PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025 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
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 October 15, 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 October 1, 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) Cranberry Springs Development Group 4, LLC 7200 Cranberry Springs Drive Cranberry Township, PA 16066-0000 License No. R-12306 LID 70751
- Request for Recission of Conditional Licensing Agreement

(2) Democratic Association of Bethlehem 540 North New Street Bethlehem, PA 18018-5714 Club Liquor License No. C-486 LID 603 Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County

(3) Michael L. Thomas 100-102 West Centre Street Mahanoy City, PA 17948-2606 License No. R-14045 LID 52721 Appeal to Commonwealth Court

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

Andrew Stuffick, Director, Bureau of Licensing

(1) Aman's Easton, LLC t/a Aman's Artisan Indian Cuisine (LID No. 128461) Case No. 24-9189 336 Northampton Street Easton, Northampton County New – Economic Development Restaurant

(2) Armenia Mountain Spirits, LLC
t/a Armenia Mountain Spirits
(LID No. 129794)
177 Douglas Road
Armenia Township
Troy, Bradford County

New & Requests for Interior Connections with Other Businesses,
Conduct Other Businesses on the
Licensed Premises & Dual
Employment – Limited Distillery

HOLD 7/16/25 SESSION

(3) The Big Blue Door Organization Corporation t/a The Big Blue Door

C-1021 (LID No. 125876) Case No. 24-9190 3143 Brighton Road Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Double Transfer - Club

(4) Estate of Michael M. Jabbour, Marijo Jabbour, Executrix t/a Mike's Fayette Bar H-2180 (LID No. 30057) Case No. 2

t/a Mike's Fayette Bar H-2180 (LID No. 30057) Case No. 24-9151 11 North 4th Street Easton, Northampton County Renewal - Hotel

(5) Roosevelt Club

CC-5614 (LID No. 2565) Case No. 24-9072 1661 Mill Road Upper Chichester Township Boothwyn, Delaware County Request for Hearing after Administrative Cancellation – "Intermunicipal" Place-to-Place Transfer – Catering Club

HOLD 8/6/25 SESSION

(6) Schaylor Brewing Company

G-36255 (LID No. 87551) Case No. 24-9166 2390 Lancaster Pike Cumru Township Shillington, Berks County Notice of Change in Business Structure – Brewery

HOLD 8/27/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(7) 223 Supper Club, LLC

R-10734 (LID No. 71225) Case No. 2022-71225 and 2024-71225 223 South Sydenham Street Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

(8) 430 Fang, Inc.

R-16692 (LID No. 72354) Case No. 2024-72354 430-432 West Indiana Avenue Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

(9) 2600 Lili, Inc.

R-6358 (LID No. 45279) Case No. 2022-45279 and 2024-45279
2600 North 12th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County

Renewal – District 10

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(10) 3509 Germantown, Inc.

E-104 (LID No. 70341) Case No. 2024-70341 6500 Paschall Avenue Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(11) Clarion River Forest Lodge, Inc. t/a Clarion River Forest Lodge

Cooksburg, Forest County

H-45356 (LID No. 96919) Case No. 2023-96919 and 2025-96919 159 Coleman Run Road Barnett Township Renewal – District 7

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(12) Deli 54, Inc.

R-923 (LID No, 70538) Case No. 2024-70538 5426 Chester Avenue Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

(13) Lor, Inc.

R-8107 (LID No. 57659) Case No. 2022-57659 and 2024-57659 5222-24 North 5th Street Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(14) R & G, Inc.

t/a Lefty's In The Strip

R-19951 (LID No. 56072) Case No. 2025-56072 2021 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(15) Sobo, Inc.

Renewal – District 6

t/a Belmont II

R-9939 (LID No. 49742) Case No. 2024-49742 1805 North Main Street Extension Center Township Butler, Butler County **Conditional Licensing Agreement**

(16) United Gas, Inc.

R-7223 (LID No. 86621) Case No. 2024-86621 326 Ridge Avenue Washington, Washington County Renewal – District 6

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

Jennifer von Sneidern, Director, Bureau of Human Resources

Personnel Actions

Procurement Actions:

1) **Temperature/Digital Control System Maintenance & Corrective Service renewal -** Facility Control Services, for maintenance and corrective service when requested by the PLCB, on the Powers Pneumatic & Carrier Direct Digital Control (DDC) System, located in the Northwest Office Building, 910 Capital Street, Harrisburg, 17124-0001.

Procured via DGS Contract 4400018269. VENDOR: CARRIER – estimated cost \$70,000.00.

2) **Trintech ReconNET Retail Reconciliation Renewal** – ReconNET is the retail industry's leading reconciliation solution for daily reconciliation of POS/E-Commerce sales, including workflow driver "research" functionality to track/resolve discrepancies with the store/bank/credit card processor. Smart Analysis is the solution to track and monitor all bank fees being charges to the PLCB by the banks that we deal with to ensure accurate billing/no overcharges for services to take place.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G** – TERM: One year for the period of 11/1/2025 through 10/31/2026 - **\$219,471.59** estimated cost.

Inter-Agency Charges:

(1) Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (JOB 35) – The billing of \$58,546.80 for August/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.

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

- 1. #1524 449 North Third Street, Oxford Amendment
- 2. #5137 5159 Lancaster Avenue, Philadelphia Amendment (adding space)
- 3. #6311 327 Third Street, California Amendment
- 4. #1903 1005 Scott Town Center, Bloomsburg Exercise Option
- 5. #4624 125 West DeKalb Pike, King of Prussia Exercise Option
- 6. #4639 1050 East Philadelphia Avenue, Gilbertsville Exercise Option

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

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

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

Various Various Various Various 1. Regular New Item Accepted

2. Regular PA New Items Accepted

3. Regular PA New Items Accepted Revision

4. Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular New Items Accepted BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Bronco Wine Company

Quail Oak Red Blend 750ml

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

2. Regular PA New Items Accepted

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BRAND NAME AND SIZE	REASON
<u>Cellar 54</u>	
Cellar 54 Clarity Cayuga Wine 2024 mL	16
Cellar 54 Gratitude Concord Wine 2024 750 mL	16
Cellar 54 Sublime Steuben Blush Wine 750 mL	16
Kendeall Consulting LLC	
Tiger Jane Gold Coffee Liqueur 375 mL	17
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery	
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Blackberry 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Blueberry 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Peach 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Strawberry 750 mL	16
Moon Dancer Vineyards and Winery Thunder Moon Watermelon 750 mL	16
University Wine Company	
University Wine Company Lion's Roar Red 750 mL	16
University Wine Company Sangria 750 mL	16
University Wine Company Spring Break White 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Winery	
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Blueberry 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Concord 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Cranberry Spritzer 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Niagara 750 mL	16
Vynecrest Vineyards and Winery Pinot Grigio 750 mL	16

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

3. Regular PA New Items Accepted Revision

BRAND NAME AND SIZE	REASON
Triage Distilling	
Triage Blended Whiskey 750 mL	16

Note: This item was on the 10/1/2025 Agenda with an \$18.00 retail.

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

BRAND NAME AND SIZE CODE

Capital Wine and Spirits

Primo Amore Moscato Veneto 750 mL 96637

Majestic W S USA Inc

Valiant Red Blend 750 mL 97106

The Wine Merchant LTD

Famiglie Pinot Grigio Veneto 750 mL 898

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective November 14, 2025

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

None

OTHER ISSUES

Transfer to General Fund Fiscal Year 2025-26......Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

The Office of Budget requests a transfer of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) in the month of November 2025 from the State Stores Fund to the General Fund. The Finance team will schedule when this transfer will occur.

The transfer of this prescribed amount of \$100,000,000 will be processed as authorized in Expenditure Symbol Notification Number 25-014.

Transfer to Department of Agriculture Fiscal Year 2025-26...........Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director

The Department of Agriculture requests a transfer of three million dollars (\$3,000,000.00) in the month of November 2025 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 25-012.

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 Thursday, November 6, 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.