



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom invitation.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://www.youtube.com/@LTCLowellMA>

ROLL CALL:

On a roll call at 18:00, members present were, namely: Commission Chair Donahue, Commissioner Mercier, and Commissioner Underwood. Commissioner Taing and Commissioner Krieger were absent.

MINUTES:

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for April 2, 2026.

Commissioner Mercier made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Thursday, April 2, 2025; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED. Then requested to take agenda item 9 out of order.

- 9 Continuation of the 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.

Commission Chair Donahue reviewed a written request by Attorney Akashian, representing 1 East Meadow Road Inc, for a continuance to the May 7, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to continue the hearing at the May 7 meeting by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 2 Application by Corey Belanger for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages and Wines" for The Town and The City event on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from 1 to 6:30 PM on Palmer Street.

Mr. Belanger reviewed his application and confirmed that his bar tenders are TIPS Certified.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 3 Application by Alaina Brackett, owner of Purple Carrot Bread Co., for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" for an Italian Dinner Night on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 5 to 9PM at Purple Carrot, 107 Merrimack Street.

Ms. Brackett spoke to the Commission about her event. Commissioner Mercier asked about the attendees and Ms. Brackett said there would be two seatings of 10 tables.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 4 Application by Rachel Chandler, for nine "Special One-Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only" at Hive Public Market, 101 Paige Street:

- "Political Fundraiser for Joe Tache" on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 6 to 10 PM.
- "Asian American, Pacific Islander Market" on Saturday, May 2, 2026, from Noon to 4 PM.
- And for seven "Final Fridays Dance Parties" on Fridays: May 29, June 26, July 31, August 28, September 25, October 30, and November 27, 2026, from 6 to 10 PM.

Ms. Chandler appeared before the Commission and explained that she didn't want to be late with her applications, so she decided to plan as far ahead as possible. She confirmed for the Chair that all her servers are TIPS Certified.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 years, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 5 Application by Yum Yum Daily Express MA LLC d/b/a Top Donut, Kunthea Handsom, LLC Manager, for Common Victualler license for 603 Bridge Street.

Ms. Handsom and her husband reviewed their purchase of the Top Donut to the Commission in meeting.

Move approval by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 years, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 6 Application by Tavern in the Square Lowell LLC, Tim Eyring, proposed license manager, all alcoholic beverages restaurant licensee, for a 'change of manager,' for premises at 900 Chelmsford Street.

Mr. Eyring appeared before the Commission. He clarified his new role for the company, and the Commission acknowledged his experience and training for that role as alcohol manager.

Move approval by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 3 years, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 7 Public hearing to amend an "All Alcoholic Beverages" Off-Premises license for Lakeview Liquors Inc., for change of officers and stock interest for premises at 815 Lakeview Avenue.

Attorney Tom Truax spoke for the applicants. He reviewed their experience and the nature of the transaction.

At the hearing, no one spoke in favor or in opposition to the application.

Motion to approve the application by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 years, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 8 Public hearing for an application by Masala Magic LLC [d/b/a] Taste of India, Hardik Patel, proposed license manager for transfer of an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 1717 Middlesex Street, Unit 3.

Proposed alcohol manager, Hardik Patel, appeared before the Commission in Council Chambers; Attorney Alex Bourgeois joined the meeting via Zoom. Atty. Bourgeois spoke about the applicants' qualifications and experience, and confirmed TIPS Certification. Mr. Patel explained that while he managed two restaurants with alcohol, his seconds-in-command also are TIPS Certified.

At the hearing, no one spoke in favor or in opposition to the application.

Motion to approve the application by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 10 Request for a public hearing for an application by EKO's Bar & Grill Restaurant LLC, Alexandra Davis Mazara, proposed license manager for transfer and alteration of premises for an "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 525 Market Street. Request public hearing be held at the May 7, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to schedule the public hearing for the May 7, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 11 Request for a public hearing for an application by Aramark Educational Services LLC [d/b/a] LeLacheur Park, Patrick Fitzgibbons, proposed license manager for a new "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 450 Aiken Street. Request public hearing be held at the May 7, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to schedule the public hearing for the May 7, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

- 12 Communication dated April 10, 2026, from Lowell Police Superintendent, Gregory Hudon, regarding allegations of misconduct charged against Picante Entertainment Group Inc. [d/b/a] Tesco Center, 70-72 Middlesex Street, Ernesto Lugo, License Manager, all alcoholic beverages restaurant licensee. Allegations of misconduct occurred March 21, 2026, regarding failure to comply with all laws and regulations, including Alcohol Beverages Regulations for Licenses Issued by the Lowell License Commission: 1.16, 1.20, and 2.16. Request for a compliance hearing to be held at the May 7, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to schedule the public hearing for the May 7, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Taing, C. Krieger), APPROVED.

13 Incident report from the Blue Shamrock.

Matter placed on file.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:19, seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers

Executive Secretary

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

