PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2024 NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

Tim Holden, Chairman Randy Vulakovich, Board Member Darrell Clarke, Board Member Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director Michael Vigoda, Board Secretary Office of Chief Counsel
Bureau of Licensing
Bureau of Human Resources
Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing

Office of Retail Operations
Bureau of Product Management
Financial Report
Other Issues

Notice: Anyone who wishes to comment on a printed agenda item prior to official action being taken must make that known to the Chairman or the Board Secretary in advance. Board Secretary Michael Vigoda can be reached by phone at 717-787-8896 or email at mvigoda@pa.gov

Details for the Microsoft Teams meeting on October 16, 2024 can be found on the PLCB public website.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

In accordance with section 708 of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. C.S. § 708, on the morning of and/or the day immediately preceding the Public Meeting set forth herein, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board will be holding a closed Executive Session or Sessions in the Northwest Office Building for the following purposes: to discuss personnel matters; to consider the purchase or lease of real property prior to an option being obtained or prior to an agreement of purchase; to consult with its legal counsel regarding litigation and similar issues; to review and discuss agency business, which, if conducted in public, would violate lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information confidentially protected by law, including quasi-judicial deliberations; and to engage in non-deliberative informational discussions regarding various actions and other matters which have been approved at previous public meetings.

PUBLIC MEETING – 11:00 A.M

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Vigoda

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the September 25, 2024 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

As explained in the printed Meeting Agenda, certain matters being presented for "official action" at today's meeting have been discussed during Executive Sessions held prior to today's meeting as permitted by the Sunshine Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) Bourbon at the Mill, LLC 4797 York Road New Oxford, PA 17350-9401 License No. R-17232 LID 98588 Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Adams County

(2) Sudsys Acquisition, LLC 6080 Library Road Bethel Park, PA 15102-4026 License No. D-984 LID 71798 Resolution of Appeal Pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County

(3) KAR Holdings, Inc. 111 East Station Avenue Coopersburg, PA 18036-2125 License No. H-1606 LID 66489 Request for Recission of Conditional Licensing Agreement

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

Andrew Stuffick, Director, Bureau of Licensing

(1) Alkeme, LLC R-8925 (LID No. 81586) Case No. 24-9048 18 North Park Row Erie, Erie County Requests for Hearing After Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* – Extension of Safekeeping – Restaurant

(2) Beer on Market, Inc.
D-3876 (LID No. 73127)
400 Market Street
Brownsville, Fayette County

Requests to Delicense Areas & for an Interior Connection with Another Business – Distributor (3) Kalinowski Management, LLC t/a Rumrunnerz Bar & Grill

R-2580 (LID No. 62362) Case No. 24-9047 600 East Drinker Street Dunmore, Lackawanna County Requests for Hearing After Revocation and *Nunc Pro Tunc* – Extension of Safekeeping – Restaurant

(4) La Choza Restaurant & Catering, LLC t/a La Choza

(LID No. 118396) Case No. 24-9036 710 State Road Bristol Township Croydon, Bucks County New – Economic Development Restaurant

(5) Preetis Pitt, LLC

R-8370 (LID No. 89514) Case No. 24-9042 2701-2703 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Extension of License – Restaurant

(6) WSA II, LLC

R-9578 (LID No. 48792) Case No. 23-9130 411 Swedeland Road Building 23 Upper Merion Township King of Prussia, Montgomery County Request for Hearing After Administrative Cancellation – Appointment of Management Company – Restaurant

(7) WSA II, LLC

R-9578 (LID No. 48792) Case No. 24-9077 411 Swedeland Road Building 23 Upper Merion Township King of Prussia, Montgomery County HOLD – 9/25/24 SESSION Renewal – Restaurant

(8) 3BM, LLC

t/a 202 Hometown Tacos

R-3508 (LID No. 96741) Case No. 2023-96741 407 Lincoln Avenue Bellevue, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

HOLD 3/20/24 SESSION

(9) 5th Year, Inc.

R-13001 (LID No. 91815) Case No. 2023-91815 116 Oakland Avenue Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Renewal – District 5

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(10) 227 Yvonne, Inc.

E-1100 (LID No. 57667) Case No. 2023-57667 227 Main Street Darby, Delaware County Renewal – District 11

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(11) 1836 Saloon, Inc.

R-20211 (LID No. 72929) Case No. 2023- 72929 2605 Milford Road Smithfield Township Marshalls Creek, Monroe County Renewal – District 9

(12) 2187 McIntyre Enterprises, LLC

R-4682 (LID No. 108647) Case No. 2024-108647 2187 McIntyre Road Young Township McIntyre, Indiana County Renewal – District 6

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(13) Back Streets Tiki Bar & Grille, LLC t/a Back Streets Tiki Bar & Grille

R-14559 (LID No. 97674) Case No. 2023-97674 2225 Jackson Street Scranton, Lackawanna County Renewal – District 9

(14) DND Grill, LLC

R-3714 (LID No. 85893) Case No. 2024-85893 1869 South 4th Street Allentown, Lehigh County HOLD 8/21/24 SESSION

Renewal – District 4

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(15) Finski, Inc.

R-14504 (LID No. 65078) Case No. 2023-65078 5440-42 Walnut Street Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

(16) **GSU**, Inc.

t/a Gooski's

R-12862 (LID No. 39114) Case No. 2023-39114 3117 Brereton Street Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

Renewal – District 2

HOLD 7/31/24 SESSION

(17) Kinard Entertainment, Inc.

t/a Avalons

R-53264 (LID No. 43727) Case No. 2024-43727 466-468 East Market Street York, York County **Conditional Licensing Agreement**

(18) KJK Hospitality, LLC

t/a Redstone Tavern

R-20014 (LID No. 81210) Case No. 2023-81210 Crafton Ingram Shopping Center, 19 Foster Avenue Crafton Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

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Conditional Licensing Agreement

(19) Mac's Bros., Inc.

D-3853 (LID No. 28137) Case No. 2023-28137 924 Northern Boulevard South Abington Township Clarks Summit, Lackawanna County Renewal – District 9

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Conditional Licensing Agreement

(20) Second Base Restaurant & Lounge, Inc.

R-4694 (LID No. 67019) Case No. 2024-67019 123-131 West Broad Street Hazleton, Luzerne County Renewal – District 8

(21) Siddhivinayaka Distributor, Inc.

D-3935 (LID No. 71394) Case No. 2023-71394) 65 Bridge Street Tunkhannock, Wyoming County Renewal – District 9

HOLD – 9/11/24 SESSION

(22) Stoish, Inc.

R-8975 (LID No. 98359) Case No. 2024- 98359 240 Market Street Philadelphia, Philadelphia County **Conditional Licensing Agreement** Renewal – District 10

(23) Tri Entertainment, Inc.

R-11430 (LID No. 58244) Case No. 2023-58244 1510-14 East Carson Street Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

(24) Two Boyz, Inc.

R-20 (LID No. 68267) Case No. 2018-68267 2020-68267 and 2022-68267 898 Sanger Street Philadelphia, Philadelphia County Renewal – District 10

(25) Walk The Plank, Inc. t/a The Shippen Inn

R-18709 (LID No, 71828) Case No. 2023-71828 11142 Route 208 Elk Township Shippenville, Clarion County Renewal – District 7

HOLD – 7/31/24 SESSION

(26) Sharyn L Williams Angelo F Perigo

t/a Sharwood Lounge

R-14384 (LID No. 60592) Case No. 2023-60592 470 Broadway Pitcairn, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

HOLD – 4/10/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

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

Jennifer Haas, Director, Bureau of Human Resources

Personnel Actions

Procurement Actions:

(1) Cisco Smartnet Renewal – This procurement action renews Cisco Smartnet hardware and software maintenance support (next business day) for the PLCB's Cisco network components such as switches, routers, access points, and other appliances. These components are installed in distribution centers, regional offices, PLCB Central Office, and retail locations. Cisco Smartnet coverage provides PLCB staff with telephone, online, and onsite support from a Cisco authorized maintenance vendor, software upgrade assurance, and troubleshooting assistance.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029660 – VENDOR: **ePlus Technology Inc.** – TERM: One year for the period 11/1/2024 through 10/31/2025 - **\$54,562.08 estimated cost.**

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

Procured via DGS Contract #4400029741 – VENDOR: **CDW-G** – TERM: One year for the period 11/1/2024 through 10/31/2025 - **\$212,390.60** estimated cost.

(3) PLCB Regulatory Affairs System (PLCB+) Change Request – This Change Request will result in the construction, UAT, delivery and warranty work for the following issues: POSSE – Brand Registration of Bad Checks; POSSE – Take expiration jobs shouldn't be on active and secondary licenses; PLCB+ Make Legal Entity Address Mandatory; PLCB+ Mandatory address for managers; PLCB+/POSSE Brand Registration Issue – New Brands applied for via PLCB+ and POSSE not appearing when submitted; POSSE – PLCB+ Automate Special Occasion Permits; POSSE Incidents failing to close from the interface; POSSE – Batch renewal jobs not showing up on all versions of the license; Changing User Name on Admin Portal does not reflect in Staff Portal; POSSE – Active licenses are being closed on certain amendments and leaving the active future only; POSSE – Provide access for supplemental storage number changes on additional locations tab; Expiration Batch Job.

Procured via Change Request 63 to Contract 20121101 – VENDOR: Computronix USA, Inc. – \$101,000.00 estimated cost.

Inter-Agency Charges:		
None		
From the Office of Retail Operations	•••••	Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director
(1) #1304 – 143 South Street, Lehighton Amendment		
(2) #1525 – 162 Eagleview Boulevard, Exton Amendment		
(3) #4204 – 66 West Mill Street, Port Allegha Amendment	any	
(4) #6717 – 2547 Market Street, York Exercise Option		
From the Bureau of Product Management	Tegan	n Painter, Director of Product Management
<u>VENDOR – ITEM NAME</u>		BOARD ACTION REQUESTED
Various Various Various Various	2.	Regular New Items Accepted Regular PA New Items Accepted Regular PA New Items Accepted Revision Regular Recommended Delist
1. Regular New Items Accepted		
BRAND NAME AND SIZE		<u>REASON</u>
Palm Bay International Cloud 90 by Cavit Pinot Grigio 750 mL		18
2. Regular PA New Items Accepted		
BRAND NAME AND SIZE		REASON
Sweet Grace Distilling Co LLC Stateside Surfside Vodka and Green Tea 4x355 mL Cans Stateside Surfside Vodka and Lemonade Variety Pack 8x355		5, 16
mL Cans Stateside Surfside Vodka and Raspberry Iced Tea 4x355 mL		4, 5, 16
Cans		5, 16

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3. Regular PA New Items Accepted Revision

BRAND NAME AND SIZE REASON

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Alloh Distilling LLC

Holla Watermelon Lollipop Vodka 750 mL

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CODE

NOTE: This item was approved on the 7-10-24 board as a Regular PA New Item Accepted, the board is retracting its approval of the item.

New Items - Recommended Listings **Reason Codes**

- 1. Strong marketing support
- 2. High brand recognition
- 3. Line/Size extension of successful brand
- Trade up opportunity
- 4. Trade up opportun5. Growing category
- 6. Growing segment
- 7. National rollout
- 8. Niche item / Limited distribution
- 9. High dollar profit potential
- 10. Trade out
- 11. High quality for the value
- 12. Innovative product/flavor
- 13. High sales through other PLCB channels (Luxury, Online, SLO)
- 14. Underrepresented category/segment
- 15. Hole in selection consumer/store requests
- 16. PA Spirits
- 17. PA Wines
- 18. Licensee only
- 19. Probationary listing

4. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

North Wales Wines	
New Amsterdam Pink Whitney Pink Lemonade Vodka 1 L	98648
Sweet Grace Distilling Co LLC	
Stateside Vodka Soda Variety Pack 8x355 mL Cans Second	96662
Edition	
The Wine Merchant LTD	
Famiglie Montepulciano d'Abruzzo 750 mL	897
Wine Wine Situation LLC	
Ron San Miguel Solera Rum 8 Year Old 750 mL	96101
EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective November 13, 2024	

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FINANCIAL REPORT	Michael J. Burns,	Comptroller Operations, O	ffice of Budget
None			

OTHER ISSUES

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Prior to the public meeting, an Executive Session or Sessions will be held for the specific purposes as regularly set forth in the printed Board Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Informational Statements to be included in the Public Meeting Agenda

For ALJ Cases:

These cases are appeals taken from adjudications rendered by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in citation proceedings initiated by the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement in accordance with section 471 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. § 4-471.

In all of these matters, an administrative hearing has already been held before an ALJ during which the parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions.

The Board must affirm the ALJ unless the ALJ's decision is an error of law, an abuse of discretion or is not supported by substantial evidence. In some instances where noted, it may also be necessary for the Board to remand the matter back to the ALJ for additional action to be taken. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial (appellate) capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already occurred during authorized executive sessions.

The reasoning for any final decision by the Board on these matters will be set forth in a publicly issued written opinion which will be released immediately after the Board session. Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code.

For Application Matters such as New Licenses, Transfers of Existing License, or Extension of Premises:

In all of these matters, an administrative hearing - open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner. All interested parties, including the applicant, the Bureau of Licensing, and valid protesters and/or intervenors, were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions. The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve the application outright, vote to approve the application subject to a conditional licensing agreement setting forth specific conditions agreed upon by the parties and which are reasonably intended to address specific concerns made part of the record, or vote to refuse the application its entirety. For any case in which the Board would like additional time to review the record prior to making its decision, the Board reserves the right to place a hold on such matter in which case "official action" will not be taken until a future Board meeting.

Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code, or, in certain circumstances, directly to the Commonwealth Court. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board, as required by the Liquor Code, will file a written opinion setting forth the specific reasoning for its decision.

For License Renewal Cases:

These cases involve applications for renewal of licenses to which the Bureau of Licensing has raised objections. In all of these matters, an administrative hearing - open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner. The parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as make legal arguments. The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve renewal of the license outright, vote to approve renewal of the license subject to a conditional licensing agreement setting forth specific conditions agreed upon by the parties and which are reasonably intended to address the operational issues of the licensee, or vote to refuse renewal of the license in its entirety. For any case in which the Board would like additional time to review the record prior to making its decision, the Board reserves the right to place a hold on such matter in which case "official action" will not be taken until a future Board meeting.

An applicant aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board, as required by the Liquor Code, will file a written opinion setting for the specific reasoning for its decision.

For Noise Exemption Cases:

These matters involve municipal petitions for exemptions from the Liquor Code provisions dealing with amplified sound. In all of these matters, an administrative hearing – open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner during which the parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions.

The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve the municipal petition for noise exemption outright, vote to limit its approval to a more defined area of the municipality than what is being requested, or vote to refuse the petition in its entirety. The Board must act upon a municipal petition for noise exemptions within 60 days of receiving such petition.

Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board will file a written opinion setting for the specific reasoning for its decision as required by the Liquor Code.

For All Matters in Which the Board is Acting in its Quasi-Judicial Capacity

No additional testimony or evidence may be presented by the parties during the Board's public meeting. While the Board reserves the right to allow comments to be made by the public concerning any particular case, this is being done so with the understanding that such comments are not the equivalent of sworn testimony and, thus, will not be given any weight by the Board when rendering its decision. Additionally, the Board is not required to respond to any public comments offered, nor is it required to answer any questions concerning these matters.