



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, March 12, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom invitation.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://www.youtube.com/live/lflUy7x1yLE?si=M6ru9ZXWOPnYZTEA>

ROLL CALL:

On a roll call at 18:01, members present were, namely: Commission Chair Donahue, Commissioner Krieger, Commissioner Mercier, and Commissioner Underwood. Commissioner Taing was absent.

MINUTES:

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for February 26, 2026.

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Thursday, February 26, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 2 Ratification of an application by Patrick Fitzgibbons for Aramark at Tsongas Center, for a "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages and Wines only," for the "UMass Lowell Mens' Basketball Playoff" from Noon to 3 PM on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at the Rec. Complex, 255 Aiken Street.

Isha Thlang, TIPS Certified catering supervisor for Aramark appeared before the Commission and spoke about the past event and the team's wins and losses.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 3 Application for a Charity Wine Pouring License & Charity Wine Auction by Heather Kring for the American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, Inc. (ALSAC) of Memphis, TN, for the event "Fitness for a Cure benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital" to be held at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., 5 to 10 PM, Saturday, March 21, 2026.

Heather Kring joined the meeting via Zoom and confirmed she was physically in Mississippi. She noted for the Commissioners that this will be the twenty-seventh year they have held this successful fundraiser.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 4 Application by James O'Hearn, for Pollard Memorial Library Foundation, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for a 'Meet the Author Night featuring J. Courtney Sullivan.' Event to be held on Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 6 to 8 PM in Memorial Hall at the Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack Street.

Mr. O'Hearn appeared before the Commission in Council Chambers and noted that this will be the 20th "Meet the Author" night at Pollard Library.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 5 Application by Thomas Varnum, Lowell Catholic High School Girls' Basketball Program, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for a "Hoop Trivia Night" fundraiser event to be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, from 7 to 9 PM.

Mr. Varnum joined the meeting via Zoom and spoke about the plans for his fundraiser and confirmed he would be holding the event on the school campus.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 years, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 6 Application by Amanda Etinge, for two "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only." First is for a Celebration of Life to be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, and second is for the Northwest Women of New England, to be held Saturday, April 11, 2026; both between 7 PM and 1:30 AM, at the Hellenic Center, 41 Broadway Street.

Ms. Étinge spoke to the Commission through Zoom. She reviewed her events and noted for Commission Chair Donahue that she expected 150 to 200 attendees at each event. She confirmed they would be much like any of her many events at the Hellenic: mostly families celebrating a milestone.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 4 years, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 7 Application by Christopher Hayes for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for a 'DIY Lowell Community Chill Night.' Event to be held on Friday, April 10, 2026, from 6 to 8 PM at Lowell Community Charter Public School, 250 Jackson Street.

Mr. Hayes appeared before the Commission. He spoke about the fundraiser and noted that he has three TIPS Certified bartenders scheduled for the evening.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 4 years, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 8 Applications by Christopher Hayes for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" and for an "Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" permit, for the 2026 Points of Light Lantern Celebration on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 5 to 10 PM at Ecumenical Plaza and Jefferson Street.

Mr. Hayes explained that he is also on the board for the Points of Light Committee, and that the plan for this year was the same as the last couple of years.

Move approval by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 4 years, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 9 Request for a public hearing for an application by 1 East Meadow Road Inc. [d/b/a] A1 Food Mart, Mitul Prajapati, proposed license manager for transfer and change of location of a "Wine and Malt Beverages" package store license to 1 East Meadow Road. Request public hearing be held at the April 2, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold the hearing at the April 2, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 years, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 10 Request for a public hearing for an application by Bless Energy Fam Corp [d/b/a] Platinos Bar & Grill, Jhonny Placios, proposed license manager for a new "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 1717 Middlesex Street. Request public hearing be held at the April 2, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold the hearing at the April 2, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 11 Communication from Lowell Police Superintendent, Gregory Hudon, regarding allegations of misconduct charged against Blue Shamrock Inc., 105 Market Street, Nicholas Petrakos, License Manager, all alcoholic beverages restaurant licensee. Allegations of misconduct occurred March 1, 2026, regarding failure to comply with all laws and regulations, including Alcohol Beverages Regulations for Licenses Issued by the Lowell License Commission: 1.06, 1.16, and 1.20. Request for a compliance hearing to be held at the April 2, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold a compliance hearing for The Blue Shamrock Inc. at the April 2, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Donahue; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

- 12 ABCC advisory regarding non-consensual drugging occurring at bars, clubs, and other licensed premises.

Commission Chair Donahue placed the matter on file.

- 13 Memo from the Secretary of the License Commission regarding informational newsletter.

Commission Chair Donahue placed the matter on file.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:16 seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Taing), APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers

Executive Secretary

Minutes are prepared mainly per RONR(12th ed.) 48:2.

