



This meeting was held in City Council Chambers, second floor, City Hall, 375 Merrimack St. on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:00 PM, and by Zoom invitation.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MINUTES:

- 1 Acceptance of the meeting minutes for September 3, 2026.

Motion to accept the minutes of the September 3, 2026, License Commission meeting by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Uong. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Donahue, C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 2 Application by Thomas Fiorelli, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines only," for the "Overpainted Beats: Explosions of Blood" gallery reception, to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2026, from Noon to 4 PM at the Ayer Lofts Gallery, 172 Middle Street.

Mr. Fiorelli spoke to the Commission about his event, which is a part of Lowell Celebrates Jack Kerouac Festival.

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

- 3 Application by PJ Mercier, for a "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only," for the 2026 'Baystate Marathon,' to be held on Sunday, October 18, 11 AM to 3 PM at 168 MLK Jr Way.

Mr. Mercier reviewed his plans for the event and noted that he has operated several similar events over the years.

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

- 4 Application by Sophia Boucher, City of Lowell Cultural and Special Events, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment," for the City of Lowell Fall Buskers Series for Fridays & Saturdays from Noon to 8 PM in September and October at Derby Park, 66 Middle St.

Ms. Boucher told the Commission about the fall busker program that the City sponsors to encourage traffic downtown.

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

- 5 Application by Amanda Étinge, for the following "Special One-Day Licenses to sell/dispense Wines and Malt Beverages only" at the Hellenic Center, 41 Broadway Street; all events are 7 PM to 1 AM:

Ms. Étinge answered questions about each of her events. She explained that the ratification was for an event that was moved last minute to this unlicensed venue. She explained that the Edo are a Nigerian tribe. She noted that the Celebration of Life was a normal wake-keeping, and invited everyone to the wedding.

- Ratification of an application for "Mami Esther's Celebration of Life" on Saturday, September 12, 2026, from 7 PM to 1 AM.

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

- "Celebration of Edo People" on Saturday, September 19, 2026.
- "Nigerian Independence Day Banquet" on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

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

- "Mami Theckla Lomga Celebration of Life" on Saturday, October 10, 2026.

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

- "Jojo & Alex 25th Wedding Anniversary" on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

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

- 6 Application by Diego Leonardo, Latinx Community Center, for a "Special Events Permit for Amplified Outdoor Public Entertainment" for live music and cultural performances, to be held at the Lowell Hispanic & Latinx Festival, September 26, 2024, from Noon to 8 PM at Sampas Pavilion, 160 Pawtucket Blvd.

Mr. Leonardo explained that the festival was moving from JFK Plaza in downtown Lowell to Sampas Pavilion in Heritage State Park, noting that this is the fifth annual Latinx Festival and that 37 countries would be represented.

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

- 7 Petition by Kazanjian Used Parts Inc., 705 Dutton Street, Class 3 Auto Dealer and licensed Junk Dealer, to change conditions of the Junk Dealer license.

David Grey spoke for Kazanjian Used Parts, Inc.; he explained that there had been a condition imposed on their Junk Dealer license because of a neighbor who had moved away, and that the condition limited their storage options on site. He supplied a letter from the new neighbor, who is amenable to the business keeping neat, organized outdoor storage.

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

- 8 Application by Merrimack Repertory Theatre for "Special One Day License to sell/dispense Malt Beverages and Wines only," during pre-show and intermission for fourteen performances of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," fourteen performances of "The Complete Works of Jane Austen, Abridged," fifteen performances of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," fifteen performances of "All the Great Books," fifteen performances of "Long Shot," and for the "Annual MRT Gala" at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack Street.

Carolyn Andrews and Christopher Torres represented the Repertory Theatre. They reviewed the Theatre's annual plan and typical set up for concessions and intermission alcohol service.

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

- 9 Public hearing for an application by Valerie GEO Inc [d/b/a] Sophia's Greek Pantry North, Valerie Georgouloupoulos, proposed license manager for transfer and change of location of a "Wine and Malt Beverages" package store license to 484 Merrimack St.

Ms. Georgouloupoulos spoke to the Commission about her application and her new location.

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

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

- 10 Request for a public hearing for an application by HLE TargetCO LLC [d/b/a] Showcase Cinema Lowell, to transfer of the "All Alcoholic Beverages" restaurant license for 31 Reiss Ave. Request public hearing be held at the October 15, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Motion to hold a public hearing on the application at the October 15, 2026, License Commission meeting by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Uong. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Donahue, C. Mercier), APPROVED.

- 11 Communications to Commission regarding incidents and events.

Motion to place the matters on file by Commissioner Underwood; seconded by Commissioner Uong. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Donahue, C. Mercier), APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Krieger made a motion to adjourn at 18:17, seconded by Commissioner Uong. 3 yeas, 2 absent (C. Donahue, C. Mercier), APPROVED.

Submitted by: John Pyers

Executive Secretary

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

