



**City of Somerville
Licensing Commission**

Special Meeting

**Friday
May 1, 2026
12:00 p.m.
Remote Participation**

DRAFT MINUTES

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Joseph Lynch at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 12:05 p.m. on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Allen, Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed.

Attendance:

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

Others present:

Michael Potere – Assistant City Clerk.

Communications

Chair Lynch stated that this special meeting is being conducted pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law requirement that when a member of a body participates in a meeting remotely, roll call votes are required to approve items. During the April 21, 2026 Licensing Commission, one member appeared remotely, but items were reviewed and approved with voice votes. This special meeting is being held to properly vote on and approve the items from that meeting. All necessary public hearings and deliberation took place during the April 21, 2026 meeting, and the minutes for that meeting can be located on the Licensing Commission website.



1. Motion by Chair Lynch to allow licensees to extend operating hours from June 11, 2026 through July 19, 2026, during World Cup games, for alcohol service from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 a.m., and a closing time of no later than 3:00 a.m.

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

Ratification of Votes

2. Approval of the minutes of the Licensing Commission Regular Meeting of 3/17/26.

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

3. Blisspoint Meadery, 1 Fox Run Road, Bedford, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Union Square Farmer's Market to be held outdoors at 66-70 Union Square, on Saturdays beginning 5/9/2026 and ending 10/31/2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SFW26-000001)

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

4. Far From the Tree LLC, 102 Jackson Street, Salem, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Union Square Farmer's Market to be held outdoors at 66-70 Union Square, on Saturdays beginning 5/9/2026 and ending 10/31/2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SFW26-000002)

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

5. Dormition of the Virgin Mary, 29 Central Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for GyroFest to be held indoors and outdoors at 29 Central Street, on 5/8/2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 5/9/2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000009)

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



6. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Baile das Maes (Mother's Day Dance), to be held indoors at 12 Properzi Way, on 5/9/2026 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000006)

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

7. Bronwyn Restaurant, 255 Washington Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Weihenstephan Tiny Biergarten, to be held at the Union Square municipal parking lot, on 5/14/2026, 5/15/2026, 9/18/2026 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; 9/19/2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.; and 9/20/2026 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000007)

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

8. Somerville Chamber of Commerce, 561 Windsor Street, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Taste of Somerville, to be held outdoors at Boynton Yards, on 6/10/2026, with a rain date of 6/11/2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000012)

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

9. St. Anthony Parish, 12 Properzi Way, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Festa Junina 2026, to be held outdoors at 12 Properzi Way parking lot, on 6/20/2026 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. and 6/21/2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000011)

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

10. LEGO Discovery Boston, 598 Assembly Row, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (Wine and Malt) for Adult Nights, to be held indoors at 598 Assembly Row, on 7/10/2026, 8/14/2026, 9/11/2026, 10/30/2026, 11/13/2026, and 12/11/2026 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000008)

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



11. K-Bok Korean Fried Chicken LLC d/b/a K-Bok Korean Fried Chicken, 249 Washington Street, requesting approval of private outdoor dining.
Number of tables: 6
Number of seats: 24
(ALM25-000023, amending AL24-000029)

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

12. H and P Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Gauchao Brazilian Cuisine, 102 Broadway, requesting approval of a change of hours and a 2AM license.
Current hours: Monday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Proposed hours: Sunday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m., Friday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
(ALM26-000013, amending AL24-000025)

The Licensing Commission approved this 2AM License with an expiration of June 21, 2026 on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Allen, Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed.

13. Soba Ya LLC d/b/a Sugidama, 234 Elm Street, requesting approval of an alteration of indoor and outdoor premises.
Current indoor seating: 52
Proposed indoor seating: 44
Current outdoor seating: 0
Proposed outdoor seating: 16
(ALM26-000014, amending AL22-000010)

The Licensing Commission approved this alteration of indoor and outdoor premises license amendment on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Allen, Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed.

14. Life Drawing Boston LLC d/b/a Life Drawing Boston, 86 Joy Street, requesting approval an entertainment by devices, patrons, and performers license.
(AL26-000010)

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



15. Poke SDS LLC d/b/a Pokeworks, 261 Elm Street, requesting approval of a common victualer and entertainment by devices license.

Hours of operation:

Monday-Sunday: 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Indoor Seats: 21

(AL26-000003)

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

16. Somerville BBQ Inc d/b/a bb.q Chicken, 248 Elm Street, requesting approval of a common victualer and entertainment by devices license.

Hours of operation:

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

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

Indoor Seats: 17

(AL26-000008)

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

17. Marinho's Brazilian Grill Corp d/b/a Marinho's Brazilian Grill, 85 Broadway, requesting approval of an all forms alcohol license, common victualer, entertainment by devices, and Sunday hours.

Hours of Operation (Food and Alcohol Service):

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

Indoor Seats: 24

(AL25-000042)

The Licensing Commission approved this All Forms 7-day Restaurant License Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices License, and Sunday Hours License on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Allen, Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed.



18. Indignant Brewing Co LLC d/b/a Winter Hill Brewing, 328 Broadway, requesting approval of a new all forms alcohol license to replace their existing Farmer Pourer (Brewery) License.

Hours of Operation:

Monday: 1:00 pm. to 12:00 a.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Friday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

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

Indoor Seats: 60

Outdoor Seats (Private): 22

(AL26-000011, replacing AL17-000125)

The Licensing Commission approved this All Forms 7-day Restaurant License on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Allen, Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed.

19. Saint Brigid's Well LLC d/b/a Saint Brigid's Well, 525 Medford Street, requesting approval of transfer of an all forms alcohol license from Demeter Hospitality Group d/b/a Daddy Jones and a common victualer, entertainment by devices, 2AM license, and private outdoor dining.

Hours of Operation (Indoor Alcohol Service):

Sunday-Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

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

Hours of Operation (Indoor Food Service):

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

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

Hours of Operation (Outdoor Alcohol Service):

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

Friday-Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Hours of Operation (Outdoor Food Service):

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

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

Indoor Seats: 55

Private Outdoor Seats: 40

(AL26-000013, transferring from AL17-000059)

The Licensing Commission approved this Transfer of License and Pledge of License and Inventory for an All Forms 7-day Restaurant License, Common Victualer License, Entertainment by Devices License, 2AM License, and Private Outdoor Dining License on a roll call vote: 3 in favor (Allen, Thomas, Lynch), 0 opposed.



20. Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, requesting approval of a Special Alcohol License (All Forms) for Haus Party 003, to be held indoors at Somerville Museum, 1 Westwood Road, on 5/15/2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SAL26-000010)

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

21. Blisspoint Meadery, 1 Fox Run Road, Bedford, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Assembly Row Farmer's Market to be held outdoors at 375 Assembly Row, on Fridays beginning 6/12/2026 and ending 10/9/2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SFW26-000003)

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

22. Saltbox Cidershop, 22 North Broadway, Haverhill, requesting approval of a Special Farmer Winery License for Assembly Row Farmer's Market to be held outdoors at 375 Assembly Row, on Fridays beginning 6/12/2026 and ending 10/9/2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Alcohol Service) (SFW26-000004)

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