



The City of Worcester

License Commission Meeting Minutes May 28, 2026 25 Meade Street

Attendance:

Commissioners Present:
Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent:

Staff Present:
Sgt. Thomas Needham
Officer Patrick Harrington
Amanda Moran, Law Department
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: May 14, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of May 14, 2026.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. Soles of Hope, 570 Lincoln Street

- Request for one day liquor license
- Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, tv, dancing by entertainers, recorded music, live music, amplification system, moving picture show
Saturday-June 20, 2026-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.
Tuesday-June 20, 2026-7:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m.

Chair Vigliotti indicated that this agenda item was carried over from the previous meeting to allow staff additional time to conduct further research regarding the building in question.

Bruce Hoffner inquired whether smoke detectors were installed within the building. Chair Vigliotti responded that a report from city staff would be read shortly.

Mr. Hoffner also expressed concerns about a significant number of police complaints associated with the location and requested that the fire and police report be presented prior to a vote on the matter.

Joe Carcia, appearing remotely, asserted that the location serves as a chronic nuisance and queried whether presentations from the fire department, police, and inspections would take place during the meeting.

Chair Vigliotti confirmed that such presentations would occur. Mr. Carcia further asked if the Commission had reviewed the video and letter he had submitted.

Chair Vigliotti responded that they had. Mr. Carcia raised the issue of unlicensed entertainment events continuing at the location and questioned the enforcement of the noise ordinance by law enforcement.

Officer Harrington reported that an inspection had been conducted at the property, revealing over fifteen calls concerning loud music, several of which were repeat complaints. Commissioner Nicholas Antanavica, who participated in the inspection alongside Officer Harrington and Inspector Lauren Martin, articulated that the building is not suitable for entertainment activities as it is licensed as an adult day care center. He noted that the noise generated constitutes a nuisance for neighbors, and he recommended that no licenses be issued until the building conforms to all requirements for a function hall.

Commissioners Fisher and Cruz echoed Commissioner Antanavica's sentiments, stating that based on his findings, they could not approve a license for the facility.

Mr. Carcia requested the opportunity to comment on the unlicensed events, to which Chair Vigliotti replied that such matters fell outside the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to deny the one-day liquor and entertainment licenses.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated April 24, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated April 24, 2026.

2. Nicole Mohagnegh, 100 Grove Street

- Request for one day liquor license**
- Request for one day entertainment license for tv, live music, amplification system**

Saturday-September 5, 2026-11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Nicole Mohagneh appears upon behalf of the application states that she is looking to have event in the alleyway of her building, and she hopes to have 200-300 people. They will barricade the area and alcohol will be purchased from Atlas Distributors and she plans to hire two off duty police.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor license and one day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for one day liquor license received and dated May 15, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 15, 2026.

3. Skaff Vineyard and Winery dba Broken Creek Vineyard, Worcester Common Out to Lunch Series 2026

- **Request for sale of wine produced by farmer winery off premises consumption**

Abigail Skaff, participating remotely, stated that this will be for the Worcester Common Out to Lunch Series.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the farmer winery off premises license.

List of Exhibits: Application for permit for farmer winery off premises license.

4. Worcester Center for Crafts, 25 Sagamore Road

- **Request for one day liquor license
Friday-July 17, 2026-4:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**

Candance Casey, participating remotely, stated that this is for their annual event. They have demonstrations and activities. They expect about 700 people, and they have TIPS certified bartenders and will have security from Worcester State University.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated May 15, 2026.

5. Kuntur Group LLC dba Mercado Restaurant, 278 Shrewsbury Street

- **Request for one day entertainment license outside for Salsa band
Tuesday-June 18, 2026-5:00 p.m.-Midnight**

Juan Maldonado, participating remotely, stated that this is a request for a one-day entertainment license outside for the Taste of Shrewsbury Street. It will be a live salsa band.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day entertainment license.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day entertainment license received and dated May 14, 2026.

6. Miranda Bread, 190 Shrewsbury Street

- Request for one day entertainment license for live music outside
Tuesday-June 18, 2026-5:00 p.m.-Midnight

Upon roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

7. Craig Morrison, Creative Hub, 2 Ionic Avenue

- Request for one day liquor license
- Request for live music
Saturday-May 30, 2026-7:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for Leave to Withdraw for the application.

8. Khalid Karachi, 60 Prescott Street

- Request for one day liquor license
Wednesday-June 10, 2026-4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item.

9. Danielle Spring & Julie Toupin, parking lot behind Femme Bar-

- Request for one day liquor license
- Request for one day entertainment license for tv, dancing by patrons, recorded music, live music, amplification system

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to allow for leave to withdraw.

Common Victualer Requests

10. Shiraz, 490 Lincoln Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Monday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Tuesday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Wednesday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Thursday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Friday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Saturday Operating Hours*

10 am - 9 pm

Habib Amani appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated he will be opening a new restaurant at location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the application.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated May 20, 2026.

11. Worcester Jade, 1328 Main Street

Sunday Operating Hours*

12:00pm-9:30pm

Monday Operating Hours*

11am-9:30pm

Tuesday Operating Hours*

close

Wednesday Operating Hours*

11am-9:30pm

Thursday Operating Hours*

11am-9:30pm

Friday Operating Hours*

11am-10pm

Saturday Operating Hours*

11am-10pm

Guoqiang Pan appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated he will be taking over this location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the common victualer license.

List of Exhibits: Application for common victualer license received and dated May 18, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

12. Paku Paku, Inc., 215 Chandler Street

Request for entertainment license for tv, amplification system, karaoke, DJ

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

13. Italian American World War Veterans of the US Inc. Post 3, 14 Itam Court

Request for change of manager

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

14. Broadway Restaurant & Catering, Inc., 100 Water Street

Request for change of manager

Request for change of officers/directors

Ms. Steele stated that they have received the final paperwork on this application.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the change of manager and change of officers/directors.

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager/change of officers/directors received and dated November 12, 2025.

15. 139 Saloon MA, Inc., 139 Green Street

- Request for entertainment license for jukebox, tv, radio, dancing by patrons, live music, amplification system, floor show, karaoke, light show, DJ, loudspeakers-
ONLY REQUESTING TV, BACKGROUND MUSIC NOW

Nan Zhong Zheng, along with a translator, appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that he is amended application to only request tv and background music.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the amended application.

List of Exhibits: Application for entertainment license received and dated 18, 2026.

16. Guille Sports Bar and Lounge, LLC, 175 Millbury Street-

- Request for restaurant all alcohol license
- Request for common victualer license
- Request for entertainment license for tv, radio, recorded music

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Attorney Russell Hall along with Jaimi Pichardo appeared upon behalf of the application.

Attorney Hall stated that this location has been empty for several years and his client will be opening a new business there. The hours of operation will be: Monday-Thursday-11:00 a.m.-Midnight, Friday, Saturday-10:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m., Sunday Noon to Midnight.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license, the common victualer license and the entertainment license.

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated March 20, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for common victualer license received and dated March 20, 2026.

Exhibit C: Application for entertainment license received and dated March 20, 2026.

**17. Luigi Romeo dba Dolce Bar, 181 Shrewsbury Street
Request for restaurant all alcohol license**

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to file the item.

**18. JG and J Corp, 263-271 Grafton Street
Request for restaurant all alcohol license with outside patio**

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commissioners had viewed the site prior to the meeting.

Julie Polanco appeared upon behalf of the application. She stated that this will be for a small neighborhood restaurant/bar and the hours would be Monday through Sunday-3:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m.

The Commission discussed the outside patio hours and did not feel at this time the outside patio could be approved with those hours.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the restaurant all alcohol license excluding the outside patio.

List of Exhibits: Application for restaurant all alcohol license received and dated February 11, 2026.

**19. The Corner Dive, LLC, 34 Green Street
Request for general on premises all alcohol license**

Attorney Matthew Porter along with Chloe Hatstat and Kyle Pursell appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that they will be opening up this location which had been closed for almost a year. The hours of operation would be 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m.

List of Exhibits: Application for general on premises all alcohol license received and dated April 27, 2026.

**20. 1009 Members Enterprises, LLC, 290 Millbury Street
Request for club all alcohol license**

Attorney John Spillane appeared upon behalf of the application. He stated that this will be for a private club and the hours of operation will be 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the club all alcohol license.

List of Exhibits: Application for club all alcohol license received and dated May 11, 2026.

Status Hearings

21. Creed Lounge, 41 Pleasant Street

- **Request to remove condition to close at Midnight and modify license to close at 2:00 a.m.**

Calvin Paulino and Catherine Cruz appeared on behalf of the request.

Mr. Paulino stated that the business has made several changes, including replacing its security personnel and promoters. He explained that the establishment is seeking a different clientele and is working to improve its operations.

Sgt. Needham stated that since the License Commission imposed the current time restrictions, no incidents have been reported. He believes the restrictions have been effective in preventing problems.

Chair Vigliotti stated that the Commission is reluctant to extend the business hours, noting that there have been no problems since the restrictions were imposed.

Mr. Paulino stated that because the business must close earlier, patrons are leaving earlier as well.

Commissioner Cruz agreed with the police assessment, noting that there have been no incidents. She stated that she would prefer to keep the current condition in place and suggested that the license holder return at a later date to request a modification after demonstrating continued compliance.

Mr. Paulino stated that management now handles promotion of the business directly, giving them greater control over operations.

Mr. Paulino further stated that the establishment currently operates from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. and that patrons are leaving before closing time. He added that he and Ms. Cruz are responsible for overseeing the business.

Commissioner Cruz stated that Mr. Paulino has been an owner throughout this period and that she understands he is now taking a more active role. However, she remains hesitant and would like to observe the business's progress for a longer period before supporting an extension of operating hours.

Sgt. Needham stated that all security personnel are hired through the license holder rather than through promoters. He emphasized that Mr. Paulino needs to remain actively involved in the operation. He also noted that both the Commission and the state have previously imposed sanctions and penalties on the business, and that the restriction of operating hours appears to be the measure that has been most effective.

Officer Harrington stated that the establishment has a history of multiple violations and that the current time restrictions appear to be preventing further issues.

Commissioner Fisher stated that she understands the business has made changes but suggested that the license holder return at a later date, at which time the Commission may reconsider the request.

Commissioner Cruz stated that she appreciates the efforts made by the business. However, she believes patrons will simply need to arrive earlier, as the current operating hours are an important public safety measure. She recommended that no changes be made to the existing conditions.

Upon a roll call vote, the Commission voted 3-0 to deny the request to extend the business hours to 2:00 a.m.

22. Italian American World War Vets of The US, 14 Itam Court
Failure to file amendment paperwork

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item to the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

23. New Golden Pizza, 1137 Grafton Street
Status of plumbing inspection and items that need to be updated at location.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item until the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

24. Myron Katz, 667 Main Street
• Status of corrections on lodging house license

Myron Katz, participating remotely, stated that he has gone through the list provided by staff and he has done the repairs. Ms. Steele stated that they would like to do a follow-up inspection next week to confirm that all repairs are completed. Mr. Katz stated he would be fine with that.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to continue the item until the June 11, 2026, License Commission meeting.

Violation Hearings

25. Dubai Restaurant & Lounge dba Mexitown, 105 Water Street
Violation of Rules #14 #16 and 204 CMR 2.05(2):

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the June 25, 2026, License Commission meeting.

26. Albino's Market, Inc, 92 Belmont Street
Violation of Rule #1

Attorney Sean Murray along with Michael Robles appeared upon behalf of the violation.

Sgt. Needham read the following report:

Officer Patrick Harrington, assigned to the Worcester Police Alcohol Enforcement Unit, was notified of an organized retail theft operation/scheme that involved Albino's Market, Inc. at 92-94 Belmont Street.

On January 6, 2026, Auburn Police Detective Chipman began a large-scale larceny scheme investigation involving the theft of power tools and electric products from Home Depot stores throughout Massachusetts between November 2025 and February 2026 with a total theft of \$67,079.96.

During the investigation it was revealed several suspects were identified, including the owner/manager of the Premises. During the investigation an undercover police officer was able to purchase suspected stolen merchandise within the premises and the transaction sale was conducted on the cash register within Albino's Market.

Based on evidence throughout the investigation, Detective Chipman applied and was granted a search warrant on March 6, 2026, for the Licensed Premises. On March 9, 2026, investigators executed the search warrant at the Licensed Premises which resulted in the discovery and confiscation of approximately \$37,000 of stolen items.

Attorney Murray stated that, due to a pending investigation, he does not wish for his client, Mr. Robles, to testify at this time. Attorney Murray acknowledged that the Commission may recommend revocation of Mr. Robles's license; however, he requested that the Commission vote instead to suspend the license indefinitely until the matter is resolved. He stated that this course of action would protect all parties involved.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the violation did occur.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 that the license would be suspended until outcome of case.

List of Exhibits: Police Report dated March 17, 2026.

Communications

**ABCC Community-Creed Lounge-Notice of Amended suspension-file
Watch Party Safety Advisory-World Cup-file**

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:24 a.m.