

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 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

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Details for the Microsoft Teams meeting on October 1, 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

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 September 17, 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.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

From the Office of Chief Counsel Jason Worley, Chief Counsel

None

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

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| <p>(1) 541 E. Thelma Street, Inc.
R-8138 (LID No. 37464) Case No. 24-9176
541 East Thelma Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County</p> | <p>Request for Hearing – <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> –
Renewals, Validations & Extension
of
Safekeeping – Restaurant</p> |
| <p>(2) DeAngelis Bar, Inc.
R-15470 (LID No. 33402) Case No. 24-9115
2300 Duss Avenue
Ambridge, Beaver County</p> | <p>Appointment of Manager –
Restaurant</p> <p>HOLD 5/14/25 SESSION
HOLD 9/17/25 SESSION</p> |
| <p>(3) Hysyde Lounge, Inc.
R-2165 (LID No. 106512) Case No. 24-9168
2650 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County</p> | <p>Extension of License – Restaurant</p> |
| <p>(4) McKeesport Beer Barrel, LLC
t/a McKeesport Beer Barrel
R-10152 (LID No. 81638) Case No. 24-9147
545 5th Avenue
McKeesport, Allegheny County</p> | <p>Appointment of Manager –
Restaurant</p> |
| <p>(5) Plaza Beer, Inc.
t/a Brewers Outlet
D-3783 (LID No. 8826) Case No. 24-9203
231 Reagan Street
Sunbury, Northumberland County</p> | <p>Appointment of Manager –
Distributor</p> |

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| <p>(6) Rios Tavern, Inc.
R-85 (LID No. 45812) Case No. 24-9172
4162 North 5th Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County</p> | <p>Request for Hearing After
Revocation –
Restaurant</p> |
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| <p>(7) Sugar Lake Hotel and Ji's Place, LLC
t/a Sugar Lake Hotel
H-44164 (LID No. 100555) Case No. 25-9003
7308 Sugar Lake Road
Wayne Township
Cochranon, Crawford County</p> | <p>Appointment of Manager – Hotel</p> |
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| <p>(8) 319 BLT, Inc.
R-13523 (LID No. 59816) Case No. 2020-59816 and
2022-59816
319 Market Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County</p> | <p>Renewal – District 10

HOLD 7/16/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement</p> |
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| <p>(9) BSC, Inc.
E-1774 (LID No. 70607) Case No. 2024-70607
5147 Baltimore Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County</p> | <p>Renewal – District 10</p> |
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| <p>(10) Fagan Hopwood Tavern, LLC
t/a Hopwood Tavern
R-12216 (LID No. 86284) Case No. 2024-86284
1225 National Pike Road
North Union Township
Hopwood, Fayette County</p> | <p>Renewal – District 6</p> |
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| <p>(11) J & J Fang, Inc.
R-15837 (LID No. 83589) Case No. 2024-83589
6419 Woodland Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County</p> | <p>Renewal – District 10</p> |
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| <p>(12) Jai Khodiyar, LLC
R-14880 (LID No. 115393) Case No. 2023-115393 &
2025-115393
349 South Main Avenue
Scranton, Lackawanna County</p> | <p>Renewal – District 10

HOLD 8/6/25 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement</p> |

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- (13) **L & M Tavern, Inc.** Renewal – District 3
t/a L & M Tavern
R-11696 (LID No. 15107) Case No. 2023-15107 &
2025-15107
279 West State Street
Tilden Township
Hamburg, Berks County
- (14) **T D Beer, Inc.** Renewal – District 10
R-11382 (LID No. 67601) Case No. 2024-67601
2262 East Allegheny Avenue
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County
- (15) **T George Enterprises, Inc.** Renewal – District 8
t/a Fat Daddy's
R-14773 (LID No. 60975) Case No. 2024-60975
174 Main Street
Luzerne, Luzerne County

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) **75 Ingenico Lane 8000 Standard PIN pads and 75 mounts** - This purchase is for 75 Ingenico Lane 8000 Standard Model PIN pads which will be deployed to stores on an as needed basis. PIN pads occasionally are broken and need to be repaired. The repair cycle can take up to 2 months. These PIN pads are needed to supplement our stock.

Procured via DGS Contract 4400016084. VENDOR: FISERV – estimated cost \$92,250.00.

- (2) **Tenable Nessus and Security Center renewal - 11/26/2025 thru 11/25/2026** - The Tenable Security Center solution allows PLCB IT Security to conduct vulnerability scans and configuration audits on all PLCB systems to ensure: all devices are scanned, vulnerabilities are identified, vulnerability mitigation can be prioritized, and ensure this process is repeated on a continuous basis.

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Evidence of a deployed vulnerability management solution is required in order to complete our annual compliance audit, enabling acceptance of Visa/Mastercard. Procured via DGS Contract 4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G – estimated cost \$54,754.92**

(3) Managed Print Services - to provide to all Commonwealth Stores monitoring and service for approximately 675 Lexmark 600 series printers. Estimated yearly quantity amount is 18,500,000 @ .0165 each. December 1, 2025, PO #80561973 was set up for 370,000 @ .0165 = \$6105.00.

Procured via IFB # 274060, PO #80561973 – VENDOR: **Edwards Business Solutions – estimated cost \$604,395.00**

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Leases (JOB 35)** – The billing of \$61,516.81 for July/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.
- (2) Department of General Services (DGS) Property Costs (JOB 7)** – Billing of \$111,428.44 comprises of \$118,691.38 expense with a \$7,262.94 true-up credit for the first quarter of FY 2024-25 for Commonwealth property costs. This is for the property costs for the Northwest Office Building (NWOB), which includes direct costs paid by DGS (electricity charges), as well as prorated expenses for Capital Police services, City of Harrisburg Fire Protection.

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) #3202 – 575 Philadelphia Street, Indiana
Amendment**

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

<u>VENDOR – ITEM NAME</u>	<u>BOARD ACTION REQUESTED</u>
“These items went to Board for the public meeting without pricing”	
Various	1. Regular PA New Items Accepted
Various	2. Regular Recommended Delist

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1. Regular PA New Items Accepted

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>REASON</u>
<u>2Moods Inc</u>	
2MOODS Vodka Orange Crush 6x355 mL Cans	16
<u>3 Sisters Rum INC</u>	
3 Sisters Rum Banana Rum 750 mL	16
3 Sisters Rum Peach Rum 750 mL	16
<u>7th Ward Spirits</u>	
7th Ward Spirits Cristalino Agave Tequila Reposado 750 mL	16
<u>Art in the Age LLC</u>	
Art in the Age Old Baldy Spiced Apple Whiskey 750 mL	16
<u>Big Chef Cocktails LLC</u>	
Big Chef Cocktails Top Dog Vodka 750 mL	16
<u>Bones Distillery</u>	
Bones Distillery Blue Falcon Vodka 750 mL	16
Mellow Moose Moonshine and Spirits Hot Cinnamon Rum 750 mL	16
Mellow Moose Moonshine and Spirits Moose Pie Rum 750 mL	16
<u>Jack Azz Distilling LLC</u>	
Jackazz Distilling Ball Buster Blueberry Cocktail 750 mL	16
Jackazz Distilling Kicker Cream Soda Cocktail 750 mL	16
Jackazz Distilling Skook Birch Beer Soda Cocktail 750 mL	16
Jackazz Distilling Vanilla Rum 750 mL	16
<u>Lancaster Brewing Company</u>	
Lancaster Hexx Vodka 750 mL	16
Lancaster Imperial Jo Espresso Liqueur 750 mL	16
<u>Mabsco Enterprises LLC</u>	
Pour Decisions Distillery Peppermint Vodka 750 mL	16
<u>Pittsburgh Spirits LLC</u>	
Wigle Bourbon Old Fashioned 750 mL	16
Wigle Spiced Liqueur 750 mL	16
<u>Ponfeigh Distillery LLC</u>	
Ponfeigh Distillery Gin 750 mL	16
Ponfeigh Distillery Spiced Maple Whiskey 200 mL	16
<u>Premier Innovations</u>	
Big Spring Orange Vodka 1 L	16

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Big Spring Raspberry Vodka 1 L	16
Big Spring Vanilla Vodka 1 L	16

Robert Mazza Inc

Hercules Mulligan Eyr and Rye 750 mL	16
Hercules Mulligan Rum & Rye 750 mL	16

Triage Distilling

Triage Blended Whiskey 750 mL	16
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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

2. Regular Recommended Delist

<u>BRAND NAME AND SIZE</u>	<u>CODE</u>
<u>Dead Lightning Distillery LLC</u>	
Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Cherry Vodka 1 L	98863
Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Lemon Vodka 1 L	98865
Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Peach Vodka 1 L	98869
Dead Lightning Distillery Local Legend Vodka 1 L	98872
<u>Majestic W S USA Inc</u>	
Valiant Red Blend 750 mL	97106

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective October 31, 2025

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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, October 15, 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.