



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom invitation.

Video of this meeting is available: <https://www.youtube.com/live/QB3ZP6jYYcQ?si=skESmpOelPaiGUml>

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for May 28, 2026.

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of Thursday, May 28, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Underwood), APPROVED.

- 2 Application by Elizabeth Lopez, for two "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only" at UMass Lowell:

- Ratification of "Industrial Engineering Alumni Reception" on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 2:30 to 5 PM at the SAAB Emerging Technologies & Innovation Center, 40 University Ave.
- "WindSTAR Industrial Advisory Board Reception" on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 4:30 to 6 PM at Rist Institute for Sustainability & Energy, 201 Cabot Street.

Ms. Lopez appeared before the Commission in Council Chambers. She reviewed her past event and the plans for the upcoming event. She also explained that the ratification was the result of an event that was re-scheduled by the University at the last minute to encourage more attendees.

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

- 3 Applications by Marta Rodrigues for three "Special One Day Licenses to sell/dispense Malt Beverages & Wines" and for three Amplification permits for the Sao Joao Feast. Event to be held on June 26, 27, 28, 2026, at the Portuguese American Lowell Youth Center, 739 Central Street.

Commission Chair Donahue asked Ms. Rodrigues about the alcohol procedures they would be following, and she explained how they kept underage persons physically away from the alcohol service areas. Lowell Police Captain Peaslee confirmed for the Commission that this annual event has not had any issues.

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

- 4 Application by Jennie Mercado for four "Special Events Permits for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for Religious Service & Singing from 1 to 5 PM on Saturdays, June 13, June 20, July 11, & July 25, 2026, at Summer Street along South Common Park on the sidewalk only.

Mr. and Mrs. Mercado spoke about their event to the Commission, and explained that a dozen congregation members hold services in the park.

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

- 5 Application by Amanda Etinge, for four "Special One-Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only" at the Hellenic Center, 41 Broadway Street:

- First for "Kangsans' Graduation Celebration, Saturday, June 20, 2026, from 7 PM to 1:30 AM;
- Three licenses are for the "2026 Diaspora Christian Women Fellowship Annual Rally," which will be held:

- Friday, October 23, from 7 PM to 1:30 AM,
- Saturday, October 24, from 3 to 11 PM, &
- Sunday, October 25, from 5 to 11 PM.

Ms. Étinge joined the meeting via Zoom. She reviewed her upcoming events.

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

- 6 Application by Lee Viliesis for a "Special One-Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only" for the "Western Avenue Open Studios Block Party," Saturday, June 27, 2026, from Noon to 6 PM, at 122 Western Ave.

Ms. Viliesis spoke to the Commission about the Block Party. She noted that this is the first outdoor event that is this large and inclusive. She confirmed TIPS Certified bartenders.

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

- 7 Application by Knickerbocker Athletic Association Inc., for a Change of Officers and Change of License Manager for the "All Alcoholic Beverages" non-profit club license for premises at 36 Chamberlain St.

Long-time officer of the corporation and proposed License Manager, David Camara, went before the Commission.

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

- 8 Application by Outback Steakhouse of Florida LLC, for a Change of Officers, LLC Managers for the "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for premises at 28 Reiss Ave.

Attorney Dawson Cooper, for the licensee, explained that there were no operational changes at the local restaurant and briefly summarized the corporate change.

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

- 9 Public hearing for an application by Shri Swaminarayan Foods LLC [d/b/a] Simon's Convenience, Ankit Patel, proposed license manager for transfer and change of location of a "Wine and Malt Beverages" package store license to 590 Rogers St. Unit 1&2.

Atty. John Mooradian spoke for the applicant and the proposed license manager was present. The Commission reviewed where the license was being transferred from. Two residents spoke in favor of the application. No one spoke in opposition.

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

- 10 Public hearing for an application by 72 Merrimack Entertainment LLC [d/b/a] Europa, Timothy Asiel Poleet, proposed license manager for a new "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 72 Merrimack Street, 3rd floor.

Proposed License Manager, Timothy Poleet, and co-owner, Todd Stacy, spoke with the Commission and reviewed their qualifications and experience. Police Captain Peaslee spoke about a police department inspection of the egresses, conducted by Officer Jose Lorenzi. The owners have agreed that they will keep all stairwells completely clear and clean. Captain Peaslee noted cameras down the entire stairwell, and the owners agreed to add more lighting.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition of the application.

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

- 11 Request for a public hearing for an application by The Lass Stop LLC [d/b/a] The Lass Stop, to alter the licensed premises of the "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 241 Central Street. Request public hearing be held at the June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold a public hearing at the June 25, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Taing. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Underwood), APPROVED.

- 12 Request for a public hearing for an application by Triple Vision Corp [d/b/a] Galaxy Lounge, to transfer of the "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 160 Merrimack Street. Request public hearing be held at the June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold a public hearing at the June 25, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Mercier; seconded by Commissioner Taing. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Underwood), APPROVED.

- 13 Communication regarding Crane Deals Inc., Class 2 Auto Dealer license for 66 Canada St.

Solicitor Wood reviewed the letter of complaint addressed to the Commission. He also reviewed the authority of the License Commission to regulate Class 2 Auto Dealers, noting that the Commission should not take action, primarily because the complaint has not gone through a legal process confirming illegal and deceptive activity. The complainant had submitted their complaint to the MA AG's office.

On a motion made by Commissioner Mercier, seconded by Commissioner Krieger, the Commission voted to place the matter on file. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Underwood), APPROVED.

- 14 Communication regarding MA House Bill 5465 to extend On-Premises alcohol service hours and designate public consumption districts.

Solicitor Wood reviewed the legislation and recommended that the Commission schedule a public hearing.

Motion to hold a public hearing at the June 25, 2026, meeting of the Lowell License Commission by Commissioner Taing; seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 4 yeas, 1 absent (C. Underwood), APPROVED.

- 15 Adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:37, seconded by Commissioner Mercier. 5 yeas, APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers

Executive Secretary

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

