



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, May 7, 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 Krieger, Commissioner Mercier, Commissioner Taing, and Commissioner Underwood.

MINUTES:

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for April 23, 2026.

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

- 2 Application by Rachel Chandler, Hive Public Market, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for 'WUML "Cyber Goth Hive Mind",' to be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 7 to 11 PM at Hive Public Market, 101 Paige Street.

Ms. Chandler spoke to the Commission about her previous successful events and this new one.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Taing. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 3 Applications by Steve Syverson, for four "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines only," for the following events at Arts League of Lowell, 307 Market Street:
 - Saturday, May 16, 2026, 3-5 PM: "Gates Block Artists" reception.
 - Saturday, June 6, 2026, 3-5 PM: "The Wu wei Mind of Ink" reception.
 - Saturday, July 11, 2026, 3-5 PM: "Considering the Third Dimension" reception.
 - Saturday, July 18, 2026, 3-5 PM: "Norma von Fricken" reception.

Mr. Syverson appeared before the Commission and reviewed the next couple of months of Arts League events. He noted for the Commission that he employs two TIPS Certified bartenders.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 4 Application by Amanda Étinge, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for a "MBU Youth Cultural Association Fundraiser" on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 7 PM to 1:00 AM, at the Hellenic Center, 41 Broadway Street.

Ms. Étinge joined the meeting via Zoom. She spoke about her plans and explained she expects 120-150 attendees.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 5 Application by Deborah Motew, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the 'Lowell Community Charter Public School Annual Block Party,' to be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 3 to 8 PM at 206 Jackson Street.

Ms. Motew appeared in Council Chambers. She noted this would be the 15th annual block party for the school.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Taing. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

- 6 Application by Penny Hamourgas for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" and for an "Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" permit for "Acre Night Market." Service and entertainment to be held Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Worthen House, 141 and 152 Worthen Street, including the parking lot, approved outdoor seating, and attached alley.

Ms. Hamourgas appeared before the Commission with the event organizer, Nick Schoenberger, who reviewed the plans for the evening. Ms. Hamourgas confirmed that the arrangements for the street closing and security for the evening were the same as Folk Festival.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

- 7 Application by Vidong Pich, owner of Fork Included LLC [d/b/a] FORK!N MILL CITY, for Common Victualler License for premises at 108 Merrimack St.

Mr. Pich spoke to the board and explained that his restaurant had moved and he reviewed his new menu.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

- 8 Application by Bunny's Diner LLC, Stephanie Southworth, LLC Manager, for Common Victualler license for premises at 1250 Lawrence Street.

Ms. Southworth explained that she had purchased Fitzzy's and is keeping the same menu and staff, just changing the name.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

- 9 Application by Shega Culinary Co. LLC, Altin Sheri, LLC Manager, for Common Victualler license for premises at 15 Kearney Street.

Mr. Altin Sheri appeared before the Commission to describe his new restaurant and the Mediterranean Cuisine. He noted for C. Mercier that his restaurant would replace Blue Taleh.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 10 Application by Andcruz LLC, Malisa Cruz, LLC Manager, for Secondhand Goods license for premises at 101 Paige Street, in Hive Public Market.

Ms. Cruz appeared before the Commission via Zoom. She explained her business model and confirmed that this would be her first brick & mortar store.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 11 Application by Bienvenido Chalas, LLC Manager of AB Auto Group LLC for Class 2 Used Auto Dealer License for 1570 Middlesex Street.

Mr. Chalas spoke to the Commission and explained his business plan. The Commission reviewed the Zoning Board of Appeals conditions of approval, and Mr. Chalas provided the appropriate paperwork and bond. He also noted that he purchased the property.

Motion to approve with the stipulations outlined by the Lowell Zoning Board of Appeals, by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 12 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.

Proposed License Manager, Patrick Fitzgibbons, appeared in Council Chambers with Aramark's attorney, Dawson Cooper. Mr. Cooper reviewed the application and Mr. Fitzgibbon's experience, as well as Aramark's experience with alcohol and in the City of Lowell in service to UMass Lowell. The Commission noted their familiarity with both.

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

Motion to approve by Commissioner Krieger; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 13 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.

Alexandra Davis Mazara appeared before the Commission with a translator. Commission confirmed Ms. Mazara is TIPS Certified.

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

Motion to approve by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.

- 14 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 the first part of the hearing, which was held April 23, 2026. He noted that the Commission had heard from the public, both in support and in opposition to the application. He noted that the Public Hearing was closed, and he thanked the Lowell Police Department for providing the requested traffic and crime reports for the neighborhood. Solicitor Wood confirmed for the Commission that Attorney Bratton's (opposition) claim that a school and church were within 500 feet of the proposed premises was proven incorrect by the Assessor's Office. The Solicitor also noted that Attorney Akashian's statement (in favor) regarding a similar license approved by a prior board to an abutting premises in a similar situation held no bearing on this board's decisions.

Motion to reopen the public hearing was made by Commissioner Krieger and seconded by Commissioner Underwood. Roll Call vote: C. Donahue – N, C. Krieger – Y, C. Mercier – N, C. Taing – N, C. Underwood – Y. (3 Nay, 2 Yea) Motion lost.

Commission proceeded with business. Commissioner Donahue expressed concerns regarding the traffic at the intersection and noted it is not a new circumstance.

Motion to approve by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. Roll Call vote: C. Donahue – N, C. Krieger – Y, C. Mercier – Y, C. Taing – Y, C. Underwood – Y. (1 Nay, 4 Yea) APPROVED.

- 15 Compliance hearing 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.

See attached "Notice of Decision," and summary for agenda item #16.

- 16 Compliance hearing regarding additional 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.

See attached "Notice of Decision." On a Roll Call vote: C. Donahue – Y, C. Krieger – Y, C. Mercier – Y, C. Taing – Y, C. Underwood – Y. (5 Yea), the Commission found the licensee in violation of 1.06, 1.16, and 1.20 for allegations presented by the Lowell Police Department on March 4 and March 24, 2026. On another unanimous roll-call vote, the Commission voted in favor a 6-day suspension of alcohol license, to be served June 1 through June 6 (six consecutive days).

- 17 Compliance hearing 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.

On a motion by C. Mercier and seconded by C. Krieger to place the matter on file without a finding, the Commission approved unanimously with a roll-call vote.

- 18 Request public hearing regarding an application by On the Bun LLC [d/b/a] On the Bun, to alter the licensed premises of the "Wines and Malt Beverages" Restaurant License for 120-122 Merrimack Street, to be held at the May 28, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold a hearing at the March 12, 2026, License Commission meeting by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Krieger. 5 years, APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:21, seconded by Commissioner Underwood. 5 years, APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers

Executive Secretary

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

