

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 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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Details for the Microsoft Teams meeting on January 14, 2026 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.

CALL TO ORDER *Chairman Clarke*

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS..... *Secretary Vigoda*

- A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting.
- B. Announcement by Chairman for Ratification of a Board Action – Modification to Previously Approved Vehicle Purchases

The following Board Action approved on December 26, 2025, was decided by Notational Voting after the adjournment of the Board's last public meeting on December 17, 2025.

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Board Action: The PLCB's Bureau of Support Services, through the Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing, previously requested and received Board approval to purchase a total of seven 2025 Ford Transit Cargo Vans from Whitmoyer Ford at a total cost of \$386,725.00. After the Board gave its approval, the PLCB was unable to complete the purchases from Whitmoyer Ford as originally contemplated. As a result, the PLCB was required to explore other options. The Bureau of Support Services, through the Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing, is now requesting Board approval to purchase a total of seven 2026 Ford Transit Cargo Vans from Tom Masano Ford at a total cost of \$373,312.00. The new total purchase amount is \$13,512.00 less than the previously approved purchase amount, which will provide a substantial cost savings to the PLCB.

The pricing offered above is only valid until December 31, 2025; however, the next public meeting will not be held until January 14, 2026. Therefore, a notational vote on this matter is necessary.

Chairman Clarke, Member Vulakovich and Member Brewster agreed (3-0 vote) to approve the above modification to previously approved vehicle purchases.

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

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

(1) City of Pottsville Case No. 25-NE-15	Municipal Petition for Exemption from Liquor Code Statute Regarding Amplified Sound
(2) City of Pottsville Case No. 25-NE-16	Municipal Petition for Exemption from Liquor Code Statute Regarding Amplified Sound
(3) WYI, Inc. 1400 West Market Street York, PA 17404-5442 License No. H-4051 LID 44887 Citation Nos. 23-1011, 24-0127, and 24-0646	ALJ Appeal

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(4) **Advance Notice of Final-form Rulemaking – Distilleries** Publication of Advance Notice of Final-form Rulemaking
PLCB Regulation Package No.54-92 - Distilleries

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

(1) **250 Lincoln Highway Enterprises, LLC** R-17205 (LID No. 112482) Case No. 25-9041
250 Lincoln Highway
Falls Township
Fairless Hills, Bucks County
Temporary Outdoor Extension of Premises – Restaurant

(2) **901 Tilghman, LLC**
t/a **Little Johns Pizza**
E-2035 (LID No. 56859) Case No. 25-9022
901 Tilghman Street
Allentown, Lehigh County
Request for Hearing After Revocation – Eating Place Malt Beverage

(3) **Darlington Hotel, Inc.**
t/a **Darlington Hotel**
H-1908 (LID No. 39809) Case No. 25-9057
3661 Darlington Road
Darlington Township
Darlington, Beaver County
Request for Hearing to Extend Safekeeping – Hotel

(4) **Diamond Lil, LLC**
t/a **Lillian's**
R-15560 (LID No. 127082) Case No. 25-9011
1900 South 19th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
Double Transfer - Restaurant

(5) **Erie County Convention Center Authority**
t/a **Courtyard Erie Bayfront**
H-6530 (LID No. 73021) Case No. 24-9150
2 Sassafras Pier
Erie, Erie County
Appointment of Manager – Hotel
HOLD 8/27/25 SESSION
Conditional Licensing Agreement

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(6) **Klein & Schultz, Inc.**
t/a **Valley Beverage**
D-3731 (LID No. 40945) Case No. 25-9044
4919 Highway Route 220
Wolf Township
Hughesville, Lycoming County

(7) **76 General, Inc.**
t/a **General Davis, Inc.**
R-19649 (LID No. 90519) Case No. 2023-90519 &
2025-90519
76 State Road
Upper Southampton Township
Southampton, Bucks County

(8) **5087 Cho's Market, Inc.**
E-3345 (LID No. 42174) Case No. 2024-42174
5087 F Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

(9) **5424 Lee, Inc.**
R-16578 (LID No. 69474) Case No. 2024-69474
5424-26 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

(10) **C & S Deli, Inc.**
E-3908 (LID No. 32325) Case No. 2024-32325
1346 North 52nd Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

(11) **H Lopez Corporation**
R-4972 (LID No. 66195) Case No. 2024-66195
458 East Wyoming Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Request for Hearing to Extend
Safekeeping Period – Distributor

Renewal – District 11

HOLD 11/6/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

Renewal – District 10

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(12) Half Moon Lounge, Inc. Renewal – District 10
t/a **Half Moon Lounge**
R-11482 (LID No. 36748) Case No. 2024-36748
4228-4230 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

(13) Hyunjin, Inc. Renewal – District 10
R-1821 (LID No. 110310) Case No. 2024-110310
6232-6236 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

(14) Kings Food and Deli, Inc. Renewal – District 10
E-105 (LID No. 59492) Case No. 2024-59492
6210-6212 Bustleton Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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(15) Meng' Master Deli, Inc. Renewal – District 10
E-112 (LID No. 47297) Case No. 2024-47297
567 North 63rd Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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(16) Papi Claudios, Inc. Renewal – District 10
R-87 (LID No. 59510) Case No. 2024-59510
1020 East Hunting Park Avenue
Store No. 2
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

(17) S & B Spruce Market, Inc. Renewal – District 10
E-2658 (LID No. 59254) Case No. 2024-59254
1523-25 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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(18) Seorabol, Inc. Renewal – District 10
R-12027 (LID No. 92466) Case No. 2024-92466
1326 Spruce Street
Unit C3
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

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(19) Son Van, Inc. E-197 (LID No. 53207) Case No. 2024-53207 5932 Torresdale Avenue Philadelphia, Philadelphia County	Renewal – District 10 HOLD 11/6/25 SESSION Conditional Licensing Agreement
(20) The Orchards Corporation R-18969 (LID No. 36267) Case No. 2025-36267 1580 Orchard Drive Chambersburg, Franklin County	Renewal – District 1

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

Personnel Actions

*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) **Multimotor Plenum Fan vs DWDI Technical Study** – The maintenance team is looking to replace the 60-year-old supply fan in air handler 1. This unit is in early stage bearing failure and the thought is to replace the entire unit with a new fan before complete failure occurs. Back in January of 2024, we experienced catastrophic failure of the fan in air handler 2 when the bearings failed and scored the shaft. A repair was attempted and subsequently failed a short time later leading to a several months shut down while a new option was designed, procured and installed. The new option was a modern multi-motor plenum fan wall, that consists of 16 small fans that work together to meet the needs of the air handler. If we replace the air handler 1 fan, we would add another \$8,173.72 of annual savings bring the estimated annual savings to \$16,345.44. Part of this project as stated in the proposal is to replace the air handler 1 old return fan motor with a new motor and variable speed drive, which would also provide an estimated annual savings of \$2,000.00.

Current PO 80000951 - Vendor: **Ainsworth Inc.** – **estimated cost: \$296,800.00.**

(2) **Plastic Shopping Bags Renewal** – This procurement action is to renew the contract for plastic shopping bags used in all Fine Wine & Spirit stores to package products sold to customers.

Procured via BPA 70000006 Option Year – VENDOR: **IBS Solutions Corporation** – TERM: One year for period 3/1/2026 through 2/28/2027 - **\$ 974,976.00 estimated cost.**

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(3) 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: **Philip D Press Attorney at Law** – TERM: One year - **\$150,000.00 estimated cost.**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) Department of General Services (DGS) Employee Liability Insurance (Job 31) – \$106,021.85.** The billing for FY 2025-26 annually to reimburse DGS for employee liability insurance premiums. The billing represents the PLCB's share of the insurance premiums based on personnel complements (25%) and 10-year claim loss experience (75%). The charge to the PLCB represents approximately 1.3% of the Commonwealth's total employee liability premium cost of \$8.0 million and has remained flat.
- (2) Office of Administration (OA) HR Shared Services (Job 73) – \$1,933,000.00.** The billing composes of Q1 and Q2 for \$1,933,000.00 in FY 2025-26. The LCB's allocated share of OA's HR-Enterprise Services (HR service center, training, labor relations, employee benefits, SEAP, etc.). The billing is \$66,150 (-3.3%) less than last year. The billing is allocated based on the agency's number of benefit eligible employees (BEEs). The LCB's Q1 and Q2 charges represents only 3.3% of the total OA charge of \$58.4 million which grew (+0.9%) over last year.
- (3) Office of Administration (OA) IT Shared Services – \$1,091,273.75.** The billing for FY 2025-26 Q2 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. The LCB's charge represents 1.2% of the total \$90.6M OA- IT Shared Services billing. Total billings for FY 2025-26 were \$29,603.75 or +2.8% over FY2024-2025.
- (4) Department of General Services (DGS) Tort Claims (Job 24) – \$79,699.92.** The billing for FY 2025-26 annually to reimburse DGS for tort insurance premiums. The billing represents the PLCB's share of the insurance premiums based on tort claims. The charge to the PLCB represents approximately 8.0% of the Commonwealth's total tort liability premium cost of \$1.0 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 Operations..... **Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director***

**(1) #0280 – 2800 Robinson Boulevard, Pittsburgh
Amendment**

**(2) #2511 – 737 East 38th Street, Erie
Amendment**

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- (3) #5191 – 2402 Vare Avenue, Philadelphia
Amendment**
- (4) #46XX – 100 North Essex Avenue, Narberth
New Store (relocation of #4636)**
- (5) #51XX – 5301 Chew Avenue, Philadelphia
New Store (relocation of #5198)**
- (6) #6518 – 8775 Norwin Avenue, Ste. 36, North Huntingdon
Exercise Option**

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 Recommended Delist
1. Regular New Items Accepted	
<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>Fifth Generation Distilled Spirits Inc</u>	
Tito's Handmade Vodka 100 mL	3

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

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2. Regular Recommended Delist

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>2Moods Inc</u> 2Moods Black Cherry Vodka Seltzer 8x355 mL Cans	100026686
<u>Crooked Creek Distillery Inc</u> Crooked Creek Distillery Gin 1 L	97858
<u>Hazards Distillery Inc</u> Hazard's Distillery Corn Whiskey 750 mL Hazard's Distillery Red Hot Blowtorch Cinnamon Whiskey 750 mL	1107 1100
<u>Moet Hennessy USA</u> Glenmorangie La Santa Highland Single Malt Scotch 12 Year Old 750 mL Veuve Clicquot Champagne Demi Sec 750 mL	6702 5042
<u>Noah Spirits LLC</u> Manatawny Still Works American Gin 750 mL Manatawny Still Works Four Grain Whiskey 750 mL Manatawny Still Works Honey Whiskey 750 mL Manatawny Still Works White Whiskey 750 mL Three Bitches Wheat Vodka 750 mL	34571 1853 97054 34570 34573
<u>Oregon Brewing Company</u> Rogue Dead Guy Whiskey 750 mL	75967
<u>Presque Isle Wine Cellars</u> Presque Isle Wine Cellars Creekside Blush 1.5 L Presque Isle Wine Cellars Creekside Red 1.5 L	9045 8279
<u>Rectified Spirits LLC</u> Fishtown Iced Tea Cocktail 4x355 mL Cans	96432
<u>Schoffstall Farm LLC</u> Spring Gate Sweet White Pennsylvania 750 mL Spring Gate Vineyard Renove Red Blend 750 mL	98183 2324
<u>Southern Glazers Wine and Spirits of PA</u> Chateau Ste Michelle Riesling Columbia Valley 1.5 L	5223
<u>The Wine Group Inc</u> Woodbridge Fruitful Blends Mango Pineapple 750 mL	96171
<u>University Wine Co LLC</u> U Freeze Glacial Grape Wine Slush 750 mL U Freeze Subzero Sangria Slush 750 mL	7248 7249

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective February 13, 2026

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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, February 4, 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

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.