PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025 NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

Darrell Clarke, Chairman Randy Vulakovich, Board Member Vacant, Board Member Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director Michael Vigoda, Board Secretary Office of Chief Counsel
Bureau of Licensing
Bureau of Human Resources
Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing

Office of Retail Operations
Bureau of Product Management
Financial Report

Other Issues

Notice: Anyone who wishes to comment on a printed agenda item prior to official action being taken must make that known to the Chairman or the Board Secretary in advance. Board Secretary Michael Vigoda can be reached by phone at 717-787-8896 or email at mvigoda@pa.gov

Details for the Microsoft Teams meeting on April 30, 2025 can be found on the PLCB public website.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

In accordance with section 708 of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. C.S. § 708, on the morning of and/or the day immediately preceding the Public Meeting set forth herein, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board will be holding a closed Executive Session or Sessions in the Northwest Office Building for the following purposes: to discuss personnel matters; to consider the purchase or lease of real property prior to an option being obtained or prior to an agreement of purchase; to consult with its legal counsel regarding litigation and similar issues; to review and discuss agency business, which, if conducted in public, would violate lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information confidentially protected by law, including quasi-judicial deliberations; and to engage in non-deliberative informational discussions regarding various actions and other matters which have been approved at previous public meetings.

PUBLIC MEETING - 11:00 A.M

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the April 9, 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

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) WAWA, Inc.

3608 Nazareth Pike Bethlehem, PA 18020-1136 License No. R-20881 LID 128960 Application for Conversion of Suspension to Fine

(2) Bernie's Hatboro, LLC t/a Bernie's

58 South York Road Hatboro, PA 19040-3326 License No. R-11978 LID 84272 Citation Nos. 23-0345 and 23-0453 **ALJ** Appeal

(3) Bernie's Hatboro, LLC t/a Bernie's

58 South York Road Hatboro, PA 19040-3326 License No. R-11978 LID 84272 Citation Nos. 22-1307 and 23-1007 **ALJ** Appeal

(4) Maitland Partners, LLC t/a South Hills Golf Course

925-985 Westminster Avenue Hanover, PA 17331 License No. PGR-47760 LID 105756 Citation No. 24-0035 ALJ Appeal

(5) Merzoney, LLC t/a Happy Hour and Dale's Deli

927-931 Veterans Highway Levittown, PA 19056-1022 License No. R-19351 LID 63933 Citation No. 23-0193 ALJ Appeal

(6) William Ross t/a Keystone Hotel

ALJ Appeal

400-404-406 Erie Avenue Renovo, PA 17764-1017 License No. H-2078 LID 6439 Citation No. 24-0033

(7) York Street Equities, LLC t/a Mike's York Street ALJ Appeal Bar & Grill

544 York Road Warminster, PA 18974-4511 License No. R-19207 LID 90557 Citation No. 20-0339

From the Bureau of Licensing Tisha Albert, Director of Regulatory Affairs

Andrew Stuffick, Director, Bureau of Licensing

(1) ATP Beer Distributor, LLC t/a ATP Beer Distributor

D-2571 (LID No. 130038) 2384 Memorial Highway Dallas, Luzerne County Person-to-Person Transfer & Requests for Interior Connections with Another Business & to Retain Other Employment – Distributor

(2) Bases Loaded, Inc. t/a The Outpost Inn

H-1440 (LID No. 31677) Case No. 24-9091 2 Roberts Street Lehman Township Hunlock Creek, Luzerne County Requests for Hearing After Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* – Extension of Safekeeping – Hotel

(3) Bridged Hospitality Group Inc. t/a Around Back Restaurant & Bar

> R-14595 (LID No. 64433) Case No. 24-9085 2400 Leechburg Road Suite 1000 RD New Kensington, Westmoreland County

Request for Hearing After Revocation – Restaurant

(4) The Cumberland Club

C-756 (LID No. 699) Case No. 24-9109 713 Locust Street Lebanon, Lebanon County Renewal with Notice of Change in Officers – Club

(5) Douglas Political Club, Inc.

C-2403 (LID No. 1260) Case No. 24-9086 106 East Sharpnack Street Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Renewal - Club

(6) HS Hospitality, LLC t/a The Pub II

R-12004 (LID No. 125316) Case No. 24-9141 365 Mill Street Danville, Montour County Person-to-Person Transfer – Restaurant

HOLD 3/19/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(7) Mattis Family, Inc.

R-13766 (LID No. 122084) Case No. 24-9131 615 Ragers Hill Road Adams Township South Fork, Cambria County Person-to-Person Transfer – Restaurant

HOLD 2/26/25 SESSION

Amended Conditional Licensing Agreement

(8) Roadrunners Sports Bar & Grille, LLC t/a Roadrunners Sports Bar & Grille R-12236 (LID No. 99893) Case No. 24-9074 2401-03 Saw Mill Run Boulevard Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Requests for Hearing After Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* – Extension of Safekeeping – Restaurant

(9) Sal's Beer Express, LLC

R-4535 (LID No. 119415) Case No. 24-9104 181 Old River Road Wilkes Barre, Luzerne County Person-to-Person Transfer & Request for Interior Connections with Another Business – Restaurant

(10) Shahnaz, Inc.

t/a Star of India Restaurant R-1748 (LID No. 52304) Case No. 24-9084 412 South Craig Street Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Requests for Hearing After Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* – Extension of Safekeeping – Restaurant

(11) Smokes Convenience Store, LLC

t/a @Your Convenience Featuring Samurai Subs E-2013 (LID No. 99591) Case No. 24-9116 6048 South Route 220 Highway Woodward Township Linden, Lycoming County "Intermunicipal" Place-to-Place Transfer & Request to Conduct Another Business on the Licensed Premises – Eating Place Malt Beverage

(12) 5th Year, Inc.

R-13001 (LID No. 91815) Case No. 2023-91815 116 Oakland Avenue Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

HOLD 10/16/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(13) 33 North 2nd Street Tavern, LLC

R-54022 (LID No. 109441) Case No. 2024-109441 31-33 North 2nd Street Coplay, Lehigh County Renewal – District 4

(14) 511 Broad, LLC

R-4261 (LID No. 71290) Case No. 2024-71290 511 West Broad Street Hazleton, Luzerne County Renewal – District 8

Conditional Licensing Agreement

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(15) BRB Brothers, Inc.

R-1419 (LID No. 105939) Case No. 2024-105939 3500-3502 Walnut Street Susquehanna Township Harrisburg, Dauphin County Renewal – District 2

HOLD 3/19/25 SESSION

(16) Danny V, LLC

t/a Hugo's Taproom

R-9978 (LID No. 71405) Case No. 2024-71405 106 West Pittsburgh Street Greensburg, Westmoreland County Renewal – District 6

(17) IBPOE of West Valley Lodge 294

C-1771 (LID No. 1067) Case No. 2024-1067 932 3rd Avenue New Kensington, Westmoreland County Renewal – District 6

(18) Kaldes, Inc.

t/a Al's Café

R-167 (LID No. 34233) Case No. 2024-34233 268 Verbeke Street Harrisburg, Dauphin County Renewal – District 2

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(19) LAOV, Inc.

R-3915 (LID No. 50432) Case No. 2024-50432 5217 West Girard Avenue Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(20) MacBlane Enterprises, Inc. t/a Brackney Inn

H-3198 (LID No. 43382) Case No. 2023-43382 769 Brackney Hill Road Silver Lake Township Brackney, Susquehanna County Renewal – District 9

(21) Mtbunch, Inc. t/a Conner's Tavern

R-11673 (LID No. 68571) Case No. 2024-68571 319 South Fifth Street Lebanon, Lebanon County Renewal – District 2

HOLD 2/26/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(22) Rosheema L. Thomas

R-16347 (LID No. 64434) Case No. 2024-64434 1412 Swatara Street Harrisburg, Dauphin County Renewal – District 2

From the Bureau of Human Resources Jason Lutcavage, Director of Administration Jennifer Haas, Director, Bureau of Human Resources

Personnel Actions

Procurement Actions:

1) AppWorx Software Renewal – AppWorx is our scheduling software used to run jobs and chains in the IBMS system. The IBMS system is the Agency's main computer system that runs the day-to-day operations of the Agency. Without AppWorx we would have to run all the jobs and chains manually with the risk of user error.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G** – TERM: One year for the period 5/13/2025 through 5/12/2025 - \$342,191.40 estimated cost.

2) **Zebra Enterprise Browser** – These 1,620 licenses are for Enterprise Browser. This enables Javascript APIs to run on the Zebra TC53s, which is needed for the AP updates. These licenses will be used for production scanners.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029740 - VENDOR: Insight Public Sector: \$131,414.40, estimated cost.

3) **SOTI Mobicontrol** – These 1,620 licenses are for SOTI Mobicontrol licenses for the Zebra TC53 scanners. This allows for full MDM (Mobile Device Management) services on the Zebra TC53 scanners. Mobicontrol allows remote control, file management on the devices, deployment of updates, geofencing, etc. This will be used for troubleshooting and administering the devices.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029739 – VENDOR: SHI International Corp.: \$83,235.60, estimated cost.

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) Department of General Services (DGS) Real Estate MOU charge Billing of \$ \$943,207.24 for estimated services for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. The billing reflects the FY23 true-up which resulted in a credit of (\$12,792.76) that has been applied to this year's billing.
- (2) Office of Administration IT Shared Services Billing of \$835,376.00 for the FY 2024-25 Q3 billing for OA's IT Enterprise Technology Essential Services. This billing is for enterprise-wide infrastructure, network, security, enterprise data center (EDC) and service desk costs.
- (3) Bureau of Commonwealth Payroll Operations (BCPO) Billing (Job 30) Billing of \$378,802.00 for the PLCB's share of costs representing payroll and travel services in FY 2024-25. The billing is based on actual payroll and travel transaction counts for the previous two fiscal year (FY 2023 & 2022).
- (4) Office of Administration HR Shared Services (Job 73) Billing of \$999,575.00 for FY 2024-25 Q4 the PLCB's allocated share of OA's HR-Enterprise Services (HR service center, training, labor relations, employee benefits, SEAP, etc.). The variance is \$127,100 (14.6%) greater than the prior billing that included offsetting credit last year. The billing is allocated based on the agency's number of benefit eligible employees (BEEs). The LCB's billing portion is 3.6% of the HRSS total billing of \$28.1 million.

The Bureau of Financial Management and Analysis has reviewed these charges and determined that they are reasonable based on billing methodology and previous experience.

From the Office (of Retail C	Pperations	Rodrigo) Diaz, E	Executive 1	Director
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- 1. #0250 56 Highlands Mall, 4015 Freeport Road, Natrona Heights Exercise Option
- 2. #2206 Mid-Town Plaza, 436 East Main Street, Middletown New Lease (added space)

- 3. #4901 136 South Oak Street, Mount Carmel Closing
- 4. #0804 41871 Route 6, Wyalusing Closing
- 5. #0264 Shaler Plaza, 880 Butler Street, Pittsburgh Amendment
- 6. #2501 Summit Towne Center, 7200 Peach Street, Unit 360, Erie Amendment
- 7. #4202 124 Fraley Street, Kane Amendment
- 8. #6511 Willow Brook Plaza, 4627 Route 51, Suite 520, Belle Vernon Amendment

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

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

CODE

"These items went to Board for the public meeting without pricing"

Various

1. Regular Recommended Delist

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DIVAND NAME AND SIZE	CODE
Capital Wine and Spirits	
Carpano Antica Formula Vermouth 1 L	10833
<u>Diageo Americas Inc</u>	
Ciroc Mango Vodka 750 mL	1696
Ciroc Pineapple Vodka 700 mL	1062
Sutter Home Winery	
Menage a Trois Pinot Noir 750 mL	6605

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective May 5, 2025

FINANCIAL REPORT Michael J. Burns, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget

None

OTHER ISSUES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 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

Informational Statements to be included in the Public Meeting Agenda

For ALJ Cases:

These cases are appeals taken from adjudications rendered by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in citation proceedings initiated by the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement in accordance with section 471 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. § 4-471.

In all of these matters, an administrative hearing has already been held before an ALJ during which the parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions.

The Board must affirm the ALJ unless the ALJ's decision is an error of law, an abuse of discretion or is not supported by substantial evidence. In some instances where noted, it may also be necessary for the Board to remand the matter back to the ALJ for additional action to be taken. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial (appellate) capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already occurred during authorized executive sessions.

The reasoning for any final decision by the Board on these matters will be set forth in a publicly issued written opinion which will be released immediately after the Board session. Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code.

For Application Matters such as New Licenses, Transfers of Existing License, or Extension of Premises:

In all of these matters, an administrative hearing - open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner. All interested parties, including the applicant, the Bureau of Licensing, and valid protesters and/or intervenors, were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions. The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve the application outright, vote to approve the application subject to a conditional licensing agreement setting forth specific conditions agreed upon by the parties and which are reasonably intended to address specific concerns made part of the record, or vote to refuse the application its entirety. For any case in which the Board would like additional time to review the record prior to making its decision, the Board reserves the right to place a hold on such matter in which case "official action" will not be taken until a future Board meeting.

Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code, or, in certain circumstances, directly to the Commonwealth Court. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board, as required by the Liquor Code, will file a written opinion setting forth the specific reasoning for its decision.

For License Renewal Cases:

These cases involve applications for renewal of licenses to which the Bureau of Licensing has raised objections. In all of these matters, an administrative hearing - open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner. The parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as make legal arguments. The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve renewal of the license outright, vote to approve renewal of the license subject to a conditional licensing agreement setting forth specific conditions agreed upon by the parties and which are reasonably intended to address the operational issues of the licensee, or vote to refuse renewal of the license in its entirety. For any case in which the Board would like additional time to review the record prior to making its decision, the Board reserves the right to place a hold on such matter in which case "official action" will not be taken until a future Board meeting.

An applicant aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board, as required by the Liquor Code, will file a written opinion setting for the specific reasoning for its decision.

For Noise Exemption Cases:

These matters involve municipal petitions for exemptions from the Liquor Code provisions dealing with amplified sound. In all of these matters, an administrative hearing – open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner during which the parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions.

The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve the municipal petition for noise exemption outright, vote to limit its approval to a more defined area of the municipality than what is being requested, or vote to refuse the petition in its entirety. The Board must act upon a municipal petition for noise exemptions within 60 days of receiving such petition.

Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board will file a written opinion setting for the specific reasoning for its decision as required by the Liquor Code.

For All Matters in Which the Board is Acting in its Quasi-Judicial Capacity

No additional testimony or evidence may be presented by the parties during the Board's public meeting. While the Board reserves the right to allow comments to be made by the public concerning any particular case, this is being done so with the understanding that such comments are not the equivalent of sworn testimony and, thus, will not be given any weight by the Board when rendering its decision. Additionally, the Board is not required to respond to any public comments offered, nor is it required to answer any questions concerning these matters.