



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Special Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
September 23, 2025
11:00 a.m.
Remote Participation ONLY**

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 11:01 a.m. and adjourned at 11:07 a.m. on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

Attendance:

Chair Joseph Lynch – Present
Commissioner Christopher Allen – Present
Commissioner Jacques Thomas, Jr. – Present

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Lieutenant Diogo DeOliveira – Police Department.

New Common Victualer License

1. Blessing Vivi Restaurant Takeout Food LLC d/b/a Blessing Vivi Restaurant, 513B Medford Street, requesting approval of a common victualer license.
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Sunday: Closed
Indoor seats: 8
(AL25-000016)

Continued from 9/16/2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

Lavita Closeville, the applicant, and a representative, Steve Sterling, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is to relocate from their previous location at 89 Broadway for personal reasons, that they plan to continue



serving Caribbean food, and that they are currently serving food as a takeout establishment. Chair Lynch confirmed for the record that 89 Broadway is no longer an active mailing or contact address.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer License on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.