
Regulatory Affairs	Linda	Pottieger	20
Executive Staff	Denise	Irvin Waterman	31
Chief Information Officer	Brian	Coons	38
Director of Regulatory Affairs	Tisha	Albert	35

In many ways, the people I just named aren't leaving us as colleagues. They're leaving us as friends and in some cases family. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board wishes all our retiring colleagues nothing but health, peace and happiness throughout their retirement. Thank you.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

No public comments were offered.

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**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 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 March 11, 2026, was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Member

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Member

ATTEST:

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Secretary