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**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting

**Tuesday
January 21, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Somerville Fire Department; Lieutenant Timothy Mitsakis – Somerville Police Department.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 11/19/2024.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.



2. Communication from the Licensing Operations Manager conveying a status update of 2024 Licensing Commission activity.

Active Licenses Under the Commission's Management:	295
New Alcohol Applications:	23
New CV Applications:	14
Outdoor Dining Applications:	10
Amendment Applications:	60
Special Alcohol Licenses Issued:	37
Returned Alcohol Licenses:	8
Returned CV Licenses:	6
Disciplinary Hearings Before the Commission:	0
Disciplinary Hearings Reported by the ABCC:	2

Chair Lynch requested that Manager Potere give a status update on all current licenses under the management of the Licensing Commission.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

3. Communication from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission (“ABCC”) regarding notice of suspension for SKNM Corp. d/b/a Teele Square Liquors, 1119 Broadway Somerville, for a period of 13 days, of which 5 days will be served and 8 days will be held in abeyance for a period of two (2) years provided no further violations of Chapter 138 or Commission regulations are found by the ABCC. The suspension will begin on Monday, February 24, 2025 and end on Friday, February 28, 2025.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

4. Communication regarding licensee nonrenewal:

License #	Business Name	Address	License Type
AL22-000025 and AL23-000010 (pending All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License)	FoodDy’s Kitchen LLC d/b/a FoodDy’s Kitchen	235 Holland Street	Common Victualer



Manager Potere noted that this business failed to renew their CV license, that he understood that ISD had closed the location, and that the licensee also has an alcohol license pending with the ABCC. Chair Lynch requested any communication between ISD and the City Clerk's Office regarding this location be forwarded to the Licensing Commission members.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

5. Communication from Police Lieutenant Timothy Mitsakis regarding complaints received about Galwegan Inc. d/b/a The Burren, 247 Elm Street, AL17-000037.

Lieutenant Mitsakis presented the Commission with information regarding a fight and the subsequent arrest of Burren patrons that occurred on January 10, 2025. Lt. Mitsakis also provided the commission with two years (Jan 2023 – Jan 2025) of data showing 97 visits from Somerville Police Department to the Burren. Chair Lynch asked if there was any additional information that would inform their consideration of this item, and Manager Potere replied that the ABCC issued a suspension to the establishment in 2024, which was converted to a monetary fine at the licensee's request.

Chair Lynch moved to call the licensee before the Commission during the February 2025 meeting to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, 2AM Closing License, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices, Performers, and Patrons License, and 10AM Sunday License should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages made be reduced for alleged violations of the Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

6. Communication from the Chair regarding complaints received about Mike's Bar, Inc. d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington Street, AL17-000049.

Chair Lynch noted for the record that City Councilors and neighbors of this establishment have continued to complain about the behavior of its patrons.

Chair Lynch moved to call the licensee before the Commission during the February 2025 meeting to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices and Performers License, and 10AM Sunday License should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the



hours during which alcoholic beverages made be reduced for alleged violations of the Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations. The motion was approved on a voice vote.

Status Report

7. Commission requesting a status report on the use of the All Forms Alcohol License:

License #	Business Name	Address	License Type	Category
AL17-000326	Teele Square Café d/b/a The Basement	1133B Broadway	All Forms	Private

Continued from the 5/16/2022, 3/20/2023, 9/25/2023, 11/13/2023, 1/16/2024, 4/16/2024, 7/16/2024, 10/22/2024 Licensing Commission meetings.

Binoj Pradhan, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated they believe they have a potential location for this license in their current building, and that they will know if the location is feasible on or around February 5, 2025. Chair Lynch reminded the applicant that this license has been before the Commission requesting extensions since March 16, 2022. Manager Potere confirmed that the original license transfer was approved in November of 2016.

Both Commissioner Allen and Thomas understood from the licensee’s previous attorney that this license would be returned if the applicant could not secure a location by January 2025. Based on Pradhan’s statement that a potential location is pending, the Commission granted one final extension of this item to the February 18, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting on the condition that a written plan of action is submitted before that date.

The Licensing Commission continued this item to the February 2025 meeting.

Special Alcohol License

8. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License for Music at WXI at Warehouse XI, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, on 1/22/2025, 1/23/2025, 1/25/2025, 2/1/2025, 2/2/2025, 2/7/2025, 2/16/2025, 2/20/2025, 2/26/2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service)
(PEL25-000003)



Peggy Morrisey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and confirmed that their bartender is TIPS certified and that all alcohol will be purchased from an authorized distributor, adding that tickets for the event are \$50.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Manager

9. Tamario Inc d/b/a Dali Restaurant, 415 Washington Street, requesting approval of a change of manager.

Current manager: Mario Leon

Proposed manager: Aliya Wali

(ALM24-000059)

Commissioner Allen recused himself from this item as an abutter.

Aliya Wali, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that this change of manager request was made several years ago, when the former manager passed away. Manager Potere confirmed that a similar application was previously submitted, and that this would be processed accordingly.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

10. Somerville Sports Club Inc d/b/a Somerville Sports Club, 203 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a change of manager.

Current manager: Fernando Sousa

Proposed manager: Joseph Vasconcelos

(ALM24-000060)

Joseph Vasconcelos, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is to replace a previous manager who passed away. Vasconcelos confirmed that they are the treasurer for the organization, and that they understand the requirement to order alcohol from a licensed distributor.



The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

11. American Multi-Cinema Inc d/b/a AMC Theatre Assembly Row 12, 395 Artisan Way, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Daniel Sheppard
Proposed manager: Michele Powers
(ALM24-000054)

Brianna Bergsma and Michele Powers, the applicants, appeared before the Commission. Powers stated that they have 10 years of experience in the company's other locations that also have alcohol service, with the last 7 of those years being spent as the general manager, and noted that they have not had any disciplinary actions with either the ABCC or any local licensing authority.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

12. SHG Somerville Hotel LLC d/b/a Cambria Boston Somerville, 515 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Corey Lambert
Proposed manager: Brendan Griffin
(ALM24-000052)

Brendan Griffin, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that they have been working in the hotel and restaurant industry since 2004, they are currently the manager at The Cambria of Boston, and that they have 15 years of experience managing alcoholic beverage licenses without any disciplinary action from the ABCC or a local licensing authority.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.



13. Bow Street Charm Corp d/b/a Fuki Japanese Cuisine, 16 Bow Street, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Qina Chen
Proposed manager: Chunlong Zhang
(ALM24-000056)

The applicant for this item did not appear; the Licensing Commission continued this amendment application to the February 2025 meeting.

Transfer of License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License-Private
Common Victualer, Entertainment by Devices, and Sunday Hours

14. Stainless Teele Inc d/b/a The Hollows, 248 Holland Street Somerville, requesting approval of the Transfer of a Private All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License from Rudy's Restaurant Inc d/b/a Rudy's and a Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices, and Sunday Hours.
Hours of Operation: Indoor (Food and Alcohol Services)
Mon-Sun: 11am-1am
Indoor Seats: 73
(AL24-000036)

Charlie Redd, Douglas Shipman and Bridget Zerner, the applicants, appeared before the Commission and stated that this transfer is based on a cash purchase, that the location's indoor seating will remain the same, and that Redd will be the alcoholic beverage manager on record. Chair Lynch asked if Redd manages any other establishments, who confirmed that they have one other alcoholic beverage license in the City of Somerville, Dragon Pizza, which they will continue to manage. Redd also confirmed that they have not had any disciplinary actions from either the ABCC or the local licensing authority. Commissioner Thomas asked if the building is handicapped accessible, and Redd confirmed that it is.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. No members of the public offered comments on this item. Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Transfer of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License-Private, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices License, and Sunday Hours License on a voice vote.



Transfer of License
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License-Private
Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices, Patrons, and Performers

15. CSB Theatres Inc d/b/a Somerville Theatre, 49 Davis Square Somerville, requesting approval of the Transfer of a Private All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License from Fraiman Enterprises Inc d/b/a Somerville Theatre and a Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Devices, Patrons, and Performers.

Hours of Operation: Indoor (Alcohol Service)

Mon-Sat: 8am-1am, Sun: 12pm-1am

Hours of Operation: Indoor (Food Service)

Mon-Sun: 8am-1am

Indoor Seats: 1,523

(AL24-000037)

Attorney Anne Vigorito appeared along with her clients, the applicants, Ian Judge, Jamie Mattchen, Ian Brownell before the Commission. Attorney Vigorito shared that Brownell has 23 years of experience with the Somerville Theatre without any disciplinary actions from the ABCC or the local licensing authority, and that Mattchen similarly has 15 years of the same. Attorney Vigorito confirmed for Commissioner Thomas that the theater layout will remain the same and that the building is ADA accessible. Judge added that the parties requesting this license transfer are committed to maintaining the operation of this Somerville landmark.

Chair Lynch asked about the structure of the transaction, and Attorney Vigorito stated that it is a cash transaction with a five-year lease containing an optional five-year extension. Attorney Vigorito added that the previous owner of this license will retain ownership of the building itself.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. No members of the public offered comments on this item. Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

Manager Potere noted for the record that this application received two letters of support, including one from City Council President Pineda-Neufeld.



The Licensing Commission approved this Transfer of an All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License-Private, Common Victualer License, and Entertainment by Devices, Patrons, and Performers Licenses on a voice vote.

Late Items

New
Common Victualer License

16. Los Tacos Hermanos d/b/a Los Tacos Hermanos, 253 Washington, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.

Hours of Operation:

Mon: Closed

Tues-Sun: 9am-9pm

Indoor Seats: 36

(AL24-000040)

Miguel Argueta, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and requested an amendment to this application, changing the day this location will close from Monday to Sunday, making no change to the hours of operation. Chair Lynch asked if the number of seats would change, and Argueta confirmed they would remain the same. Argueta also stated that the food would remain the same, but the look of the restaurant may change, and that they have worked in the restaurant industry for about 10 years.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer license on a voice vote with the following hours: Mon-Sat: 9a-9p; Sun: Closed.



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Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department; Lieutenant Timothy Mitsakis – Police Department; Niki Aurora – ADA Field Associate.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of January 21, 2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

2. Communication from the Law Department regarding the impact of the appointment of a receiver to an existing Host Community Agreement.

Chair Lynch stated that this legal opinion was requested to better understand the impact of Revolutionary Clinic’s Host Community Agreement with the city. Chair Lynch requested that the City Clerk’s Office look into whether a receivership warrants a license amendment application.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.



Status Report

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Attorney Tyler Henseler appeared with Binoj Pradhan, the licensee, before the Commission and explained that the licensee was still investigating whether their premises could be made accessible. Attorney Henseler proposed transferring it to another Somerville licensee who operates a special legislation city-owned license, and then if able to complete the accessibility construction, the licensee would apply for a city-owned license when ready. The licensee added that the building construction for accessibility is ready to begin, but that they do not yet have a building permit.

Chair Lynch asked if any documents were drafted regarding the transfer of this license, and Pradhan replied there were not, and that only a conversation took place. Commissioner Allen asked what the consideration would be for the proposed transfer, and Pradhan replied that it would be zero dollars. Commissioner Thomas stated that he believes this license should be surrendered, and that the licensee could apply for a city-owned license in the future. Chair Lynch noted that the license transfer was approved in 2016, and stated for the record that allowing the licensee to continue holding a pocketed license could expose the city to liability, including possible sanctions from the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). Chair Lynch also noted that the delay in this instance is not related to something beyond the applicant’s control, such as the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Allen reflected on the proposed transfer of this license to an existing licensee and noted that such a transfer does not serve the public need, and at worst enables long-term speculation on the future value of the private license, which the Commission should not support. The license stated that the transfer was proposed as a possible solution, but stated on the record that they will voluntarily return this license.

Chair Lynch asked that the licensee, either directly or through their attorney, confirm the return of this license with the City Clerk’s Office in writing within five business days.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.



Violations

4. Hearing for Mike's Bar, Inc. d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington Street, AL17-000049, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138 §§ 23 and 64, to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License, 10AM Sunday Opening License, and Entertainment by Devices and Performers Licenses should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages be reduced, for alleged violations of the following Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(a) –

It shall be the obligation of licensees to ensure that a high degree of supervision is exercised over the conduct of the licensed establishment at all times. Each licensee will be held accountable for all violations that are related to the licensed premises to determine whether or not the licensee acted properly in the given circumstances.

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(b) –

Licensees shall maintain compliance with all health and safety laws for the areas outside and contiguous to the licensed premises.

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(d) –

Licensees shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that patrons or employees do not leave the premises with alcoholic beverages. Such steps may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) having an employee stationed at the door to watch patrons as they leave;
- (2) refusing to serve beer in bottles;
- (3) refusing to serve alcoholic beverages in disposable cups. When the Commission's agents observe patrons leaving the premises with beer bottles, beer cans, or cups or glasses filled with liquids that smell like alcoholic beverages, it shall be presumed that the vessels contain alcoholic beverages. . . .

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(e) –

When any noise, disturbance, misconduct, disorder, act or activity occurs in the licensed premises, or in the area in front of or adjacent to the licensed premises, or in any parking lot provided by the licensee for the use of its patrons, which in the judgment of the Commission adversely affects the protection, health, welfare, safety or repose of the residents of the area in which the licensed premises are located, or results in the licensed premises becoming the focal point for police attention, or is offensive to public decency, the licensee may be held in violation of the



license and subject to proceedings for suspension, revocation or modification of the license.

Joe Kilduff, a representative of the licensee, and Michele Kilduff, the owner and manager of the establishment, appeared before the Commission. Chair Lynch explained this is a show cause hearing to determine whether changes are needed to this license based on recent complaints to the Commission and numerous police calls to their establishment.

Commissioner Allen stated that a complaint has been lodged regarding patrons taking alcohol outside, that images have been submitted of patrons visibly holding beer bottles in the back of the establishment, and asked if the licensee is aware that they do not have an outdoor alcohol service license. The licensee replied that they were not aware of this and that patrons taking alcohol outside of the premises is unacceptable. Commissioner Allen asked if their staff have been instructed to prevent patrons from removing alcohol from the premises, and the licensee replied that they believe their staff needs more training on this, and that ideally they would hire additional staff to enforce this but it is difficult to find service industry workers.

Commissioner Allen asked about the use of the back outdoor space at their establishment given that they do not have an outdoor service license, and the licensee replied that it is gated off and typically used for storage and dumpsters. Commissioner Allen asked if they had tables out there, and the licensee replied that he did not think so, and that if there are, they are being stored there and should not be accessible to patrons. Commissioner Allen stated for the record that pictures were submitted of the tables being set up, the back gate being unlocked, and patrons standing near those tables, holding bottles of beer. The licensee replied that their staff will pay closer attention and stop patrons from removing alcohol from the building, adding that the gate will be kept locked in the future.

Chair Lynch noted for the record that the police department reported 63 calls to 97 Washington Street during the past two years, and the licensee replied that they reviewed the reports and stated that they do not want to continue serving or attracting the kind of clientele that would increase police calls. Chair Lynch asked if they have spoken to their abutters about their complaints, and the licensee stated they have, that they have made efforts to mitigate their concerns, and as a result of this hearing, they will make sure the back gate stays locked and that the staff take additional steps to prevent patrons from leaving the premises with alcohol. Chair Lynch also stated for the record that the number of police calls to Mike's Bar is much more than other alcohol service establishments



in the city and has concerns that this could be due to bar staff overserving its patrons. The licensee replied that they understood this concern.

Chair Lynch stated that there was also a complaint, accompanied by video footage and screenshots, of a patron leaving Mike's Bar, urinating on a neighbor's fence, and returning to the establishment. The licensee replied that such behavior is clearly not acceptable. Commissioner Thomas asked if the licensee is aware that many of the police calls for this establishment occur on Thursday nights and asked if there are staffing issues on Thursdays. The licensee replied they are not aware of any staffing issues for any particular days of the week.

Chair Lynch said that the Commission takes seriously the rule that licensees should not become focal points for police activity and not engage in action that is offensive to public decency, and reminded the licensee that that is the reason they stand before the Commission today. Chair Lynch asked what the licensee's procedure is when a fight occurs on their licensed premises, and the licensee replied that their response would be to call the police. Chair Lynch asked about police calls to their address for medical reasons, and the licensee replied that could be for a number of reasons, to which Chair Lynch replied that it is difficult to believe that these medical calls are not related to patrons being overserved alcohol. Chair Lynch also noted for the record that the complaints received by the Commission came not only from neighbors and the police, but also City Councilors. The licensee explained that they are not always made aware of complaints received, and they will respond promptly if they do receive them in the future. Chair Lynch asked if the licensee keeps internal records of incidents that occur on the premises, such as fights, and the licensee replied that they currently do not but that they will train their staff to start keeping those records.

In response to a question from Chair Lynch, Lieutenant Mitsakis clarified the meaning of some of the terms in the police report, including that "UNWANTED" refers to a call to police to remove a person from the premises; "NOISE" are noise complaints from neighbors; "MEDICAL AID" could be from a patron in the bar being overserved, but could also be unrelated to the business; and "ASSIST" means the establishment is calling for help with a patron and asking the police to come remove someone from the premises.

The licensee stated in conclusion that they want to keep operating their business into the future and want to do so in the right way, and that they are open to proposals from the Commission to ensure they are able to continue operating.

Chair Lynch moved to amend this license, AL17-000049, by changing its operating hours to end at 9:00 p.m., seven days per week. He further moved to



hold this amendment in abeyance for the next six months, on the condition that no major incidents occur at this establishment during this time. Any additional incidents will require the licensee to appear again before the Commission for the formal implementation of this change in operating hours. Chair Lynch added that what constitutes a “major incident” would be evaluated by the Commission in the event it receives any complaints from neighbors or the police.

The Licensing Commission approved the change to this license to reduce its operating hours to discontinue alcohol service at 9:00 p.m., held in abeyance for six months on the condition that the Commission does not receive any reports of major incidents at this location, on a voice vote.

5. Hearing for Galwegan Inc. d/b/a The Burren, 247 Elm Street, AL17-000037, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138 §§ 23 and 64, to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, 2AM Closing License, Common Victualer License, Outdoor Public Seating License, 10AM Sunday Opening License, and Entertainment by Devices, Patrons, and Performers Licenses should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages be reduced, for alleged violations of the following Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

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Manager Potere stated that the City Clerk’s Office received a written request from the licensee to continue this hearing to the next Licensing Commission meeting on March 18, 2025. Manager Potere added that the request for a continuance was based on the stated unavailability of both the licensee and their



counsel for this meeting. Commissioner Allen noted that he has a concern about approving this continuance in the interest of maintaining public safety.

Chair Lynch moved to continue this item to the March 18, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a roll call vote: 2 in favor (Lynch, Thomas), 1 opposed (Allen), 0 absent.

New
Common Victualer License

6. Compass Group USA Inc d/b/a Capital One Café, 425 Revolution Drive, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.
Hours of operation:
Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sat: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sun: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Indoor seats: 60
(AL23-000029)

The applicant for this item did not appear; the Licensing Commission continued this amendment application to the March 2025 meeting by unanimous consent.

7. Viet Citron at Bow Market LLC d/b/a Viet Citron, 1 Bow Market Way, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.
Hours of operation:
Mon: Closed
Tues-Sat: 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sun: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Indoor seats: 10
(AL24-000035)

Ngoc Tran and Howard Lee, the applicants, appeared before the Commission and stated that they currently have a location for this concept in Burlington and would like to expand to the Somerville market. Chair Lynch asked if they received any disciplinary action in Burlington, and the applicant responded that they have not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer license on a voice vote.



Existing Common Victualer License
Public Sidewalk Outdoor Seating

8. Crispy Crepe, LLC d/b/a Mr. Crepe, 51 Davis Square, requesting approval of Public Sidewalk Outdoor Seating for 10 seats.
(ALM24-000055; AL17-000208)

Luis Ballesteros, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and indicated that this amendment application is to retain their current outdoor sidewalk seating license, but remove their license for private patio outdoor seating. ADA Field Associate Green stated that this application seeks to retain previously approved sidewalk seating and that it is recommended for approval.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Outdoor Seating license amendment on a voice vote.

New
Wine and Malt with Cordials and Liqueurs,
Common Victualer, and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License

9. Kush By Saba LLC d/b/a Kush Modern Mediterranean, 5 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Wine and Malt with Cordials and Liqueurs License, Common Victualer, and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License.
Hours of operation to serve food and alcohol indoors:
Sun-Mon: Closed
Tues-Thurs: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fri-Sat: 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Indoor seats: 16
(AL24-000034)

Saba Duffy, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that they operated their business concept as a food truck for a number of years and would like to move to a brick and mortar model. Chair Lynch asked about the size of the space, and the applicant replied that it is 1,700 total square feet, with 574 square feet of restaurant space for dining. Commissioner Allen asked if this would be the applicant's first time with a liquor license, and the applicant replied that it would be, but that they have experience as an alcoholic license manager earlier in her career in another state. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant had any violations during that time, and the applicant replied they did not. Commissioner Thomas asked about the entertainment



by devices application, and the applicant replied that it would be streaming music in the background.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New Wine and Malt with Cordials and Liqueurs License, Common Victualer, and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License on a voice vote.

New
Wine and Malt,
Common Victualer, and Sunday Hours License

10. Kayaa LLC d/b/a Momo N Curry, 431 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a Wine and Malt, Common Victualer, and Sunday Hours License.

Hours of operation to serve food and alcohol indoors:

Mon-Sun: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Indoor seats: 19

(AL24-000033)

Lokesh Adhikari, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is to add wine and malt service to their existing common victualer license.

Commissioner Thomas asked if they are TIPS certified, which the applicant confirmed they are. Chair Lynch asked the applicant how long they have worked in the restaurant industry, who replied 25 years, and that they have been the manager on an alcohol license in Maynard, Massachusetts with no violations or disciplinary actions. Captain Richardson reminded the applicant that they need to display their numerical address on the front of their building, and the applicant replied that they have already done so.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New Wine and Malt License, Common Victualer License, and Sunday Hours License on a voice vote.



New
Wine and Malt,
Common Victualer, Sunday Hours, and Entertainment by Devices License

11. Eleven Union, LLC, d/b/a Taco Riot, 11 Union Square, requesting approval of a Wine and Malt License, Common Victualer, Sunday Hours License, and Entertainment by Devices License.

Hours of operation for indoor food and alcohol service:

Mon: Closed

Tues-Sun: 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Indoor seats: 26

(AL24-000031)

Commissioner Thomas recused himself from this item as an abutter.

Attorney Elizabeth Pisano appeared on behalf of the applicant, Michael Robles, who was also present, and explained that the business concept is tacos with an international fusion and inspiration. Attorney Pisano continued that the applicant would also be the manager of record, and they have 15 years of restaurant management experience, including at Somerville's Machu Picchu, and is working on obtaining their TIPS certification. Attorney Pisano added that the applicant also intends to create a chef culinary program to support local students who would like to gain industry experience. Attorney Pisano concluded that the applicant intends to open in April of 2025.

Commissioner Allen asked which space in Union Square this business would occupy, and Attorney Pisano replied it would be the location of a former check cashing business.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New Wine and Malt License, Common Victualer License, Sunday Hours License, and Entertainment by Devices License on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Manager

12. Bow Street Charm Corp d/b/a Fuki Japanese Cuisine, 16 Bow Street, requesting approval of a change of manager.

Current manager: Qina Chen

Proposed manager: Chunlong Zhang

(ALM24-000056; AL19-000034)

Continued from the 1/21/2025 Licensing Commission meeting.



Chunlong Zhang, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that he is taking over the role of manager from his wife, who previously held the position. Chair Lynch asked how long the applicant has owned this restaurant, and the applicant replied four years, and that this is their third restaurant.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

13. AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. d/b/a Lucky Strike Somerville, 325 Revolution Drive, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Ivy Rose Hudson
Proposed manager: Steven Anthony Santora
(ALM24-000058; AL23-000026)

Jay Goodloe, a representative for the applicant, Steven Santora, appeared before the Commission and stated that the previous manager is no longer with the company and that the applicant would be replacing them. Chair Lynch asked if the applicant has ever been an alcoholic beverages manager before, and Goodloe replied that they did not know, but that Lucky Strike has a thorough training program for its managers. Chair Lynch stated for the record that the applicant is responsible for making sure the applicant has all their proper certifications. Commissioner Allen asked how long the applicant has been with Lucky Strike, and Goodloe replied that they started in December 2024, and that the applicant has experience in the food industry, including at Blaze Pizza. Commissioner Allen noted for the record that these amendment applications typically provide the Commission with more information about the proposed new manager.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing Wine and Malt Package Store
Change of Manager

14. LLH, LLC d/b/a Trader Joe's, 145 Middlesex Avenue, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Ken Gaytan
Proposed manager: Justine Rogers
(ALM25-000002; AL17-000298)

Justine Rogers, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated they are the acting manager of this Trader Joe's location, that the previous manager moved to another location within the company, and that they have been TIPS certified since 2023.



The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

Special Alcohol Licenses

15. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Loftus-Casey Wedding, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, on 4/13/2025 from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service)
(PEL25-000010)

Daniel Loftus, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated this application is to serve alcohol at their wedding. Chair Lynch asked about attendance, and the applicant replied around 90 people. Chair Lynch then asked where they would be obtaining their alcohol, and the applicant replied Costco. Chair Lynch stated for the record that the applicant must obtain their alcohol from an authorized distributor, and Manager Potere stated he would send the ABCC's list of approved distributors to the applicant. Commissioner Allen asked who would be serving the alcohol, and the applicant replied that the venue has its own bartenders.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

16. Boston Boulder Project, 12A Tyler Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Malt Only) for Reel Rock 19 Film Screening, to be held indoors at 12A Tyler Street, on 3/14/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000009)

Chair Lynch recused himself from this item.

Cece Herrmann, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this event is a film screening and that the alcohol is beer only and would be served by Aeronaut Brewery, an authorized distributor, and that no rock climbing would be allowed while alcohol is being served. Commissioner Allen asked about age verification, and the applicant stated that identification would be checked and those being served would receive an ink stamp.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.



Late Items

Administrative Correction

17. Administrative correction for GTCFF LLC d/b/a Tall Order, 70 Beacon Street, AL24-000013, to amend the approved indoor seat count from 74 to 84, reflecting the accepted floor plan.

Commissioner Allen stated that this is an administrative item to correct a previously approved license and update the seat count in the record to reflect 84 indoor seats.

The Licensing Commission approved this item on a voice vote.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
March 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department;
Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department; Seargent Rico Isidoro – Police Department.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 2/18/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

2. City Clerk conveying proposed changes to Section 1.08(k) of the Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations to reflect an update to the Massachusetts General Laws.

k. Any licensee, or agent or employee thereof, who reasonably relies on any form of identification permitted under M.G.L. c. 138, § 34B, for proof of a person's identity and age shall not suffer any disciplinary action or any criminal liability for delivering or selling alcohol or alcoholic beverages to a person under twenty-one years of age. Such licensee shall be presumed to have used due care in making the sale, but such presumption shall be rebuttable. The information on the card or license must clearly



match the photograph and description of the card or license holder and there should be no obvious signs of tampering upon reasonable inspection.

Manager Potere explained that this proposed change to the Rules is intended to reflect a corresponding change in state law expanding the types of identification that can be used to verify age for the sale and service of alcohol. The authorized documents now include out-of-state driver's licenses and Global Entry Cards. Manager Potere explained that this change cites directly to the state law to include any future changes without the need for further amendment.

The Licensing Commission approved this change to Section 1.08(k) of the Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations on a voice vote.

Violations

3. Hearing for Galwegan Inc. d/b/a The Burren, 247 Elm Street, AL17-000037, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138 §§ 23 and 64, to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, 2AM Closing License, Common Victualer License, Outdoor Public Seating License, 10AM Sunday Opening License, and Entertainment by Devices, Patrons, and Performers Licenses should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages be reduced, for alleged violations of the following Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(a) –

It shall be the obligation of licensees to ensure that a high degree of supervision is exercised over the conduct of the licensed establishment at all times. Each licensee will be held accountable for all violations that are related to the licensed premises to determine whether or not the licensee acted properly in the given circumstances.

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(e) –

When any noise, disturbance, misconduct, disorder, act or activity occurs in the licensed premises, or in the area in front of or adjacent to the licensed premises, or in any parking lot provided by the licensee for the use of its patrons, which in the judgment of the Commission adversely affects the protection, health, welfare, safety or repose of the residents of the area in which the licensed premises are located, or results in the licensed premises becoming the focal point for police attention, or is offensive to public decency, the licensee may be held in violation of the license and subject to proceedings for suspension, revocation or modification of the license.



Continued from the February 18, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

Attorney Dennis Quilty appeared on behalf of the licensee, who also appeared by and through Tommy McCarthy, Joanne Conroy, and Sean Ochormacain.

Chair Lynch began the hearing by explaining that the licensee is before the Commission due to a fight that took place on January 10, 2025, as well as relevant calls to the police during the past several years, which is causing concern among the Commissioners. Chair Lynch further explained that the January 10th incident involved a patron breaking a glass bottle over the head of another patron, resulting in a call to the police, trips to the hospital, and resulting criminal charges. Captain Sheehan added that the injuries sustained by the victim were serious and resulted in the assailant being charged with a felony, and noted that the criminal case is ongoing. Attorney Quilty spoke on behalf of the licensee and stated that it was the licensee's employees who located the assailant, called the police, and escorted them out of the building.

Chair Lynch asked to hear from witnesses to the event, and Sean Ochormacain stated that they are the Backroom Manager, have worked for the licensee for 10 years, and were present the night of the altercation. Chair Lynch asked if they thought the assailant and victim were intoxicated that night, and the licensee responded, "Not at all." Commissioner Thomas stated for the record that they do not believe this claim is credible, and that they believe alcohol was involved. Commissioner Thomas asked how many security guards were on duty that night, and the licensee replied five.

Chair Lynch asked if the licensee kept a written record of the event, and the licensee replied that they likely did write up a report of this event, and that they write a report at the end of every night as a matter of general course. Chair Lynch asked if the licensee keeps track of individuals who are banned from the establishment, and the licensee stated they do not have a formal system, and that they also do not have to ban many people.

Chair Lynch stated for the record that they believe the licensee's staff handled the aftermath of the fight appropriately by tending to the wounded patrons, escorting them outside, and calling the police. Captain Sheehan replied by asking if there is video footage available of the incident, and the licensee stated cameras do cover the area. Captain Sheehan then asked if anyone from the police department called to obtain the footage, and Joanne Conroy replied that there was "absolutely nothing" on the camera and that they declined to turn any footage over to the police. Chair Lynch replied by stating that there could have been useful information in the footage, such as the assailant moving towards the victim or away from the scene of the incident. Captain Sheehan added that this is a very serious assault and footage



is normally produced and reviewed by the police. Commissioner Thomas stated for the record that they are concerned by the licensee declining to assist the police in the investigation by producing the footage from the security cameras.

Chair Lynch continued by stating for the record that the licensee was also listed twice on the Attorney General's OUI Report, where individuals cited for driving under the influence reported they had their last drink at the licensee's establishment. In addition, the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) investigated the licensee in September 2023, and subsequently found them in violation for the sale of alcohol to persons under the age of 21 in September of 2024. The ABCC penalized the licensee with a suspension, which reduced to a fine of more than \$35,000 at the licensee's request. Chair Lynch also stated for the record that the police requested a detail for the establishment for the month of December in response to the number of calls received. Chair Lynch continued that the list of 91 calls produced for this hearing are not all relevant, but that they believe the calls for "MEDICAL" are likely due to overserving patrons.

Tommy McCarthy, the owner of the establishment, appeared before the Commission and began by explaining that they have a format in place where their staff make a written record every night regarding the day's business, and that report would include any incidents. The licensee continued that they would be willing to provide these reports to the Commission, and that they do not recall seeing any incidents similar to this where the police were called. Chair Lynch asked how they train their staff, and the licensee replied that they have three managers, one who has been there for 20 years, and another who has been there for 10, and that they believe these managers are properly taking care of the business. Commissioner Allen asked if a person being kicked out of the establishment would be included in the daily report, and the licensee responded that it would, but that they do not keep a running list of people who have been banned. The licensee added that typically people go to their establishment to have fun, and that fights among patrons are rare. Commissioner Allen noted for the record to the licensee that the request for police detail in December 2024 was only for this establishment, not for all establishments with a 2AM license.

Chair Lynch asked what assurances could be given that the licensee would not receive further complaints, who replied that they believe their staff is doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Allen stated for the record they believe the licensee responded appropriately to the January incident.

Attorney Quilty asked the Commission to consider that the licensee has never been brought before it in the past 30 years, and that they served their punishment for the



ABCC violation. Manager Potere stated for the record that this licensee was, in fact, called before the Commission in October 2015 for an assault on the premises.

Chair Lynch moved to amend this license, AL17-000037, by changing its operating hours to end at 11:00 p.m., seven days per week. He further moved to hold this amendment in abeyance for the next three months, on the condition that no major incidents occur at this establishment during this time. Any additional incidents will require the licensee to appear again before the Commission for the formal implementation of this change in operating hours. Chair Lynch added that what constitutes a “major incident” would be evaluated by the Commission in the event it receives any complaints from neighbors or the police.

The Licensing Commission approved the change to this license to reduce its operating hours to discontinue alcohol service at 11:00 p.m., held in abeyance for three months on the condition that the Commission does not receive any reports of major incidents at this location, on a voice vote.

New
Common Victualer License

4. Compass Group USA Inc d/b/a Capital One Café, 425 Revolution Drive, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.
Hours of operation:
Mon-Fri: 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sat: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sun: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Indoor seats: 60
(AL23-000029)

Continued from the February 18, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

Matt Hoff, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is based on a change of ownership for the Capital One Café, and that the business has continued operating and has otherwise not changed. The applicant explained that this establishment sells coffee and pastries and has no entertainment devices. Commissioner Thomas asked if there are any accessibility or mobility issues related to having 60 seats, and the applicant said there are not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer license on a voice vote.



Existing Common Victualer License
Alteration of Premises

5. Modelo Butcher Market Inc. d/b/a Modelo Butcher Market, 501 Medford Street, requesting approval of Alteration of Premises.
Current Indoor Seats: 16
Proposed Indoor Seats: 24
(ALM24-000043, amending AL19-000006)

Joe De Souza, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this request is to increase the number of seats in the restaurant based on an increased demand from their customers for indoor seating. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

Captain Richardson reminded the applicant to coordinate a final inspection based on a few items that needed attention.

The Licensing Commission approved this Alteration of Premises license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing Marijuana Establishment License
Change of Hours

6. Sira Naturals, Inc. d/b/a AYR, 240 Elm Street, requesting approval of a Change of Hours.
Current Hours: Mon-Sun: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Proposed Hours: Sun-Weds: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Thurs-Sat: 10:00 a.m to 11:00 p.m
(MEA25-000001, amending ME20-000008)

Dwan Packett, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this requested change in hours will align with their neighbors and allow them to stay competitive. Commissioner Allen asked if they have had any issues or infractions with the Cannabis Control Commission, and the applicant replied they have not. The applicant runs a co-located medical and recreational use establishment, and Chair Lynch reminded the applicant that this Commission can only amend the hours for their recreational license and they would need to contact the state regarding the hours for their medical license.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Hours license amendment on a voice vote.



Special Alcohol Licenses

7. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way Somerville, requesting the approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Baile das Maes (Mother's Day), to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way on 5/10/25 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000020)

Nilton Pureza, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is their annual Mother's Day event, and that there will be approximately 200-300 people in attendance. Captain Sheehan stated that this event will need a police detail due to its size. Chair Lynch asked if the alcohol would be purchased from an authorized distributor, which the applicant confirmed.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

8. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way Somerville, requesting the approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Festa Junina 2025, to be held outdoors at the 12 Properzi Way parking lot on 6/21/25 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000021)

Nilton Pureza, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is their annual June Festival and that they have been hosting this event for 30 years.

The applicant also stated that the event typically draws around 1,000 people. In response, Captain Sheehan asked for a police detail of two offices, and Captain Richardson asked for fire detail in the event of medical emergency.

The applicant asked that the hours be changed to 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Manager Potere noted the change and updated the application.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License, with hours amended to 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., on a voice vote.

9. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Music at WXI, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court on 3/16/25, 3/18/25, 3/21/25, 3/22/25, and 3/23/25 from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000013)

Carrie Dahl, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is Warehouse XI's common application for special alcohol licenses for live music at the venue. The applicant stated that they will be purchasing alcohol from an authorized distributor and check IDs prior to serving.



The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

10. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Warehouse XI Music, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court on 3/28/25, 4/3/25, 4/4/25, 4/6/25, and 4/8/25 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000027)

Carrie Dahl, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is Warehouse XI's common application for special alcohol licenses for live music at the venue. The applicant stated that they will be purchasing alcohol from an authorized distributor and check IDs prior to serving. The applicant also clarified that the change in time for this item is intentional.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

11. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Music at Warehouse, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court on 4/10/25, 4/11/25, 4/17/25, and 4/18/25 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000028)

Carrie Dahl, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is Warehouse XI's common application for special alcohol licenses for live music at the venue. The applicant stated that they will be purchasing alcohol from an authorized distributor and check IDs prior to serving.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Late Items

New Common Victualer License

12. Emadeldine Derebala d/b/a Crispy Chick, 288A Broadway, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.
Hours of operation:
Mon-Sun: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 8
(AL25-000002)

Emaeldine Derebala, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that their concept is to serve fried chicken and chicken wings for indoor service and



takeout, they have 35 years of restaurant experience, and that this is business is related to their existing establishment, Alfredo's Italian Kitchen. Commissioner Allen asked about the type of seating that would be provided, and the applicant responded barstools and countertop seating.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer license on a voice vote.

Special Alcohol License

13. Rolling Rose Mobile Bar, 52 Pollard Road, Plaistow, New Hampshire, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Bunnies & Blooms, to be held indoors at Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, on 3/30/25 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000040)

Jeana Ortega, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that this event is a daytime event planned to welcome the change in seasons and will be targeted to parents. The applicant added that they will be purchasing their alcohol from an authorized distributor and not importing alcohol from out-of-state state.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Special Farmer Winery License

14. Blisspoint Meadery, 1 Fox Run Road, Bedford, requesting the approval of a Special Farmer Winery License to be held outdoors at the Union Square Farmer's Market, 66-70 Union Square, on Saturdays beginning 05/10/25 and ending 10/25/25, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SFW25-000001)

Jeff Venuti, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that this is their annual application to participate in the Union Square Farmers Market. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License on a voice vote.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
April 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department;
Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department; Lieutenant Francis Ottig – Fire Department.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 3/18/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

Withdrawn

2. Withdrawn.



Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Manager
Change of DBA Name

3. River Bar, LLC d/b/a River Bar, 661 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a change of manager and a change of DBA name.
Current Manager: Jessica Brisette
Proposed Manager: Quang Tran
Current DBA: River Bar
Proposed DBA: Cocolee
(ALM25-000005, amending AL17-000099)

Attorney Anne Vigorito appeared before the Commission on behalf of the applicant and proposed manager, Quang Tran, who was also in attendance. Attorney Vigorito stated that the applicant is changing their concept and, with it, their manager to oversee that transition. Regarding the DBA name change, Attorney Vigorito stated that the applicant has been closed since January for renovations, that their new concept is an Asian fusion style and would feature fewer TVs, and that their plan is to open in early May. Regarding the proposed new manager, Attorney Vigorito stated that they have extensive experience in the restaurant industry and are TIPS certified.

Commissioner Allen asked the applicant directly about their experience, who replied that they have spent their entire career in the restaurant industry and have a specialty in opening new restaurants.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager and Change of DBA Name license amendment on a voice vote.

Special Alcohol Licenses

4. Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 29-31 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for GyroFest, to be held outdoors in the parking lot at 29-31 Central Street, on 5/9/2025 and 5/10/2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., rain date 5/11/2025 (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000043)

Harry Agritha, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated they have been running this event to coincide with Porchfest and have been doing so ever since Porchfest began. Commissioner Allen asked about the estimated attendance of 4,000 people, and the applicant replied that the actual turnout might be lower, but



the figure is intended to reflect the possible total number of people attending the entire two-day event.

Captain Richardson stated for the record that if they intend to have tents and propane grilling that they should contact fire prevention to coordinate.

The applicant noted for the record that they have already coordinated police and fire detail for the event.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Special Farmer Winery License

5. Far From the Tree LLC, 108 Jackson Street, Salem, requesting the approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for the Union Square Farmer's Market, to be held outdoors at 66-70 Union Square, on Saturdays beginning 05/10/2025 and ending 10/25/2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SFW25-000002)

Roy Szolwinski, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is their annual application to take part in the Union Square Farmer's Market. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License on a voice vote.

Late Items

Special Alcohol Licenses

6. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Exhibition Openings, to be held indoors at 1 Westwood Road, on 5/1/2025 and 6/5/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000060)

Chair Lynch recused himself from this item.

The applicant for this item did not appear before the Commission. Commissioner Allen noted for the record that, in some case, an application may be approved when the applicant does not appear, but that is the exception, not the rule, and added that this would only be done for applicants who have appeared before the Commission in the past, not first-time applicants. Commissioner Thomas noted for the record that all applicants are expected to appear before the Commission if they would like their



application approved, but also noted that this applicant has regularly appeared before the Commission in a timely manner and with no other issues.

Manager Potere noted for the record that the City Clerk's Office has reliable contact information for this applicant and that two separate emails were sent to the applicant in advance of the meeting.

Commissioner Allen moved to approve the application's 5/1/25 date and to continue its 6/5/25 date to the May 20, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

The Licensing Commission approved this item's 5/1/25 date and continued its 6/5/25 date to the May 20, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting on a voice vote.

7. Point Person Event Services, 28 Goreham Avenue, Stoneham, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine & Malt) for the Michael Pare & Anya Posey Wedding, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, on 6/22/2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000048)

Jennifer Hodgson, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is for alcohol service at a wedding reception that will take place at Warehouse XI. The applicant continued that the event will use Warehouse XI's usual bartender, who is TIPS certified, that about 60 guests will be in attendance, and that all alcohol will be purchased from an authorized distributor.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Special Farmer Winery License

8. Far From the Tree LLC, 108 Jackson Street, Salem, requesting the approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for the Davis Square Farmer's Market, to be held outdoors at 44 Day Street, on Wednesdays beginning 05/21/2025 and ending 11/26/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SFW25-000003)

Roy Szolwinski, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is their annual application to take part in the Davis Square Farmer's Market. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License on a voice vote.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
May 20, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department;
Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department; Niki Aurora – ADA Field Associate.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 4/15/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

2. Communication from the Office of the Attorney General's investigation finding Cafua Management Company LLC d/b/a Dunkin Donuts at 282 Somerville Avenue in violation of Massachusetts child labor laws.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.



Special Alcohol Licenses

3. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Exhibition Openings, to be held indoors at 1 Westwood Road, on 5/1/2025 and 6/5/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000060)

Chair Lynch recused himself from this item as a sponsor and benefactor of the Somerville Museum.

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is for the opening of the summer art exhibit at the museum featuring artist Flor Delgadillo. Chair Lynch reminded the applicant that they need to purchase alcohol for the event from an authorized distributor as identified by the state.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

4. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The World as a Supermarket, to be held indoors at 1 Westwood Road, on 5/30/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000064)

Chair Lynch recused himself from this item as a sponsor and benefactor of the Somerville Museum.

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this application is for an event for a Cuban artist to draw attention to their annual trip to Cuba. The applicant further stated that their bartenders are TIPS certified and would be getting their alcohol from an approved distributor.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

5. Somerville Chamber of Commerce, 561 Windsor Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Taste of Somerville, to be held indoors and outdoors at Boynton Yards, 0 Windsor Place, on 6/11/2025 with a rain date of 6/12/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000044)

Wendy Dalwin, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is the annual Taste of Somerville event that has taken place for the past 27 years. The applicant continued that the event is three hours long, police and fire



have been contacted to provide details, that around 2,000 people will attend, and that alcohol will be obtained from authorized distributors.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

6. Winter Hill Brewing, 328 Broadway, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Winter Hill at Boston Figurative Arts Center, to be held indoors and outdoors at Boston Figurative Art Center parking lot, 285 Washington Street, on 6/7/2025 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000067)

Bert Holdredge, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is the inaugural Music and Arts Festival that will have various local artists displaying their work and bands playing music. Commissioner Allen asked who would be checking IDs and serving the alcohol, and the applicant confirmed that it would be Winter Hill Brewing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

7. Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, 29 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for GreekFest, to be held indoors and outdoors at the Dormition of the Virgin Mary parking lot, 29 Central Street, on 9/05/2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and on 9/06/2025 and 9/7/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000071)

Harry Agritha, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is an annual community event that celebrates Greek food and culture, and that around 6,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the three-day event. The applicant added that they will be requesting police and fire details for the event. Chair Lynch reminded the applicant to be mindful of noise in the residential neighborhood.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

8. Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Sangwha Hong Celebration, to be held indoors at Diesel Cafe, 257 Elm Street, on 6/21/2025 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000074)

David Borge, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is for a wedding with about 40-50 attendees, that they will be purchasing alcohol from an authorized distributor, and that the bartenders are TIPS certified.



The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

9. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Warehouse XI Music, to be held indoors at Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, on 6/6/2025, 6/13/2025, 6/19/2025, 6/20/2025, 6/23/2025, 6/27/2025, and 6/28/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000079)

Carrie Dahl, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this license is for the venue's live music shows, and that one of the dates is for a wedding. The applicant added that the alcohol would be purchased from an authorized vendor, that their bartenders are TIPS certified, and that each event will feature around 50 people.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

New
Common Victualer, Entertainment by Devices Indoors, and
Private Outdoor Dining License

10. Samay Warmipak LLC d/b/a Zaruma Gold Coffee, 37 Woodbine Street, requesting approval of a Common Victualer, Entertainment by Devices Indoors, and Private Outdoor Dining License.
Hours of operation (Indoor and Private Outdoor Seating):
Monday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 18
Private Outdoor Seats: 10
(AL24-000039)

Maria Tacuri, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application reflects a change in ownership for this business, which has been open for five years, but that no other changes are being made. The applicant continued that the business sells coffee from Ecuador, pastries, sandwiches, and cakes, and that the entertainment by devices license is for a speaker to play background music. Commissioner Thomas asked if the seating is wheelchair accessible, which the applicant confirmed.

Field Associate Aurora stated for the record that the outdoor dining plan is recommended for approval.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.



The Licensing Commission approved this New Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices License, and Private Outdoor Dining License on a voice vote.

**New
Common Victualer and
Entertainment by Performers Indoors License**

11. New Leaf Espresso LLC d/b/a New Leaf Espresso, 310 Highland Avenue, requesting approval of a Common Victualer and Entertainment by Performers Indoors License.
Hours of operation:
Monday-Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 15
(AL25-000001)

Andrew DeBenedictis, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is to add seating to an existing coffee bar that exists inside the Razors barbershop. The applicant further explained that the type of performances anticipated are from local singer-songwriters. Chair Lynch asked if the entrance to the barbershop is ADA compliant, and the applicant replied that it is not, which Field Associate Aurora confirmed. Manager Potere noted for the record that this application received all departmental approvals, including from ISD Building.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Performers License on a voice vote.

**Existing Common Victualer License
Alteration of Premises**

12. Pound House Concept LLC d/b/a Pound House Coffee, 703 Broadway, requesting approval for an Alteration of Indoor Premises.
Current Indoor Seats: 36
Proposed Indoor Seats: 12
(ALM24-000057, amending AL24-000006)

The applicant for this item did not appear; the Licensing Commission continued it to its June meeting.



Existing Common Victualer License
Change of Hours

13. HappyFaceEats LLC d/b/a Wicked Cafe, 199C Highland Avenue, requesting approval for Change of Hours.

Current Hours (Indoor and Public Parklet Seating):

Monday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours (Indoor and Public Parklet Seating):

Sunday-Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(ALM25-000013, amending AL23-000045)

Mike Alacron, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that they have been open for 18 months and would like to extend their hours to serve ice cream in the evenings. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Hours license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing Wine and Malt Alcohol License
Change of Category and Change of Hours

14. X&W PaPa Inc d/b/a Papa Sushi, 499 Broadway, requesting approval for a Change of Category from Wine and Malt to All Forms Alcohol License and Change of Hours.

Current Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

(ALM25-000010, amending AL22-000031)

Yi Xu, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that this change of category is intended to allow for increased business based on the sale of mixed drinks.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Category license amendment on a voice vote.



Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Manager and Change of Hours

15. Rebel Restaurants Somerville LLC d/b/a Tony C's Sports Bar and Grill, 699 Assembly Row, requesting approval for a Change of Manager and Change of Hours.
Current Manager: George C. Mugford
Proposed Manager: Christopher M. Lundsten
Current Hours:
Monday-Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Proposed Hours:
Monday-Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
(ALM25-000015, amending AL17-000101)

Attorney Kevin Coutier appeared before the Commission, along with Christopher Lundsten, the applicant, and stated that this application is to open one hour earlier on the weekends and replace their manager. The applicant stated they have 29 years of experience in the restaurant industry.

The Licensing Commission approved these Change of Hours and Change of Manager license amendments on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Manager

16. Colwen Management Inc d/b/a The Row Hotel, 360 Foley Street, requesting approval of a Change of Manager.
Current Manager: Carol Fitzgerald
Proposed Manager: Beth Osborne
(ALM25-000012, amending AL17-000300)

Attorney Kevin Butler appeared on behalf of the applicant, Beth Osborne, who was also present, and explained that the applicant has 10 years of experience in the hospitality industry and is TIPS certified. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant has experience in hotels that sell liquor, and the applicant replied that they do, both in Albany and Toronto.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.



Late Items

Special Alcohol Licenses

17. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Warehouse XI Music, to be held indoors at Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, on 5/30/2025, 5/31/2025, 6/1/2025, 6/3/2025, 6/4/2025, 6/7/2025, 6/8/2025, 6/9/2025, 6/14/2025, 6/15/2025, and 6/18/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000078)

Carrie Dahl, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this license is for the venue's live music shows, and that one of the dates is for a wedding. The applicant added that the alcohol would be purchased from an authorized vendor, that their bartenders are TIPS certified, and that each event will feature around 50 people.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

18. The Lawn Bar Inc., 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, from 5/21/2025 through 6/20/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000080)

Chris Damian, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and said that this is for the bar at VOLO and will be similar to what was hosted by Downeast Cider in past years. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant had any violations or infractions at their restaurants in the past five years, and the applicant replied they have not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Special Farmer Winery License

19. Pony Shack Cider, Inc. 31 Willow Road, Ayer, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for the Davis Square Farmer's Market, to be held outdoors at 44 Day Street, beginning on 5/21/2025 and ending on 11/26/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SFW25-000004)

Nathan McKinley, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is their application to serve cider at the Davis Square Farmer's Market.



The applicant further explained that they plan to participate in the market in November and may have the opportunity to do so earlier, and that is why specific days of the week are not being requested. Chair Lynch asked how long the applicant has been in business, who replied around 9 years.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License.

Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Hours

20. Premiere Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a The Public, 563 Broadway, requesting approval of a Change of Hours.

Current Hours to Serve Food Indoors:

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours to Serve Food Indoors:

Monday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Current Hours to Serve Alcohol Indoors:

Sunday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Proposed Hours to Serve Alcohol Indoors:

Sunday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thursday-Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

(ALM25-000011, amending AL23-000006)

Koryn Zammuto, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and made a correction to the application to clarify that their hours would be extended to 2:00 a.m. on both Friday and Saturday nights, as opposed to just Saturday as indicated on their initial application. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant has had any issues requiring police involvement, who replied that they needed to have a person removed for a disruption after losing a pool game, but otherwise they have not. Commissioner Thomas asked if the applicant has received any complaints from neighbors, who replied they have not, and that many of their neighbors are regular customers. The applicant added that they installed soundproofing when they built out the space to reduce the risk of noise complaints.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Hours license amendment, with the change that alcohol service will extend to 2:00 a.m. on both Fridays and Saturdays.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
June 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department; Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department; Niki Aurora – ADA Field Associate; Andrea Torres – Executive Secretary to the Licensing Commission.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 5/20/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

Special Alcohol Licenses

2. Portuguese American Civic League, 26 Springfield Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Annual Holy Spirit Feast, to be held indoors and outdoors at 26 Springfield Street, on 7/11/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., 7/12/2025 from 6:30 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., and 7/13/2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000082)



Applicant Joseph J. Vasconcelos appeared before the Commission and explained that this event has been taking place for 120 years. Chair Lynch asked if there will be any outdoor grilling, and the applicant stated no but that there would be a fire detail and police detail from Somerville and Cambridge. The applicant is expecting no more than 500 people across all three days of the event. Commissioner Allen asked if the alcohol would be purchased from an authorized source, and the applicant stated that alcohol would be purchased from an authorized source and that mixed drinks will only be allowed inside the premises. The applicant also stated that they will be using different color wristbands for each day of the feast.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

3. The Lawn Bar Inc, 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at 300 Assembly Row, from 6/20/2025 through 7/19/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000101)

Applicant Chris Damian appeared before the Commission and explained that the application is an extension for continuous operation of the alcohol service for The Lawn Bar. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

4. Groundwork Somerville Inc, 337 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Assembly Row Bar Stars, to be held outdoors at Block 3 Garage Roof, on 7/10/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with a rain date of 7/11/2025. (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000086)

Applicant John Spangenberg appeared before the Commission and explained that Groundwork is a nonprofit organization that is co-hosting the event with Federal Realty. Applicant Haley Suarez from Federal Realty, explained that this is the 9th year of the event. The applicant stated that part of the proceeds of event goes to the nonprofit organization Groundwork Somerville. The applicant stated that they have not requested a police detail in the past as they use a security detail from Federal Realty. However, they will be contacting Fire for a fire detail. The applicant is expecting 550 people at the event. Commissioner Allen questioned if people will have wristbands for those who consume alcohol. The applicant stated that there will be wristbands and that the event is over 21. IDs will also be checked before entering.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.



5. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Wedding of Rosario and Francisco, to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way, on 8/2/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000088)

Applicant Rosario Aguilar Tejada appeared before the Commission and explained that they will be serving whiskey and beer only. Those who will be consuming alcohol will wear a wristband. Commissioner Allen asked if the alcohol will be purchased from an authorized distributor, which the applicant confirmed and stated that there will be 140 guests at the event.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

6. Elizabeth Peabody House, 275 Broadway, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Winter Hill Community Festival, to be held indoors and outdoors at 275 Broadway, on 10/18/2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of 10/19/2025. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000090)

The applicant did not appear for this item. The Licensing Commission continued it to the July meeting by unanimous consent.

Special Farmer Winery License

7. Berkshire Mountain Distillers, 356 South Main Street, Sheffield, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Davis Square Farmer's Market, to be held outdoors at 44 Day Street, beginning every Wednesday on 6/17/2025 and ending 11/19/2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SFW25-000005)

Applicant William Winn appeared before the Commission and explained that the business has been a craft distiller since 2007. The Commissioners had no further questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License on a voice vote.



New
Common Victualer License

8. GXChange Cambridge, Inc. d/b/a Ginger Exchange & Bok Bok Chicken, 22 Highland Avenue, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.

Hours of Operation:

Sunday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 14

(AL25-000008)

Applicant Kenny Chan appeared before the Commission and explained that they are taking over the space that was formerly Highland Pizza. The applicant has been operating local restaurants for 14 years and found an opportunity to open in Somerville. The restaurant will be serving food such as sushi and Korean fried chicken. Commissioner Thomas questioned if the seating is ADA compliant, and the applicant stated that there is wheelchair access. The Commissioners had no further questions.

The Licensing Commission approved the New Common Victualer License on a voice vote.

9. Gerlys Ice Cream LLC d/b/a Gerly's Ice Cream, 415 Medford Street, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday: 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 15

(AL25-000009)

Applicant Gerly Adrien appeared before the Commission and explained that the business was formerly The Tipping Cow. There will be bench style seating in the establishment with 15 seats. The Commissioners had no further questions.

The Licensing Commission approved the New Common Victualer License on a voice vote.



New
Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License

10. Le Crepe Inc. d/b/a Le Café, 85 Broadway, requesting approval of a Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices License.

Hours of Operation:

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 12

(AL25-000005)

Applicant Victor Damasceno appeared before the Commission and explained that the correct address of the establishment is 91 Broadway. The applicant stated that the establishment would be a coffee shop. The applicant further stated that their business partner has 20 years of experience and there will be audio speakers for ambient music.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing,

The Licensing Commission approved the New Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Devices License on a voice vote.

11. Mission Hill Donuts LLC d/b/a Dunkin', 220 Broadway, requesting approval of a Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices License.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday: 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 22

(AL25-000011)

This is the Notice of a Public Hearing for this Item. The Public is welcome to attend and be heard.

Representative of Mission Hill Donuts, Nicole Sullivan, appeared before the Commission and explained that she is a project manager for the 59 stores across 20 towns. Commissioner Allen questioned if this was a change of ownership, and the applicant responded that it was indeed a change of ownership.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.



The Licensing Commission approved the New Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Devices License on a voice vote.

Existing Common Victualer License
Alteration of Indoor Premises

12. Pound House Concept LLC d/b/a Pound House Coffee, 703 Broadway, requesting approval for an Alteration of Indoor Premises.
Current Indoor Seats: 36
Proposed Indoor Seats: 12
(ALM24-000057, amending AL24-000006)

This item was continued from the May 20, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

Applicant Tuan Nguyen appeared before the Commission and explained that the number of seats need to be reduced to comply with the plumbing code.

Commissioner Thomas opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Commissioner Thomas closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved the Alteration of Indoor Premises license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing Common Victualer License
Alteration of Outdoor Premises

13. Los Tacos Hermanos LLC d/b/a Los Tacos Hermanos, 253 Washington Street, requesting approval for an Alteration of Outdoor Premises.
Proposed Outdoor Parklet Seats: 16
(ALM25-000009, amending AL24-000040)

Applicant Miguel Argueta appeared before the Commission to add outdoor parklet seating to the premises. The applicant stated that the patio would help increase business as other establishments in the vicinity also have outdoor dining.

Commissioner Allen asked which part of the schematic drawing of the outdoor seating belonged to Los Tacos Hermanos, and Field Associate Aurora confirmed that the floor plan to the left side depicted the outdoor premises for Los Tacos Hermanos. It was also confirmed that this is same floor plan used by a previous applicant.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There were being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.



The Licensing Commission approved this Outdoor Parklet Seating license amendment on a voice vote.

Transfer of License
All Forms Alcohol License-Private
New Common Victualer, Sunday Hours, and Outdoor Public Dining

14. CRG Redbones Somerville LLC d/b/a Redbones Barbecue, 55 Chester Street, requesting approval for a Transfer of a Private All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License from Ambisco Inc d/b/a Redbones Barbecue and a Common Victualer, Sunday Hours, and Public Outdoor Dining License.
Hours of Operation:
Monday: Closed
Sunday, Tuesday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Friday-Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Indoor Seats: 215
Private Outdoor Seats: 38
(AL25-000003)

Attorney Adam Barnosky appeared before the Commission and explained that this is a transfer application for the existing Redbones Barbecue, and that the only things changing about the business are the owner and the manager of the establishment. Attorney Barnosky also noted that the purchase includes the building itself. Chair Lynch asked if this is cash purchase or a license pledge, and Attorney Barnosky confirmed that it is a cash purchase.

Sasha Nisenbaum, the proposed manager, also appeared before the Commission and described his extensive experience in the Boston-area restaurant industry. Chair Lynch asked if the applicant received any disciplinary action from the state during the past five years, and the applicant replied they have not.

Field Associate Aurora stated for the record that the way the parklet is currently constructed no longer meets the city fire guidelines, and that although they may continue to operate it as constructed in 2025, it will need to be changed and in compliance prior to opening in 2026.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Transfer of Alcohol License and New Common Victualer License, Sunday Hours License, and Outdoor Public Parklet Seating License on a voice vote.



Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Alteration of Indoor and Outdoor Premises

15. Soba Ya LLC d/b/a Sugidama, 234 Elm Street, requesting approval for an Alteration of Indoor Premises and Public Outdoor Parklet Seating.

Current Indoor Seats: 52

Proposed Indoor Seats: 36

Proposed Public Parklet Seats: 16

(ALM25-000006, amending AL22-000010)

Applicant An Nguyen appeared before the Commission and explained that the establishment has been in business for 15 years. The applicant is adjusting their indoor seating to 36 and placing 16 seats on the parklet to comply with bathroom capacity restrictions.

Field Associate Aurora stated that the floor plan submitted is the same from last year and recommended it for approval.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Alteration of Indoor and Outdoor Premises license amendment on a voice vote.

16. Withdrawn.

Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Hours

17. K-Bok Korean Fried Chicken LLC d/b/a K-Bok Korean Fried Chicken, 249 Washington Street, requesting approval for a Change of Hours.

Current Hours:

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours:

Monday-Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

(ALM25-000017, amending AL24-000029)

Attorney Tyler Henseler appeared before the Commission and explained that the applicant is looking to satisfy a public demand for more late-night dining in the



area. Attorney Henseler also stated that increasing the hours would help offset a competitive disadvantage to other neighboring businesses that have similar closing hours.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Hours license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Officers/Directors

18. American Multi Cinema, Inc. d/b/a AMC Theatre Assembly Row 12, 395 Artisan Way, requesting approval for a Change of Officers.

Current Officers/Directors:

Adam Aron - President

Sean Goodman - CFO/Director

Daniel Ellis - Executive Vice President/Director

Kevin Connor - Secretary/Director

AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. – Owner

Proposed Officers/Directors:

Adam Aron - President

Sean Goodman - CFO/Director

Daniel Ellis - Executive Vice President/Director

Edwin Gladbach - Secretary/Vice President/Other Officer/Director

AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. - Owner

(ALM25-000019, amending AL17-000096)

Applicant Breanna Bergsma appeared before the Commission and explained that Kevin Connor, the previous Secretary/Director, retired and that Edwin Gladbeck took his place on March 14, 2025. The Commissioners asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Officers/Directors license amendment on a voice vote.



Late Items

Existing Alcohol License

Change of DBA Name, Change of Manager, and Pledge of License

19. Carlos and Mike Inc. d/b/a The Cornerstone, 282 Beacon Street, requesting approval for a Change of DBA Name, Change of Manager, and Pledge of License.

Current DBA Name: The Cornerstone

Proposed DBA Name: Bonanza Bites & Cocktails

Current Manager: David Oshima

Proposed Manager: Wilson J. Garcia-Andrade

(ALM25-000007 and ALM25-000016, amending AL17-000040)

Attorney Tyler Henseler appeared before the Commission and explained these changes reflect an overall rebranding of this establishment. Attorney Henseler continued that the applicant for manager is familiar with state and local rules, and has experience as the manager of an alcohol license at a restaurant in Boston.

Applicant Wilson Garcia-Andrade also appeared before the Commission and further explained that the establishment is currently closed and undergoing renovations, and that its new concept will feature small plates and cocktails.

Chair Lynch asked if the applicant has had any disciplinary actions against them in the state during the past five years, and the applicant replied that they have not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of DBA Name and Change of Manager license amendment and Pledge of License on a voice vote.

Existing Alcohol License

Change of DBA Name

20. Atelier PRB, LLC d/b/a PRB Boulangerie, 120 Beacon Street, requesting approval for a Change of DBA Name.

Current DBA Name: PRB Boulangerie

Proposed DBA Name: Café Saint Germain

(ALM25-000020, amending AL24-000040)

Commissioner Allen recused himself from the vote of this application as an abutter.

Applicant Loic Le Garrec appeared before the Commission and explained that they changed their concept from a full-service bakery to a bistro. The applicant stated that the business has been open for 3 years.



The Licensing Commission approved this Change of DBA Name license amendment on a voice vote.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
July 15, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Remote Participation**

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department;
Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department; Lieutenant Diogo DeOliveira – Police Department.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Regular Licensing Commission Meeting of 6/17/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

2. Communication from Commissioner Lynch, in his capacity as Chair, that the September 16, 2025, Licensing Commission meeting will be held via remote participation only.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

3. Communication from Police Lieutenant Diogo DeOliveira regarding complaints received about H and P Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway (AL24-000025).



Lieutenant DeOliveira explained to the Commission that since the ownership and operational management of this establishment changed in January 2025, the Police Department has received 62 calls to the licensee's address. These calls included one for an alleged shooting on April 27, 2025 involving patrons who left the establishment, as well as numerous others for noise disturbances and fights, all of which are happening late at night on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Most recently, the Police issued two noise citations to the licensee during this past weekend, on Saturday, July 12 and Sunday, July 13. Lt. DeOliveira continued that patrol officers have also observed instances where around 100 people were lined up outside the establishment to attend events that were advertised on social media. Lt. DeOliveira noted for the record that, due to the high number of issues and calls related to this licensee's establishment, patrol officers have needed to park outside and simply wait for something to happen, which takes resources away from policing other parts of the city. Finally, Lt. DeOliveira stated that the licensee's neighbors have been complaining about noise from this establishment with more frequency, and that local political officials have become involved as well.

Chair Lynch asked Manager Potere to confirm the licensee's closing hours, who stated they are 1:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 2:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Manager Potere further clarified that the 2:00 a.m. service license was carried over from the previous owner of the establishment, who had not received previous complaints regarding crowds or noise. Manager Potere also stated that they do not have an Entertainment by Patrons license, which is required to operate a dance floor. Chair Lynch asked for the name of the alcohol manager of record, and Manager Potere replied the manager on their license is Rony Figueroa.

Chair Lynch asked if their license contains conditions that require a security detail, and Manager Potere replied that their license was granted and issued without condition.

Chair Lynch asked for comments from the other Commissioners. Commissioner Allen stated for the record that if an applicant came before the Commission requesting a 2AM alcohol service license amendment and they had the same record as this licensee, that he would recommend rejecting the application, and that amending the hours and the entertainment licenses for this establishment might be appropriate here. Commissioner Thomas stated for the record that he would like to hear from the licensee before making a decision.

Chair Lynch stated that this number of calls and complaints for this establishment is much higher than with the city's other licensees, and recommended that the licensee appear for a Show Cause hearing, and that a Special Meeting should take place in



advance of the regularly scheduled Licensing Commission meeting to be held in August.

Chair Lynch moved to hold a Special Meeting of the Licensing Commission before the next regularly scheduled meeting on August 19, 2025. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a voice vote.

Chair Lynch moved to call the licensee, H and P Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway (AL24-000025), before the Commission during a Special Meeting to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, 2AM Closing License, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices and Performers License, and 10AM Sunday License should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages made be reduced for alleged violations of the Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a voice vote.

4. The Catered Affair, P.O. Box 432 Hingham, MA notifying the Commission of an Event for Berkshire Partners for approximately 175 Guests, to be held at 598 Assembly Row, on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcoholic Beverages served by The Catered Affair).

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

Special Alcohol Licenses

5. Elizabeth Peabody House, 275 Broadway, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Winter Hill Community Festival, to be held indoors and outdoors at 275 Broadway, on 10/18/2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of 10/19/2025. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000090)

Continued from the June 17, 2025, Licensing Commission meeting.

The applicant did not appear for this item. The Licensing Commission continued it to the August meeting by unanimous consent and noted for the record that failure to appear for a third time may result in the application being rejected.



6. The Somerville Foundation, 5 Thorndike Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Davis Square Community Event, to be held outdoors at the Day Street parking lot on 9/4/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with rain dates of 9/5/2025 and 9/7/2025 (Alcohol Service).
(PEL25-000102)

Applicant Greg Nadeau appeared before the Commission and explained that this event will take place in the Day Street parking lot and that alcohol service would be conducted in an area that is separated from the main area with green tape, that IDs would be checked for everyone who enters the area, and that those over 21 would be issued wristbands. Commissioner Thomas asked if there were any issues with alcohol service when this event occurred in the past, and the applicant stated there were not.

Captain Richardson asked if there would be open-flame grilling at this event, and the applicant replied that they did not yet know. Captain Richardson stated that if any open-flame grills are to be used, that the Fire Department should be alerted.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

7. The Lawn Bar Inc, 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at 300 Assembly Row, from 7/20/2025 through 8/18/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000003)

Applicant Emily Harding appeared before the Commission and explained that they have been a general manager for their company for 11 years and a beverage manager for six years. Commissioner Thomas asked if their alcohol was being purchased from an approved vendor, which the applicant confirmed.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.



New
Common Victualer Licenses

8. Cava Mezze Grill LLC d/b/a Cava, 330 Foley Street, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday: 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 36

(AL25-000012)

Applicant Marcus Carter appeared before the Commission and explained their concept is Mediterranean food with a Greek focus, including a mix of salads, grains, proteins, and a variety of toppings. Commissioner Thomas asked if their floor plan and layout is ADA accessible, which the applicant confirmed. Chair Lynch asked if the applicant is considering an alcohol license, and the applicant replied that alcohol is not an anticipated part of their business plan.

The Licensing Commission approved the New Common Victualer License on a voice vote.

9. Somerville Pie Company Inc d/b/a Domino's Pizza, 201 Elm Street, requesting approval of a Common Victualer License.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday: 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Indoor Seats: 22

(AL25-000014)

Applicant Yunus Karakus appeared before the Commission and stated that they are a current Domino's Pizza franchisee with 19 existing locations throughout the area, and that this would be their first in Somerville, replacing the ownership of an existing Domino's Pizza in Somerville.

The Licensing Commission approved the New Common Victualer License on a voice vote.



Existing Common Victualer License
Adding Entertainment by Devices Indoors

10. Los Tacos Hermanos LLC d/b/a Los Tacos Hermanos, 253 Washington Street, requesting approval of Indoor Entertainment by Devices License.
(ALM25-000021, amending AL24-000040)

Applicant Miguel Argueta appeared before the Commission and explained that this license is to add background music and television service for their restaurant, and that they would not be using it for performances or for any other loud music.

Commissioner Allen opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Commissioner Allen closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved the Entertainment by Devices license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing Alcohol License
Change of Category

11. EAD Entertainment LLC d/b/a Muse Paintbar, 461 Artisan Way, requesting approval of a Change of Category from Wine and Malt to All Forms Alcohol License.
(ALM25-000018, amending AL20-000008)

Applicant Andria DePillo appeared before the Commission and stated that this change of category is to add pre-designed cocktails to their wine and malt menu. Commissioner Allen asked if they have had any issues with their current license, and the applicant replied they have not, adding that all of their servers are TIPS certified. Chair Lynch asked how long they have been operating their wine and malt license, and the application replied about six years, and that they're in the process of renewing their lease.

Commissioner Allen opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Commissioner Allen closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved the Change of Category license amendment on a voice vote.



Late Item

Special Alcohol License

12. Warehouse XI, 11 Sanborn Court, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Warehouse Xi Music, to be held indoors at 11 Sanborn Court, from 7/18/2025 through 7/22/2025, 7/24/2025 through 7/28/2025, 7/31/2025, 8/1/2025, 8/2/2025, 8/5/2025, 8/7/2025, 8/9/2025, 8/14/2025 through 8/17/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000004)

Applicant Peggy Morrissey appeared before the Commission and explained that these dates reflect small concerts for local independent artists, with one disco event. Commissioner Allen confirmed with the applicant that their servers remain TIPS certified.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Special Meeting by Remote Participation

**Tuesday
July 29, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Remote Participation**

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department;
Lieutenant Diogo DeOliveira – Police Department.

Violations

1. Hearing for H and P Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway, AL24-000025, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138 §§ 23 and 64, to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, 2AM Closing License, Common Victualer License, Outdoor Public Seating License, 10AM Sunday Opening License, and Entertainment by Devices and Performers Licenses should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages be reduced, for alleged violations of the following Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(a) –

It shall be the obligation of licensees to ensure that a high degree of supervision is exercised over the conduct of the licensed establishment at all times. Each licensee will be held accountable for all violations that are related to the licensed premises to determine whether or not the licensee acted properly in the given circumstances.



Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(e) –

When any noise, disturbance, misconduct, disorder, act or activity occurs in the licensed premises, or in the area in front of or adjacent to the licensed premises, or in any parking lot provided by the licensee for the use of its patrons, which in the judgment of the Commission adversely affects the protection, health, welfare, safety or repose of the residents of the area in which the licensed premises are located, or results in the licensed premises becoming the focal point for police attention, or is offensive to public decency, the licensee may be held in violation of the license and subject to proceedings for suspension, revocation or modification of the license.

Rony Figueroa, the licensee’s manager of record, and Michael Herrera, a representative, appeared before the Commission. Chair Lynch began by reading into the record the alleged violations of the Licensing Commission Rules. Representative Herrera responded by stating that they understood why they were appearing before the Commission and confirming that they received the certified letter regarding this show cause hearing. Chair Lynch also asked the licensee if they were aware of the discussion that took place regarding this license during the July 15, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting, and Representative Herrera confirmed that they were in attendance during that meeting and understood what was stated on the record by the Commissioners and Lieutenant (Lt.) DeOliveira.

Chair Lynch stated that the licensee was granted several licenses by the Commission during its October 2024 meeting, among them being a license to serve alcohol until 2AM on Fridays and Saturdays, and that this 2AM license was issued because the application was a transfer and the previous owners operated that license without issue or complaint for several years.

Commissioner Allen asked what measures have been taken to manage noise in response to complaints, and Representative Herrera replied that they listened to the Commissioners during the July 15 meeting and in the weeks since have reduced the volume of the music being played at their establishment, and that they have not received any complaints during that time. Commissioner Allen asked what measures were being taken to ensure crowds of people waiting to enter the establishment are not creating disturbances, and Representative Herrera replied that business has been slower recently, and that a security guard is typically stationed outside the establishment for crowd monitoring and control. Commissioner Allen asked about instances where patrons have been alleged to cause fights or other disturbances and whether they keep a list of patrons who should not be admitted to the establishment, and Representative Herrera replied that they do keep a list of patrons who would be denied admission and that security is aware of that list when stationed at the door.



Commissioner Thomas asked what the licensee thinks are the issues with their management of their license, and Representative Herrera replied that noise has been one issue, and that they have since installed sound-absorbing padding to their walls and insulated their windows in an attempt to reduce the impact of music to neighbors. Representative Herrera added that they have also reduced the number of speakers in the establishment for the same reason.

Chair Lynch stated for the record that the Police have received 62 calls to this licensee's establishment since they took it over and began operation in January, and that a majority of those calls happen late at night and on the weekends. Chair Lynch also stated that many of the calls appear related to intoxicated patrons who have been overserved alcohol and reminded the licensee that any incidents caused by an intoxicated person leaving their establishment are the licensee's responsibility.

Manager Figueroa replied that they appreciate the Commissioner's concerns and agree that the number of police calls to their address has been unacceptable. Manager Figueroa continued that they have been more carefully and actively monitoring crowd size and the number of patrons they allow to enter the establishment, and that they go over all police calls with their employees to make sure everyone understands what happened. Manager Figueroa also offered to put together a plan of action and submit it to the Commission. Chair Lynch asked if the manager of record is in the establishment every weekend, and Manager Figueroa stated that they are not. Chair Lynch asked if the manager of record keeps a log of police calls, which Manager Figueroa confirmed. Chair Lynch asked if they have security cameras in the establishment, and Representative Herrera replied that they do have around 13 cameras. Chair Lynch asked how many security guards are present on the weekends, and Representative Herrera replied four, two inside and two outside, that they stay on the premises until around 2:00 a.m., and that they ask crowds to disperse if they see anyone present outside once the establishment has closed. Representative Herrera added that they would be willing to hire a police detail as well to cover crowds during those nights of the week. Commissioner Allen asked if the manager of record has kept notes regarding instances where police have been called to their establishment multiple times in one day, and Manager Figueroa stated they do not.

Chair Lynch asked what it means when a police call is reported for a "liquor violation," and Lt. DeOliveira stated that the label is applied just to mean that the establishment serves liquor, and not that the violation is related to alcohol service.

Commissioner Allen noted for the record that the licensee has a 2AM license, but that if a business with the licensee's track record applied for a 2AM license, they would not receive one, and therefore recommended removing it. Commissioner Thomas agreed, and further stated his concern is largely related to the noise in the



licensee's densely populated neighborhood. Chair Lynch agreed with the Commissioners regarding removing the licensee's 2AM service license and requesting a police detail for Friday and Saturday nights.

Chair Lynch proposed four motions for discussion: (1) revoke the licensee's 2AM License to serve alcohol and allow service until 1:00 a.m. only; (2) suspend the licensee's Entertainment by Devices License and Entertainment by Performers License, held in abeyance until October 31, 2025; and (3) amend the licensee's food and alcohol service hours to 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., held in abeyance until October 31, 2025; and (4) require the licensee to request a police detail on Friday and Saturday nights from August 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025. Chair Lynch clarified that "held in abeyance" means that, by way of example, more complaints, calls to the Police Department, fights, or firearms possession could result in the implementation of these disciplinary recommendations, and further clarified that what constitutes a triggering event will be determined in conjunction with the Police Department at the time an incident is reported.

Commissioner Allen expressed agreement with the proposed motions, and stated that the licensee should have taken action to correct based on the early calls to the police and not waited until disciplinary action by the Commission became necessary. Commissioner Thomas expressed agreement with the first motion, but not for the second or third motion, and stated that the licensee's responses to the Commission's questions make it seem like they do not have a firm grasp on how to coordinate their nightly operations, and further that it seems likely that they will be back before the Commission in the future. Lt. DeOliveira asked if the licensee held an Entertainment by Patrons License, and Manager Figueroa explained that they do not, and that although they do not have a dance floor, some patrons may occasionally dance to the music being played.

Chair Lynch moved to amend this license, AL24-000025, by revoking its 2AM License and changing its operating hours to end at 1:00 a.m., seven days per week. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a voice vote.

Chair Lynch moved to amend this license, AL24-000025, by suspending its Entertainment by Devices License and Entertainment by Performers Licenses, held in abeyance until October 31, 2025. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a voice vote.

Chair Lynch moved to amend this license, AL24-000025, by changing its operating hours to 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., seven days per week, held in abeyance until October 31, 2025. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a voice vote.



Chair Lynch moved to amend this license, AL24-000025, by requiring the licensee to request a police detail between the hours of 11:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday nights from August 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025. Chair Lynch stated for the record that if the licensee requests a police detail but one is not available, they will have satisfied this condition. The Licensing Commission approved this motion on a voice vote.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
August 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

City Council Chamber and Remote Participation

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Captain Darrell Richardson – Fire Department;
Lieutenant Diogo DeOliveira – Police Department.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 7/15/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

2. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Special Meeting of 7/29/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

3. Communication from the Licensing Operations Manager regarding Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (“ABCC”) Advisory on the update to M.G.L. c. 138, § 12D. If accepted by a municipality, M.G.L. c. 138, § 12D will allow current wine and malt beverages license holders to apply to convert to a non-transferable all forms alcohol license.



Manager Potere explained that this change in the law at the state level allows municipalities to adopt a change to their ordinances to permit the holder of a wine and malt alcohol service license to apply to convert it to an all forms alcohol service license. Manager Potere continued that the city’s overall alcohol license cap would not increase, and instead that any converted licenses would remove one wine and malt license and add one all forms license. Chair Lynch asked if there are any fees involved in the conversion, and Manager Potere replied there would be a \$200 fee payable to the city, and a \$200 fee payable to the ABCC. Commissioner Thomas asked if this applies to package stores as well, and Manager Potere replied that it only applies to restaurants with on-site alcohol service.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

4. Communication from the Licensing Operations Manager requesting a recommendation from the Commission to the City Council regarding acceptance of M.G.L. c. 138, § 12D.

The Licensing Commission recommended that the City Council formally accept M.G.L. c. 138, § 12D on a voice vote.

Special Alcohol Licenses

5. Elizabeth Peabody House, 275 Broadway, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Winter Hill Community Festival, to be held indoors and outdoors at 275 Broadway, on 10/18/2025 from 11:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m. with a rain date of 10/19/2025. (Alcohol Service). (PEL25-000090)

Continued from the June 17, 2025 and July 15, 2025, Licensing Commission meetings.

Matthew Caughey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this application is for Hill Brewing Company to serve beer at its upcoming fall event. Chair Lynch asked if this event will use public property, and the applicant confirmed that it will and that they have submitted a Public Event License application. Chair Lynch asked how many people would be in attendance, and the applicant replied 600. Lieutenant DeOliveira stated in response that the applicant should request a police detail of two officers for this event due to its size. Commissioner Thomas asked if Winter Hill would be checking IDs, which the applicant confirmed.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.



6. The Lawn Bar Inc., 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at 300 Assembly Row, from 8/19/2025 through 9/17/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000007)

Jillian DiAngelis, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this is a continuation of operation for the Lawn Bar at Club Volo. Chair Lynch asked if the applicant is planning to operate through October, which they confirmed.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

7. Yardwork Productions, 321 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Malt Only) for Ratchella, to be held outdoors at 321 Washington Street, on 8/23/2025 and 8/24/2025 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000008)

Emma Caviness and Corey Camara, the applicants, appeared before the Commission and stated this event will be a small festival with 14 bands playing during the course of the weekend, that the music will occur from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., that they will adhere to the noise ordinance, and that it will be a ticketed event taking place on private property. Commissioner Thomas asked how they will verify age, and the applicant replied that they will be checking IDs at the door, and those over the age of 21 will receive wristbands. Chair Lynch asked who would be supplying the alcohol, the applicant replied Burke Distributing Corp., which Manager Potere confirmed is on the list of ABCC authorized distributors.

The applicant noted that one of their community partners is the Somerville Media Center, who will be training some of their volunteers in setting up the sound technology, and Chair Lynch stated for the record that this involvement was not sufficient to warrant his recusal from this item as the President of the Board of Directors for the Media Center.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

8. Indignant Brewing Co. LLC, 328 Broadway, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Winter Hill Brewing at the G'25 Gilman Square Arts and Music Festival, to be held outdoors at 243 Pearl Street, on 9/13/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a raindate of 9/14/2025. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000005)

Breck Bailey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this is the 7th or 8th time that they are participating in this block party hosted by the



Gilman Neighborhood Association. Commissioner Thomas asked if the applicant has had any issued with alcohol service at this event in the past, who replied they have not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

9. Somerville Historical Society, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine Only) for Barcode Journeys Opening Reception, to be held indoors at 1 Westwood Road, on 9/18/2025 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000006)

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this event will celebrate the opening of a new exhibition at the Somerville Museum featuring bar codes and the intersection of humans and technology. Chair Lynch noted for the record that the Somerville Museum has hosted numerous similar events without issue.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

10. Warehouse XI, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for WXI Live Music, to be held indoors at 255 Washington Street, on 9/5/2025 through 9/7/2025, 9/9/2025 through 9/11/2025, 9/16/2025, 9/18/2025, 9/20/2025, 9/21/2025, 9/22/2025, and 9/24/2025 through 9/26/2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000009)

Peggy Morrissey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is a continuation of Warehouse XI's live music events and that they expect to have around 40 people attend each event.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.



11. Warehouse XI, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Wine Dinner with Entertainment, to be held indoors and outdoors at 255 Washington Street, on 9/27/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service). (SAL25-000010)

Peggy Morrissey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this will be a wine dinner with outdoor grilling and entertainment. Captain Richardson stated that a grilling permit is necessary for this event, that the application was submitted but the fee has not been paid, and that once payment is received the permit will be issued.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Existing Wine and Malt License
Change of Officers/Directors and Change of Ownership

12. Shake Shack Massachusetts LLC d/b/a Shake Shack, 355 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Change of Officers/Directors and Change of Ownership.

Current Officers/Directors:

Randall Garutti, LLC Manager

Zach Koff, COO and Manager

Tara Comonte, President and CFO

Proposed Officers/Directors:

Robert Lynch, LLC Manager and Authorized Signatory

Stephanie Sentell, LLC Manager and Authorized Signatory

Katherine Fogerty, LLC Manager and Authorized Signatory

(ALM25-000024, amending AL21-000015)

Nicholas Bolio, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated this request reflects a change in corporate officers and ownership, but that otherwise the day-to-day operation of the business is not changing. Chair Lynch stated for the record that this item appears to be a straightforward transaction, and asked no additional questions.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Officers/Directors and Change of Ownership license amendment on a voice vote.



Existing All Forms Alcohol License
Change of Hours

13. Zo Assembly Inc d/b/a Zo Greek, 355 Revolution Drive, requesting approval of a Change of Hours.

Current Hours (Indoor and Outdoor Food and Alcohol Service):

Monday-Sunday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours (Indoor and Outdoor Food Service):

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday-Sunday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Proposed Hours (Indoor and Outdoor Alcohol Service):

Monday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

(ALM25-000026, amending AL17-000299)

David Franucci and Elias Tembelopoulos, the applicants, appeared before the Commission and explained this requested change of hours was to allow them to open earlier to serve brunch. Chair Lynch asked how long the applicant has been in business, who replied nine years.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Hours license amendment on a voice vote.

Transfer of License
All Forms Package Store License
New License
Sunday Hours License

14. Jaswant Nathji Corp. d/b/a Jerry's Liquors, 329 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a transfer of an All Forms Package Store License and Sunday Hours License from Pico Liquors Inc. d/b/a Jerry's Liquors.

Hours of operation:

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

(AL25-000018)

Attorney Alexandra Bourgeois appeared on behalf of Antimkumar G. Parikh, the applicant, and explained that the applicant is purchasing all of the business assets, including inventory, and that the applicants have been in Somerville at an existing business, Get N Go, for 14 years. Attorney Bourgeois continued that the applicant



has never had a violation, and that they would like to add a 10AM Sunday Hours License to this establishment, which the previous owners did not have. Attorney Bourgeois added that the applicant will make some changes in the store to add variety to what they sell to expand beyond just alcohol sales. Chair Lynch asked if the applicant have other alcohol licenses, and Attorney Bourgeois replied the applicant and their business partners each have two or three.

The Licensing Commission approved this Transfer of an All Forms Package Store License and New Sunday Hours License.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday
September 16, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Remote Participation ONLY**

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:00 p.m. and adjourned at 7:30 p.m. on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

The Licensing Commission entered into recess at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:25 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Andrea Torres – Executive Secretary to the Licensing Commission; Lieutenant Francis Otting – Fire Department; John Doyle – Assistant City Clerk, Patricia Tenorio – Economic Development

Communications

1. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 8/19/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

Special Alcohol Licenses

2. The Lawn Bar Inc., 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at 300 Assembly Row, from 9/18/2025 through 10/17/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).



(SAL25-000012)

Applicant, Monica Rodriguez, appeared before the Commission. Chair Lynch asked if this event will continue to the end of October. The applicant explained that the event will continue to the end of November weather permitting. Commissioner Allen asked if there has been any issues with the event. The applicant responded that there has been no problems.

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

3. Fox Club, 44 JFK Street, Cambridge, requesting approval of Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Fox Club Fall Formal 2025, to be held indoors and outdoors at 255 Washington Street (Warehouse XI), on 10/16/2025 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000013)

Applicant, Westin Lewin, appeared before the Commission and explained that Fox Club is a social organization at Harvard University. This event has taken place several times in the past. Commission Allen asked if this is a private event and if they will be purchasing the alcohol from an authorized distributor. The applicant stated that the event is private, all attendees will be over 21, and the alcohol will be purchased from an authorized distributor. Chair Lynch asked how many attendees will be expected at the event. The applicant stated that 200 people will be in attendance. Chair Lynch also asked where the alcohol will be purchased. The applicant stated that they have not determined which distributor they will purchase the alcohol. Chair Lynch asked if Mr. Amaral will be providing staffing for the event. The applicant confirmed this information.

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

4. Winter Hill Brewing, 328 Broadway, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for East Somerville Main Streets Halloween Block Party, to be held outdoors on Cross Street (adjacent to Chuckie Harris Park), on 10/25/2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000014)

Chair Lynch asked if the block party permit has been issued to East Somerville Main Streets. The applicant, Lindsay Allen, stated that the permit has been submitted and that about 400 people will be present. Chair Lynch asked if there would be any open flame. The applicant stated that there will be two food vendors but no open flame. Commissioner Allen asked if the area where the beverages will



be served be blocked off. The applicant, Breck Bailey, stated that they will be using wristbands. Commissioner Thomas asked if there will be accommodations for accessibility. The applicant, Lindsay Allen, stated that there are accessible restrooms in Connections and Lotus Express allows attendees to use their restrooms.

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

5. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Baile Mix Retro, to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way, on 10/25/2025 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000011)

Applicant, Deivid Nicodemos, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is an indoor event expecting around 300 people. Chair Lynch asked where the liquor would be purchased from. The applicant stated the alcohol will be purchased from Total Wine and the bartender is TIPS certified.

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

New Common Victualer Licenses

6. 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)

After several attempts to connect the applicant to the Zoom meeting, this item was continued to a special meeting at a later date.

7. Scoopino Inc. d/b/a Scoopino, 286 Broadway, requesting approval of a common victualer license.
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Indoor seats: 36
(AL25-000021)



Applicant, Emaeldine Derebala, stated that he has been in business for over 30 years with multiple restaurant locations in Somerville. The café will serve imported desserts, coffee, and ice cream. No cooking will occur on site. Commission Allen asked if any of the applicant’s other businesses serve alcohol. The applicant stated that the businesses only have common victualer licenses. Commissioner Thomas asked about the ADA seating in the establishment. The applicant explained that there will be a long bench with removable seating. The applicant also stated that the location has been vacant for 6 years.

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

8. **Hearth and Hug Bakery LLC d/b/a Hearth and Hug Bakery, 349 Highland Avenue, requesting approval of a common victualer license.**
Hours of Operation:
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Indoor seats: 6
(AL25-000024)

Applicant, Natalie Hug, stated that the business will be serving pastries, croissants, muffins, cookies, dessert and coffee. Lieutenant Otting stated that the building permits have not been issued and as part of the bakery operations a kitchen suppression system is necessary.

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

New
Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices Indoors

9. **La Cosecha Corp d/b/a La Cosecha, 85B Broadway, requesting approval of a common victualer and entertainment by devices indoor license.**
Hours of Operation:
Sunday-Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 7
(AL25-000013)



Applicant, Diana Hincapie, appeared before the Commission and explained that the entertainment by devices is for 1 television. Chair Lynch asked if this is the applicant's first restaurant. The applicant stated that this was indeed their first restaurant.

Lieutenant Otting spoke about the absence of approval regarding fire permitting and the building permit. The Lieutenant stated that she has been in communication with Patricia Tenorio, Small Business Liaison in the Economic Development Department to have the outstanding items resolved. Lieutenant has tried several times to contact the applicant to address the outstanding issues.

Lindsay Allen from East Somerville Main Streets stated that someone in her office will be in contact to assist Diana in contacting the various departments. Lindsay also confirmed that the outdoor seating from the previous owners has been removed.

Patricia Tenorio stated that the business is already open and that this is a change of ownership, and stated that although the business address is 85B, the building is part of a plaza. Liaison Tenorio stated that the new owners will not proceed with the outdoor seating.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

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

10. Juice Joint LLC d/b/a Tropical Smoothie Cafe, 22 McGrath Highway, requesting approval of a common victualer and entertainment by devices indoor license.
Hours of Operation:
Monday-Sunday: 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 30
(AL25-000015)

Attorney, Adam Dash, appeared before the Commission and explained that Juice Joint LLC received a special permit to operate as a café at this location. Attorney Dash stated that the business will be selling smoothies, salads, bowls, and wraps. Attorney Dash explained that there will not be an outdoor seating and the entertainment will be for recorded music playing on 4 speakers.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.



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

11. Beni Inc. d/b/a Mint Indian Eatery, 868 Broadway, requesting approval of a common victualer and entertainment by devices indoor license.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Indoor Seats: 18

(AL25-000020)

Applicant, Rajesh Thapa, appeared before the Commission and explained this is an existing restaurant that they will be taking ownership of. The applicant stated that he has been in the restaurant business for over 10 years working in various positions in different restaurants. The applicant stated that they would like to request hours of operation until 4am. Chair Lynch advised to speak with the City Councilor of the ward regarding the extended hours.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices Licenses on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

12. Leone's Donut Shop Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, 74 Middlesex Avenue, requesting approval of a common victualer and entertainment by devices indoor license.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday: 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 16

(AL25-000022)

Applicant, Thomas Leone, appeared before the Commission and explained that he owns 2 Dunkin Donuts located in Stop and Shop and Speedway gas station. Chair Lynch asked if the 5:00 a.m. opening requires a special permit. Administrative Assistant Andrea Torres stated that an extended operating hours are for businesses that operate before 5:00 a.m.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices Licenses on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

New



All Forms 7-Day Restaurant License
Common Victualer License

13. JSP Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Edamame Spicy, 499 Broadway, requesting approval of an all forms alcohol 7-day restaurant license and common victualer license.
Hours of operation: Indoor (Food and Alcohol Service)
Monday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Indoor Seats: 44
(AL25-000023)

Applicant, Kaien Huang, appeared before the Commission and stated that he will be taking over operations of what was formerly Papa Sushi. Chair Lynch asked what the timeline is for opening. The applicant stated that they plan to open next month. Chair Lynch asked if there would be any entertainment indoors. The applicant stated that there will be speakers. Chair Lynch stated that the applicant did not apply for the entertainment by devices and should not have it on the premises. The applicant stated that he would remove the speakers. Commission Allen asked if they have managed a liquor license before and if he is TIPS certified. The applicant stated that he has not had an alcohol license before and he is not TIPS certified. Commissioner Allen stated that the applicant should be familiar with the TIPS certified training. Commissioner Thomas asked if he is the owner on record. The applicant stated he is the owner.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this 7-day All Forms Alcohol Restaurant and Common Victualer license on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

Existing All Forms Package Store License
Alteration of Premises

14. Jaswant Nathji Corp. d/b/a Jerry's Liquors, 329 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of an alteration of premises.
Current Square Footage: 3,300
Proposed Square Footage: 5,228
(AL25-000018)

Attorney Alexandra Bourgeois appeared before the Commission and explained that the applicant is looking to maximize the retail space on the first floor. The basement



would continue to be used as storage. Commissioner Thomas asked if refrigerators be moved to open the space. Attorney Bourgeois stated that the modification to the space would be to add shelving, however, there would be no structural changes.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Alteration of Premises on a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

Existing Wine and Malt Restaurant License
Change of Ownership Interest

15. Shake Shack Massachusetts LLC d/b/a Shake Shack, 355 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a change of ownership interest.
See attached amendment structure in the meeting materials.
(ALM25-000024, amending AL21-000015)

Chair Lynch explained that this item was previously approved on the last Licensing Commission meeting. This is an administrative item to hold the public hearing.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Ownership Interest of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Entertainment by Performers

16. New England Neapolitan Assembly Row LLC d/b/a Salt and Stone, 463 Assembly Row, requesting approval to add entertainment by performers.
(ALM25-000025, amending AL18-000001)

Applicant, Sean Olson, appeared before the Commission and explained that the entertainment would be for Saturday and Sunday performances. The applicant explained the music would be amplified and would allow flexibility if constituents would like to buyout the restaurant for events. The applicant stated that they may need to apply for entertainment by patrons.



Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Entertainment by Performers by a roll call vote of 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 opposed.

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of Manager

17. Atelier PRB LLC d/b/a Café Saint Germain, 120 Beacon Street, requesting approval for change of manager.
Current Manager: Luke LeGarrec
Proposed Manager: Loic LeGarrec
(ALM25-000027, amending AL24-000007)

Attorney Tyler Henseler appeared before the Commission and explained that the applicant is familiar with the rules and regulations and has experience as a restaurateur in surrounding cities.

Commissioner Allen recused himself from the vote as an abutter.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager on a roll call vote of 2 in favor (Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed, 1 recused (Allen).

Late Item

18. Warehouse XI, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of Special Alcohol License (Malt Only) for WXI Music, to be held indoors at 255 Washington Street on 10/2/2025, 10/9/2025, 10/10/2025, 10/12/2025, 10/15/2025, 10/16/2025, 10/18/2025, 10/19/2025, 10/24/2025, 10/25/2025, 10/26/2025, 10/29/2025 and 10/31/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000015)

Applicant, Margaret Morrissey, appeared before the Commission and explained that bands will be playing at Warehouse XI. The applicant stated that the application should reflect Wine and Malt for alcohol service. Commissioner Allen asked if there wristbanding or have IDs checked at the door. The applicant stated that IDs would be checked at the door and the bartenders would be TIPS certified. Commissioner Thomas asked if this is a festival. The applicant stated that a promoter of the band organizes these events.



Lieutenant Otting stated that the applicant will need to hire a third-party company to perform sprinkler testing in the building. The applicant stated that the landlord performs this testing every year and she will pass long the report to Lieutenant Otting.

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



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Special Meeting Agenda

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

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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



servicing Caribbean food, and that they are currently servicing 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.



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Regular Meeting Agenda

**Tuesday
October 21, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Remote Participation ONLY**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Lieutenant Francis Otting – Fire Department;
Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 9/16/2025.

The Licensing Commission accepted the minutes on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

2. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Special Meeting of 9/23/2025.

The Licensing Commission accepted the minutes on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

3. Communication from Commissioner Lynch in his capacity as Chair that the 2025 Outdoor Dining Program on public property (sidewalks and parklets) ends on November 30, 2025. Licensees must remove all furniture and accessories no later than midnight on November 30.



The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

4. Communication from the Licensing Operations Manager regarding changes to the 2026 Licensing Commission annual license renewal process.

Manager Potere explained that changes to the renewal process for 2026 would streamline the 304 Certificate inspections and align them with the alcohol license renewals, which will reduce delays in processing them.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

5. Communication from the Chair regarding complaint received for Mike's Bar Inc. d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington Street, AL17-000049.

Chair Lynch stated that this item is on the agenda to address additional complaints made against this licensee from a city councilor and neighboring residents. Chair Lynch noted for the record that this licensee was before the Commission in February for a Show Cause hearing based on similar complaints, and during that meeting determined that a disciplinary action was warranted, but held it in abeyance for six months, during which time the Licensing Commission received not additional complaints. Chair Lynch asked Captain Sheehan if there have recently been complaints filed with the police, which was confirmed, and added that an additional 911 call was placed to this licensee's establishment based on a patron being intoxicated.

Chair Lynch stated that a second Show Cause hearing would be held for this licensee, and Commissioners Allen and Thomas agreed that a special meeting was not necessary and that this Show Cause hearing could take place on the regularly scheduled Licensing Commission meeting on November 18, 2025. The Licensing Commission asked Manager Potere to prepare and send notice to the licensee.

6. Licensing Commission requesting a status report from Somerville City Club Inc., d/b/a Somerville City Club, 20 Inner Belt Road, AL17-000025, regarding the use of their All Forms Alcohol Service License.

Donald Johnson, the licensee, appeared before the Commission and explained that the relocation of the license is 90% complete and estimated it would be in use again in or around March 2026.

The Licensing Commission continued this item to the February 17, 2026 meeting.



7. Licensing Commission requesting a status report from Distinct Beer and Wine, Inc., d/b/a Distinct Beer and Wine, 14 McGrath Highway, AL17-000323, regarding use of their Wine and Malt Package Store License.

The licensee for this item did not appear. The Licensing Commission continued this item to the November 18, 2025 meeting.

Special Alcohol Licenses

8. The Lawn Bar Inc., 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for The Lawn Bar at Club Volo, to be held outdoors at 300 Assembly Row, from 10/18/2025 through 10/31/2025 from 12:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000017)

Lindsay Smith, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is the last requested special alcohol license for this location for the year, and that their operations wind down on October 31, 2025. Commissioner Allen asked if they have had any issues during the year, and the applicant stated they have not.

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

9. Boston Bouldering Project, 12A Tyler Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Malt Only) for Boulderfest, to be held indoors at 12A Tyler Street, on 11/1/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000016)

Cece Herrmann, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this license is for their annual climbing competition, that the beer would be served by Aeronaut Brewing, and that they will be checking IDs and issuing wristbands to those over 21.

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

10. Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 29 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Wedding Celebration, to be held indoors at 29 Central Street, on 11/22/2025 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000018)

John Kourafalos, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is for a wedding that will host around 200 people. Commissioner Allen asked if



they were purchasing alcohol from an authorized distributor, who replied they intended to purchase the alcohol from a local package store. Chair Lynch and Commissioner Allen noted that the applicant is required to purchase the alcohol for their special alcohol license from an authorized distributor, and conditioned approval of the license on the same. Chair Lynch asked Manager Potere to contact the applicant and provide the list, and Manager Potere confirmed that he would.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License, with the condition that the alcohol must be purchased from an authorized distributor, on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

Special Farmer Winery Licenses

11. Blisspoint Meadery, 1 Fox Run Road, Bedford, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Somerville Winter Farmers Market, to be held indoors at 191 Highland Avenue, on Saturdays from 11/1/2025 through 4/11/2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SFW25-000006)

The applicant did not appear for this item. Chair Lynch asked if this applicant has been before the Commission in the past, and Manager Potere confirmed that they have regularly appeared for several years. Chair Lynch proposed approving the request dates between this meeting and the November 18, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting as a one-time exception to the policy of appearing before the Commission for license applications. Commissioner Allen further stated for the record his preference to only allow for this type of exception for businesses that have been working with the Licensing Commission and have an existing presence in Somerville.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License for the requested dates of 11/1/25, 11/8/25, and 11/15/25 ONLY on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed. The Licensing Commission continued the remaining dates to the November 18, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

12. Saltbox Cidershop, 22 North Broadway, Haverhill, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Somerville Winter Farmers Market, to be held indoors at 191 Highland Avenue, on Saturdays from 11/1/2025 through 4/11/2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SFW25-000007)

Nate Chase, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that this will be their first event in Somerville, that they will be selling various types of hard cider, including one that has a champagne flavor. Chair Lynch asked where the business



is located, and the applicant replied they have a business office in Haverhill and a production facility in Lawrence. Chair Lynch asked how many farmers markets the applicant has attended, who replied around ten and has not had any issues at any of them.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

New
Common Victualer License

13. Mikura Group LLC d/b/a Kokoro Don Café, 66 Summer Street, requesting approval of a common victualer license.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 5

(AL25-000027)

Phitinunt Pohnthisomboon, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this license is to offer seating at their Japanese style restaurant that focuses on comfort food. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant has any experience in the restaurant industry, who replied they have around 4-5 years of experience with their business partner.

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

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of Location

14. Ebi Sushi Inc. d/b/a Ebi Sushi, 290 Somerville Avenue, requesting approval of a change of location.

Current location: 290 Somerville Avenue

Proposed location: 10 Prospect Street

(AL25-000010, amending AL17-000109)

Commissioner Thomas recused himself from voting on this item as an abutter.

Estefania Ladner, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this is an amendment to change the location of their restaurant into a larger location across the street. Commissioner Allen asked when they expect to open, and the applicant replied by the end of February of 2026. Commissioner Allen asked if they would be expanding their floor plan, and the applicant replied that they would be



and that they intend to operate two concepts in the same establishment. Manager Potere clarified that, although he was not aware of the planned DBA name change, this applicant has two amendments that will appear before the Commission for their November meeting, and that he would work with the applicant to include the DBA name change amendment with them as well.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Location license amendment on a roll call vote: 2 in favor (Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed, 1 recused (Thomas).

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Alteration of Indoor and Outdoor Premises

15. Soba Ya LLC d/b/a Sugidama, 234 Elm Street, requesting approval of an alteration of indoor and outdoor premises.
Current number of seats: 36 (Indoors)
Current number of seats: 16 (Outdoors)
Proposed number of seats: 57 (Indoors)
Proposed number of seats: 0 (Outdoors)
(ALM25-000028, amending AL22-000010)

Attorney Kristine Lee appeared on behalf of the applicant and stated that the purpose of this amendment application is to close the licensee's outdoor dining and return those seats to their indoor space, which was necessary for this licensee to comply with state bathroom plumbing regulations.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Alteration of Premises license amendment on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.



Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of Manager

16. Earl's Restaurant (Somerville, MA) Inc. d/b/a Earl's Kitchen and Bar, 698 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Wesley Zambrano
Proposed manager: Sarah Rosenstein
(ALM25-000031, amending AL17-000098)

Attorney Patricia Farnsworth, representing the applicant, Sarah Rosenstein, who was also present, appeared before the Commission and stated that the applicant has been with the licensee since 2017, including at their Prudential Center location in Boston, and is familiar with state law and local alcohol service laws. Commissioner Allen asked if there were any issues that arose during the applicant's time as a manager in Boston, and Attorney Farnsworth said there were not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

17. RSCH Operations Inc. d/b/a Ruth's Chris Steak House, 375 Revolution Drive, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Srdan Bajas
Proposed manager: Scott Swintek
(ALM25-000030, amending AL19-000026)

Scott Swintek, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that they have managed restaurants, country clubs, and event spaces at Disney World in Florida, and was recently hired by this licensee to be the General Manager of their Somerville location. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant had any issues with alcohol service when they managed any of those establishments in the past, and the applicant replied they have not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

18. Somerville BBQ Co LLC d/b/a Smoke Shop BBQ, 325 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a change of manager.
Current manager: Aimee Magner
Proposed manager: Joseph Depina
(ALM25-000032, amending AL17-000304)

Joseph Depina, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and outlined his 30 years of experience managing restaurants with alcohol service licenses in



Massachusetts. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant had any issues with alcohol service when they managed any of those establishments in the past, and the applicant replied they have not.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

Existing All Forms Package Store License
Change of Stock Interest and DBA Name

19. Mahantguru Corporation d/b/a Liquor World, 225-231 Elm Street, requesting approval of a change of stock interest and change of DBA name.

Current stock interest:

Shivam Patel: 30%

Harmit Raval: 70%

Proposed stock interest:

Shivam Patel: 0%

Harmit Raval: 100%

Current d/b/a name: Liquor World

Proposed d/b/a name: Liquor Hub

(ALM25-000029, amending AL23-000022)

Attorney Sydney Prokos, representing the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is a straightforward transfer of ownership and DBA name change amendment application, and that aside from these two items, there will be no other changes to the operation of the business. Harmit Raval, the applicant, also appeared before the Commission and explained that they currently have three other package store licenses, and if this is approved it will be four; two of these are located in Somerville. Chair Lynch asked if the applicant has had any violations with any of their licenses, and the applicant replied they have not.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Stock Interest and DBA Name license amendment application on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.



Transfer of License and Pledge of License
All Forms 7 Day Package Store License
Sunday Hours License

20. VJRP LLC d/b/a Joe's Liquor, 168 Broadway, requesting approval of a transfer of an All Forms Package Store License and Pledge of License from Joe's Liquor Inc. d/b/a Joe's Liquor.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

(AL25-000026, transferring from AL18-000014)

Attorney Benjamin Levin, representing the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated that the applicant has had experience in the industry for approximately 15 years, was the manager of record at a package store in Boston, and has had no violations in the past. Chair Lynch asked if this transaction included transfer of real estate, and Attorney Levin replied that it does not.

Lt. Otting stated for the record that a condition of approval for this license transfer is that the building fire protection systems must be upgraded, and that because of this change of ownership and transfer of license, the previous use of only battery-operated smoke detectors is no longer permissible.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Transfer of License and Pledge of License application, with the condition that a fire prevention system is installed and approved by Fire Prevention, on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Thomas, Allen, Lynch), 0 absent, 0 opposed.

Late Item

21. Warehouse XI, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Live at Warehouse XI, to be held indoors at 255 Washington Street, on 11/2/2025, 11/4/2025, 11/5/2025, 11/7/2025, 11/8/2025, 11/9/2025, 11/11/2025, 11/14/2025, 11/20/2025, 11/21/2025, 11/22/2025, 11/28/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SAL25-000019)

Peggy Morrissey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is a continuation of Warehouse XI's live music events and that they expect to have around 40 people attend each event.



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



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

**Tuesday
November 18, 2025
6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber and Remote Participation**

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 6:01 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Licensing Operations Manager; Lieutenant Francis Otting – Fire Department;
Captain Sean Sheehan – Police Department; Nikki Aurora – ADA Field Associate.

Communications

1. Minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 10/21/2025.

The Licensing Commission approved the minutes on a voice vote.

2. Communication from Commissioner Lynch in his capacity as Chair conveying the 2026 Licensing Commission meeting dates.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

3. Communication from Commissioner Lynch, in his capacity as Chair, requesting approval to allow Wine and Malt establishments to open until 1 AM on New Year's Eve, conditioned on providing notice to the City Clerk's office.

Commissioner Allen asked if there would be fees associated with this, and Manager Potere stated there would not.



The Licensing Commission approved this item on a voice vote.

4. 2025 Licensing Commission Licensee Status

2AM Closing Establishments:

Business Name	Address
The Independent	75 Union Square
Casey's	171 Broadway
Vera's	70 Union Square
Olde Magoun Saloon	518 Medford Street
Foundry on Elm	255 Elm Street
The Burren	247 Elm Street
Trina's Starlight Lounge	3 Beacon Street
El Potro	61 Union Square
Earl's Kitchen and Bar	698 Assembly Row #102
La Posada Restaurant	505 Medford Street
Holiday Inn	30 Washington Street
Premiere on Broadway	519 Broadway
The Tall Order	70 Beacon Street
PJ Ryan's	239-241 Holland Street
Lucky Strike	325 Revolution Drive

Issued Licenses:

Common Victualer (without alcohol)	153
Restaurants (All Forms)	96
Restaurants (Wine and Malt)	18
Package Stores (All Forms)	20
Package Stores (Wine and Malt)	9
Inns (with Alcohol)	3
Inns (without Alcohol)	3
Clubs	10
Farmer Pourer	3
Educational Institution	1



Returned Alcohol Service Licenses:

Business Name	Address
Rudy's Café	248 Holland Street
Southern Kin Cookhouse and Bar	500 Assembly Row
The Basement	1133B Broadway
Taco Party	711 Broadway
The Thirsty Scholar	70 Beacon Street
Frank	400 Assembly Row
Papa Sushi	499 Broadway

Manager Potere noted for the record that the agenda listed Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine as having a 2AM License in error, and these minutes have been corrected to address that.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

5. Licensing Commission requesting a status report from Distinct Beer and Wine, Inc., d/b/a Distinct Beer and Wine, 14 McGrath Highway, AL17-000323, regarding use of their Wine and Malt Package Store License.

This item was continued from the October 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

Havshad Patel, the licensee, appeared before the Commission and explained that they closed their package store location in January 2024 due to competitors opening nearby, and that they are looking for a new location to reopen, or else to find a buyer for their license. Chair Lynch asked what they are doing to find a new location, and the licensee replied they have a real estate agent and are in talks with local convenience stores. The licensee asked if the city could assist them in finding a new location, and Chair Lynch stated that the city cannot act as a broker or get involved in the sale of any licenses.

The Licensing Commission continued this item to the March 2026 meeting by unanimous consent.

6. Civility Inc d/b/a Civility Social House, 490 Foley Street, AL22-000016, conveying removal of public parklet seating; maintaining private patio seating, ALM23-000001.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.



7. H and P Restaurant Group Inc d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway, AL24-000025, conveying removal of public sidewalk and parklet seating.

The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.

8. Fire Department Liaison conveying to the Commission fire safety violations at Kongdog Somerville Inc d/b/a Kong Dog Somerville, 236 Elm Street, AL23-000033.

Lieutenant Otting stated for the record that this licensee was required to make changes to its establishment to come into compliance with fire code, and that as of the date of the meeting, has taken nearly all the steps required for compliance. Lt. Otting continued that they would be visiting the establishment to confirm the required changes were implemented.

The Licensing Commission continued this item to the January 2026 meeting by unanimous consent.

2026 ABCC License Renewals

9. Requesting approval of all 2026 ABCC license renewals.

The Licensing Commission approved this item on a voice vote.

Violations

10. Hearing for Mike's Bar Inc d/b/a Mike's Bar, 97 Washington Street, AL17-000049, pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 138 §§ 23 and 64, to show cause as to why their All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices and Performers Licenses, and 10AM Sunday Opening License, should not be modified, suspended, revoked or forfeited, or the hours during which alcoholic beverages be reduced, for alleged violations of the following Somerville Licensing Commission Rules and Regulations:

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(a) –

It shall be the obligation of licensees to ensure that a high degree of supervision is exercised over the conduct of the licensed establishment at all times. Each licensee will be held accountable for all violations that are related to the licensed premises to determine whether or not the licensee acted properly in the given circumstances.

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09(b) –

Licensees shall maintain compliance with all health and safety laws for the areas outside and contiguous to the licensed premises.



Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09 (d) –

Licensees shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that patrons or employees do not leave the premises with alcoholic beverages. Such steps may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Having an employee stationed at the door to watch patrons as they leave;
- (2) Refusing to serve beer in bottles;
- (3) Refusing to serve alcohol beverages in disposable cups. When the Commission's agents observe patrons leaving the premises with beer bottles, beer cans, or cups or glasses filled with liquids that smell like alcoholic beverages, it shall be presumed that the vessels contain alcoholic beverages...

Somerville Licensing Commission Rule 1.09 (e) –

When any noise, disturbance, misconduct, disorder, act or activity occurs in the licensed premises, or in the area in front of or adjacent to the licensed premises, or in any parking lot provided by the licensee for the use of its patrons, which in the judgment of the Commission adversely affects the protection, health, welfare, safety or repose of the residents of the area in which the licensed premises are located, or results in the licensed premises becoming the focal point for police attention, the licensee may be held in violation of the license and subject to proceedings for suspension, revocation or modification of the license.

Joe Kilduff, the licensee, appeared before the Commission, and noted this was the only incident for their establishment since last appearing in February, and noted changes made to the business to improve its operations. Specifically, the licensee stated that: several bartenders were terminated for failing to follow policy; cameras were installed to monitor activity; proper signage was installed indicating that the side door is for emergency exits only; cameras for the exterior are planned; their new bartenders were receiving additional training and receiving TIPS certifications; the back outdoor area has received new locks and had the picnic tables there removed; an alarm for the side door is planned; the establishment now keeps a running list of individuals banned from the premises and has been able to successfully enforce it; and the fence between their establishment and their neighbors is being extended to provide the neighbor more privacy. The licensee also stated they have been hiring door staff for busier nights, usually Fridays and Saturdays, and when they host special events.

The Commissioners agreed that the licensee was taking appropriate action to remedy what caused the complaint and recommended no disciplinary action be taken by unanimous consent. The Licensing Commission placed this item on file.



Special Alcohol Licenses

11. Warehouse XI, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Live at WXI, to be held indoors at 255 Washington Street, on 11/21/2025, 11/22/2025, 11/28/2025, 12/5/2025, 12/6/2025, 12/8/2025, 12/12/2025, 12/13/2025, 12/15/2025, 12/19/2025, 1/9/2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. and 12/31/2025 from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000023)

Peggy Morrissey, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that these licenses will be for music events, and that the one requested for New Years Eve is tentative and may not take place, but that they wanted to have the option.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

12. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine Only) for Annual Holiday Party and Opening Exhibition “Crafting the Mind,” to be held indoors at 1 Westwood Road, on 12/12/2025 and 1/15/2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000024)

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that the first date is for a private event and does not need a Special Alcohol License, and the second date is for a museum exhibit opening event. Commissioner Allen asked if the alcohol will be purchased from an authorized distributor, which the applicant confirmed.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

13. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Reveillon 2026, to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way, on 12/31/2025 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000021)

The applicant for this item did not attend this meeting. The Commissioners noted that this specific applicant has had numerous special alcohol licenses before the Commission for several years now and has not previously missed a meeting or had any issues or complaints about their events. In light of this, Chair Lynch noted that this event is scheduled to take place before the next Licensing Commission meeting in January 2026 and proposed approving this item in the absence of the applicant. Chair Lynch asked how many people would be attending, and Manager Potere replied that the application referred to around 300-400 people. Chair Lynch asked Captain Sheehan if, based on that number, a police detail would be required, and



Captain Sheehan replied in agreement and requested a police detail as a condition of this license.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License, conditioned on the licensee requesting a police detail, on a voice vote.

14. Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 29 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for New Year's Eve Party, to be held indoors at 29 Central Street, on 12/31/2025 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service)
(SAL25-000022)

John Kourafalos, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this license is for a New Years Eve party where attendance is expected to be around 200 people. Commissioner Allen asked if the alcohol will be purchased from an authorized distributor, which the applicant confirmed. Chair Lynch confirmed that the applicant contacted Fire Prevention to obtain a fire detail for the event due to its size.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Alcohol License on a voice vote.

Special Farmer Winery Licenses

15. Blisspoint Meadery, 1 Fox Run Road, Bedford, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Somerville Winter Farmers Market, to be held indoors at 191 Highland Avenue, on Saturdays from 11/22/2025 through 4/11/2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service).
(SFW25-000006)

This item was continued from October 21, 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

Tony Venuti, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this is the applicant's fourth year participating in this farmer's market, and that they sample and sell bottles of mead at the market.

The Licensing Commission approved this Special Farmer Winery License on a voice vote.



New
Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Devices Indoors

16. Goodgrain Inc d/b/a Wildgrain, 29 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a common victualer license and entertainment by devices indoors.

Hours of Operation:

Monday-Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 23

(AL25-000034)

Chair Lynch recused himself from this item as an abutter.

Colin Spillane, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained their existing business ships baked goods to customers all over the country, and that they would like to add this restaurant to provide their customers an opportunity to eat at their baking location. The applicant added that the proposed entertainment by devices is a small Bluetooth speaker. Commissioner Thomas asked if there will be wheelchair accessible seating, which the applicant confirmed.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New Common Victualer License and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License on a voice vote with one recusal (Lynch).

Private Club (Without Alcohol)
Entertainment by Devices, Performers, and Patrons Indoor and Outdoor

17. King's Court Comedy LLC d/b/a King's Court Comedy, 71 Union Square, requesting approval of a private club license (without alcohol) and entertainment by devices, performers, and patrons indoors and outdoors.

Hours of Operation:

Sunday-Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Indoor Seats: 0

(AL25-000030)

Owen Nelson, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this would be a members-only club for people over the age of 21, and that the space would be used for comedy shows and other artistic events. Commissioner Allen asked what becoming a member would entail, and the applicant stated the public could apply on their website, but that no one could enter the premises unless they



were a member. Chair Lynch asked where the establishment would be in the building, and the applicant stated it would be the second floor, which also has a terrace. Commissioner Thomas asked if they would be seeking a common victualer license, and the applicant replied that they would serve pre-packaged food at first, but might want to prepare and serve food in the future. Commissioner Allen asked about the type of entertainment the establishment would offer, and the applicant replied a DJ, musical performances, and comedy shows, and also that a DJ might play on their outdoor terrace.

Manager Potere noted for the record that this item was properly and timely advertised in the newspaper for this public hearing.

Chair Lynch asked if the applicant would pursue different signage because the current sign on the building is for Cookies, and the applicant replied they would not be adding signage because they are a private, members-only club. Chair Lynch noted for the record that the first floor of the building is occupied by Cookies, a cannabis retailer, and asked the applicant how members would enter the proposed space. The applicant stated that there would be some overlap between the space used by Cookies and their proposed license. Specifically, the applicant stated that they would have a staff member on the first floor of the building at the elevator to ensure only members are allowed inside, and that they would be sharing that space on the first floor with Cookies, which uses the space in front of the elevator for check-ins for its Marijuana Establishment. Commissioner Allen noted that this space will effectively become a combination of a cannabis dispensary and a comedy club, and expressed concern that this application is proposing an amendment to that licensee's floor plan, which is cause for concern because it creates ambiguity as to who is responsible for the area.

Chair Lynch stated a concern for the record that the Cookies Marijuana Establishment License covers 71-72 Union Square, and that he believes the Commission needs more information regarding that overlap.

Chair Lynch asked what the proposed space is currently being used for, and the applicant stated it is currently vacant.

Chair Lynch proposed continuing this item to the January meeting to allow time for the city to further review the overlap between this item and an existing licensee. Manager Potere noted the public hearing for this item was properly advertised and could still take place.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.



Chair Lynch moved to continue this item to the January 2026 Licensing Commission meeting, which was approved on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Club License
Change of Manager

18. Dante Club Inc d/b/a Dante Club, 5 Dante Terrace, requesting approval of a change of manager.

Current manager: James Aufiero

Proposed manager: Kevin C. Hanifin

(ALM25-000036, amending AL17-000016)

Kevin Hanifin, the applicant and proposed manager, appeared before the Commission and explained the previous manager retired. Chair Lynch asked how long the applicant has been involved with this license, who replied 38 years. The applicant stated they would seek TIPS certification.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of Manager license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Entertainment by Devices Outdoors

19. Atelier PRB LLC d/b/a Café Saint Germain, 120 Beacon Street, requesting approval of entertainment by devices outdoors.

(ALM25-000033, amending AL24-000007)

The applicant for this item was not present during this meeting. Because the public hearing for this item was timely and properly advertised, Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There were no speakers.

The Licensing Commission continued this item and the public hearing to the January 2026 meeting on unanimous consent.



Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of DBA and Change of Ownership Interest

20. MCKD LLC d/b/a Novel, 1153 Broadway, requesting approval of change of DBA and change of ownership interest.

Current DBA: Novel

Proposed DBA: Liars

Current Ownership Interest:

Mary Kurth (100%)

Proposed Ownership Interest:

Mary Kurth (80.5%)

Martha Campbell (12.5%)

Aubrey Harris (7.0%)

(ALM25-000035, amending AL24-000014)

Mary Kurth, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this location is still under construction, and that the change of ownership is intended to assist in financing it, and that the funding is all private capital. The applicant also stated the name change is meant to be intriguing and catch attention to drive their customer base. The applicant also stated they operate another establishment in the city, Spoke Wine Bar.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this Change of DBA and Change of Ownership Interest license amendment on a voice vote.

Existing All Forms Restaurant License
Change of DBA, 2AM License, Outdoor Dining, and Entertainment by Performers Indoors

21. Ebi Sushi Inc. d/b/a Ebi Sushi, 10 Prospect Street, requesting approval of a change of DBA, 2AM License, outdoor dining, and entertainment by performers indoors.

Current DBA: Ebi Sushi

Proposed DBA: Ebi Sushi and Dashizen

Current Hours:

Sunday-Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 5:00p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Proposed Hours:

Sunday- Thursday: 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Friday-Saturday: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Public Sidewalk Outdoor Seating:

Seats: 14



Square Feet: 252
(ALM25-000034, amending AL25-000010)

Commissioner Thomas recused himself from this item as an abutter.

Estefania Ladner, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained this is to include some amendments that require public hearing but were inadvertently omitted from the newspaper advertisement for the October 2025 Licensing Commission meeting.

ADA Field Associate Aurora stated that this application for outdoor dining has been reviewed and is recommended for approval.

Chair Lynch asked if the outdoor dining arrangement is on public or private property, and Manager Potere stated that it is primarily on public property on the sidewalk, but that a small portion includes the private property for the building itself.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved these Change of DBA, 2AM License, Outdoor Dining, and Entertainment by Performers Indoors license amendments on a voice vote with one recusal (Thomas).

New
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Common Victualer, Outdoor Private Dining, and Entertainment by Devices
Outdoors

22. The Lawn Bar Inc d/b/a The Lawn Bar, 300 Assembly Row, requesting approval of an all forms 7-day restaurant license, common victualer, private outdoor dining, and entertainment by devices outdoors.
Hours of Operation (Outdoors only):
Monday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Indoor Seats: 0
Outdoor Seats: 168
(AL25-000006)

Chris Damian, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that the concept here is an entirely outdoor eating and drinking space, with no indoor component, and that the property owner is considering an ice skating rink or igloos in the winter, in addition to a set up during warmer weather months. Commissioner



Thomas asked if there would be heating elements during winter use, and the applicant replied that they do not know yet, but confirmed they would consult with Fire Prevention before installing any.

ADA Field Associate Aurora stated that this application for outdoor dining has been reviewed and is recommended for approval.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License, Outdoor Private Dining License, and Entertainment by Devices Outdoors License on a voice vote.

New
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Common Victualer and Entertainment by Devices Indoors

23. L'Emporio Inc d/b/a Olivia's Kitchen, 711 Broadway, requesting approval of an all forms 7-day restaurant license, common victualer, and entertainment by devices indoors.
- Hours of Operation
(Alcohol Service):
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
(Food Service):
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 34
(AL25-000029)

Simona Sbano, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and explained that this restaurant will be their second location, as they have a sandwich shop in Stoneham and have been looking for a suitable location for a dinner restaurant, and found one in the city. The applicant stated they will be serving authentic Italian food, and that they and their staff are and will be TIPS certified.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License,



Common Victualer License, and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License on a voice vote.

New
All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License
Entertainment by Devices Indoors
Existing Common Victualer License

24. AYT Foods LLC d/b/a The Blue Elephant, 719 Broadway, requesting approval of an all forms 7-day restaurant license and entertainment by devices indoors.
Hours of Operation (Alcohol and Food Service):
Monday: Closed
Tuesday-Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday: 12:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Indoor Seats: 44
(AL25-000031)

Alvin Pratama, the applicant, appeared before the Commission and stated they have had their common victualer license for a while, and as customers have been requesting that they serve alcohol, they submitted this application to be able to serve beer, wine, and cocktails. Commissioner Allen asked if the applicant was TIPS certified, and the applicant confirmed they intend to obtain that certification.

Chair Lynch opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, Chair Lynch closed the public hearing.

The Licensing Commission approved this New All Forms 7 Day Restaurant License and Entertainment by Devices Indoors License on a voice vote.