



The City of Worcester

License Commission Meeting Minutes OCTOBER 8, 2026

Attendance:

Commissioners

Present:

Anthony Vigliotti, Chair
Charran Fisher, Commissioner
Maritza Cruz, Commissioner

Commissioners

Absent:

Staff Present:

Sgt. Thomas Needham, Worcester Police Department
Officer Patrick Harrington, Worcester Police Department
Amanda Moran, Law Department
Inspector Lauren Martin
Deborah Steele, Licensing

Call to Order – 10:00 A.M.

Minutes: September 24, 2026

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the minutes of September 24, 2026.

One Day Liquor & Entertainment Requests

1. The Big Dill, 633 Salisbury Street

- Request for entertainment license for recorded music
Sunday-October 18, 2026, rain date October 25, 2026-9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Alexavier Bender appeared upon behalf of application and stated that they are looking for a one-day entertainment license for event.

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 September 14, 2026.

2. Diocese of Worcester, 144 Granite Street
 - Request for one day liquor license
Thursday-October 29, 2026-5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Michael Gillespie, participating remotely, stated that this is for their annual event, and they are expecting around 200 people, and alcohol will be obtained from Atlas Distributors.

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 September 24, 2026.

3. Creative Hub, 2 Ionic Avenue
 - Request for one day liquor license
Request for one day entertainment license for dancing by patrons, amplification system
Saturday-October 31, 2026-5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to October 22, 2026, License Commission meeting.

4. Christopher Besaw, Commercial Street
 - Request for one day liquor license
Saturday-October 17, 2026-2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Christopher Besaw, participating remotely, stated that this is for the opening of the Rainers and they expect around 700 people and alcohol will be obtained from Atlas.

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to approve the one-day liquor license subject to the applicant receiving the street closure permit from Public Works.

List of Exhibits: Application for one day liquor license received and dated October 5, 2026.

Common Victualer Requests

5. Café Eidy, LLC, 643 Chandler Street
 - Sunday Operating Hours*
Closed
 - Monday Operating Hours*
Closed
 - Tuesday Operating Hours*
5:00 PM - 10 PM
 - Wednesday Operating Hours*
5:00 PM - 10 PM
 - Thursday Operating Hours*

5:00 PM - 10 PM
Friday Operating Hours*
5:00 PM - 10 PM
Saturday Operating Hours*
11:00 AM - 10 PM

David deCastro, participating remotely, stated that he is looking to open a restaurant at the 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 September 24, 2026.

Alcohol/Entertainment Requests

- 6. Aelux Lounge & Bar, 267 Lincoln Street**
• **Request for Bottle Service**

Anhar Kaaed appeared upon behalf of application.

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

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

List of Exhibits: Application for bottle service received and dated September 3, 2026.

- 7. Worcester Center for Performing Arts, 2 Southbridge Street**
• **Request for change of officers/directors**
• **Request for change of manager**

- 8. Worcester Center for Performing Arts, 2 Franklin Street**
• **Request for change of officers/directors**
• **Request for change of manager**

Items #7 #,8 were taken contemporaneously.

Janine Diliberto appeared on behalf of the applications.

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

List of Exhibits:

Exhibit A: Application for change of officers/directors received and dated September 21, 2026.

Exhibit B: Application for change of officers/directors received and dated September 21, 2026.

- 9. KAP455, 455 Park Avenue**
• **Request for transfer of restaurant all alcohol license from Peppercorns Park Avenue Grille**
• **Request for common victualer license**

- Request for entertainment license tv, background music, recorded music

Ben Kaplan appeared upon behalf of the applications and stated that they are looking to make a change of ownership for the location.

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

List of Exhibits:

- A. Application for transfer of liquor license received and dated September 15, 2026.*
- B. Application for common victualer license received and dated September 15, 2026.*
- C. Application for entertainment license received and dated September 15, 2026.*

10. Italian American World War Veterans of the US Inc. Post 3, 14 Itam Court
Request for change of manager

Robert Snape and Scott Boyle appeared upon behalf of the application.

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

List of Exhibits: Application for change of manager received and dated October 1, 2026.

Status Hearings

11. Hinoelia Rivera dba El Coqui Liquor, 184 Chandler Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the October 22, 2026, License Commission meeting.

12. Carlow Clove, Inc. dba O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar, 1160 West Boylston Street

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to postpone the item to the October 22, 2026, License Commission meeting.

13. LaCuccina, 1393 Grafton Street-Status of building corrections

Violation Hearings

14. Marlboro Foods, Inc, 1442 Grafton Street
- Violation of Rules #4, #20, #21

Nakula Patel and Joshi Patel appeared to answer the violation and waived their right to counsel.

Sgt. Needham presented the following

Sgt. Needham was conducting compliance checks of Section 15 license holders when he stopped at the Licensed Premises and observed a store employee working at the checkout counter near the register. Sgt. Needham asked the employee where the business liquor license was posted and requested a copy of the employee's TIPS certification. The employee stated that he did not know where the liquor license was posted and did not know what TIPS certification was.

A short time later, Piyuskumar Patel arrived at the Licensed Premises to assist. Sgt. Needham asked Patel to provide the TIPS certificates for both himself and the employee. The certificates were located; however, both had expired.

On the next business day, Sgt. Needham received scanned copies of documentation showing that the employees had completed the TIPS completed.

Mr. Patel stated that it was mistake on their part and following day everyone was TIPS certified.

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 to issue a

List of Exhibits: Police report dated August 14, 2026.

- 15. Mexicali Cantina Grill, 225 Shrewsbury Street**
- Violation of Rules #7, #1**

Attorney Nicholas Felici along with David Bramblia and Andre Paulino appeared upon behalf of the violation.

Sgt. Needham presented the following:

On September 3, 2026, members of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Fire, Code & Worcester Alcohol Enforcement units were conducting compliance checks at numerous businesses within the city.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., members of the unit stopped at the Licensed Premises after being made aware of a complaint alleging that the establishment was serving alcohol to underage individuals on Thursdays.

Upon entering the Licensed Premises, the investigators observed more than 30 youthful-looking individuals, the majority of whom were seated at exterior tables. During their observations, the investigators noted minimal food on the tables and observed alcoholic beverages in the possession of several individuals.

Based on their observations, the investigators determined that the individuals appeared to be under the age of 21 and that a reasonable person, particularly an individual responsible for the sale or service of alcoholic beverages, should have recognized that the individuals were underage.

During the investigation, numerous individuals appeared nervous and attempted to leave the tables. A compliance check was conducted, resulting in 15 individuals being found in possession of alcoholic beverages who were under the age of 21.

Mr. Paulino stated that he checked all the ID cards for the individuals. He told the commission that he looked at the face on the ID and checked Google to see if they were from out of state.

Mr. Bramblia stated that the restaurant's previous manager was fired a month before. Officer Harrington stated that no approved replacement was on duty on Sept 3, the night of the incident.

Mr. Brambila said that the establishment takes the underage drinking seriously.

Commissioner Cruz stated that there should have been management at the bar that night and the responsibility for the incident doesn't entirely fall on the staff manager.

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 to issue a 10-day suspension with 5 days served.

List of Exhibits: Police report dated September 8, 2026.

Adjournment

Upon a roll call vote the Commission voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m.