# **MINUTES**

## LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING

6:00 p.m.

# Thursday, March 21, 2024

#### Via ZOOM

The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, via ZOOM. Present were Commissioners, Jeffrey Charnel, Robert P. Simpson, Christina Derome, Scott D. Uhlman, Janet Landerholm. Also, present were License Agent David Farrell, Deputy Chief Williams, and Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the License Commission Meeting of February 15, 2024, and the Special Meeting of January 31, 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the previously mentioned meeting of February 15, 2024, and the Special Meeting of January 31, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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2. Approval of the following police officers as license agents for the month of March 2024: Lieuts. Paul Bonanca, David Farrell, and William Schlieman; Sgts. Christopher McDermott, Timothy Stanton. and Matthew Graham; Captain John Hallisey; Dets. Eric Clark, Thomas Hyland, Donald Macmillan, James Cronshaw, Ryan Quirk, Michael Micciche.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the license agents as listed for the month of March 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Uhlman and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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3. Hearing on a request from 65 Court Street, LLC for a Transfer of a Class II Used Car Dealers license at 65 Court Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was No one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to move the agenda item to the May 16, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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4. Hearing on a request from Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, for a Special One Day Permit to Sell All Alcoholic Beverages for a Food Festival to be held at 457 Oak Street, Brockton, on the following dates:

May 17, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

May 18, 20224, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

May 19, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Present was Mrs. Paula Tsitsopoulos of 457 Oak Street, Brockton, MA.

Mrs. Tsitsopoulos informed the board that they are holding a mini festival which is much smaller than the one that they have in the fall. They have held this event for the past 18 years with no issues and have made accommodations for crowd control, as well as people with serve safe certification in the kitchen. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting up to the public, and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Uhlman asked her if it is smaller than the one that they hold in September? and she replied, yes. He asked her if they will have the usual 2 police detail officers? She replied that she would follow the boards recommendations. Lt. Farrell stated that he is recommending 1 police officer. Deputy Chief Williams had no objections. Chairman Charnel stated that he usually has questions, but he has no issues with the event. Commissioner Derome stated that there is a lot of work going on with Verizon and hopefully there will not be any traffic issues. Mrs. Tsitopolous replied that they have a big parking that can accommodate traffic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the permit with the recommendations from the Police Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Uhlman and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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5. Hearing on a request from Brockton Arts, Inc. for a Special One Day Permit to Sell All Alcoholic Beverages for a Movie Night on April 5, 2024, to be held at Enso Gallery's- 50 Centre Street, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Present was Mr. Arnie Danielson of 603 Summer Street, Brockton, MA.

Mr. Danielson stated that one of his board members Rolly Blanchette taught film and theatre and he would like to host a movie night. It is a cheap date night with drinks, popcorn, candy. They are looking to have a good time, and you can bring your own food. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Uhlman asked if they would need an entertainment license? They are expecting 30-35 people and will max out at 50. Commissioner Derome asked him if it was free or ticket sales? He replied ticket sales. Commissioner Landerholm asked him how they would keep the number at 50? And he replied he would by counting the number of attendees at the door.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

6. Hearing on a request from Brockton Arts, Inc. for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for two First Communion Events to be held at the following locations:

May 4, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Gallery 33-33 Dover Street, Brockton.

May 4, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Enso Gallery, 86 Centre Street, Brockton.

Present was Mr. Arnie Danielson of 603 Summer Street, Brockton, MA.

Mr. Danielson stated that Ms. Mysha Ceaser has two parties planned and needed venues for her guests. These are seated family events. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be he heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners. Commissioner Ulman asked Mr. Danielson why they have gone from art festivals to first communions? Mr. Danielson stated that they have to take on other events to pay the rent.

Commissioner Uhlman stated that he would like to see them get a full liquor license, so they do not have to keep coming before the board. Mr. Danielson stated that they are allowed 30 a year and that is more than enough to keep him busy. Lt. Farrel had no objections and Deputy Chief Williams had no objections. They have their own security.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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7. Hearing on a request from Brockton Council On Aging for a Special Events Permit for an Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Walk to be held on June 13, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Present was Ms. Lauren Conrad of 1224 Washington Street, East Bridgewater, MA.

Ms. Conrad informed the board that this is an annual event, and this year it will start and end at Fienberg Way. There will be no alcohol served and the food will be catered. They expect 120 people, and the event is hosted by various organizations in the city that work with older adults. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Simpson asked if Police and Fire have any recommendations? Ms. Conrad stated that they will request assistance crossing over Feinberg and will reach out to Traffic. Commissioner Landerholm asked if all of the people marching were elderly, and if there were people there to assist them? Ms. Conrad replied no, they are not all elderly, and they will have people there to assist them. Chairman Charnel stated that if Traffic could help that would be great. He asked Ms. Conrad how many years they have been holding the march? She replied 11 years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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8. Hearing on a request from Sabores Latinos Restaurant, Inc., dba Sabores Latinos Restaurant for a Common Victualer license at 610 North Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Jose Jacome of 27 North Ash Street, Brockton, MA.

Mr. Jacome informed the board that he and his wife are opening a restaurant and would like to sell food, and they are applying for a Common Victualer license for seating. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners. Chairman Charnel asked Mr. Jacome if he experience running a restaurant? And he replied, no, but they have worked in restaurants. Commissioner Simpson asked them how many seats? And Chairman Charnel replied, 39. The board asked that they submit a floor plan prior to the issuance of the license. Lt. Farrell stated that they are in the process of renovating, and he has no issues. Deputy Chief Williams will make a final inspection once the work has been completed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the Common Victualer license once a floor plan has been submitted, and that it does not exceed the occupancy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Uhlman and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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9. Hearing on a request from Flex Jamaican Cuisine for a Common Victualer license at 10 Perkins Avenue, Brockton, MA.

Present was No one.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to move the agenda item to the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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10. Hearing on a request from Doyle's on the Green for a Common Victualer license and Seasonal Golf Course- One Day licenses at D.W. Field Golf Course-331 Oak Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Ms. Anne Ferrari of 229 Vernon Street, Bridgewater, MA.

Ms. Ferrari stated that they operate a concession stand at the golf course and they are looking to renew their license. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners. Lt. Farrell had no issues and Deputy

Chief Williams had no objections. Chairman Charnel stated that he has no issues, he goes there himself and they run a good business for the patrons.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the Common Victualer license and Seasonal Golf Course- One Day licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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11. Hearing on a request from George's Northern Lights, Inc., dba George's to Sell All Alcoholic Beverages and have Entertainment in the parking lot at 228 Belmont Street for Outdoor Day Parties to be held from 12:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on the following dates; May 4 & 25, rain dates May 5 & 26
June 1, & 2, 29, rain dates June 2 & 30
July 6 & 27, rain dates July 7 & 28
August 3 & 31, rain dates August 4 & September 1
September 7 & 28, rain dates September 8 & 29

Present was No One.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to withdraw the agenda item. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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12. Hearing on a request from LHJ, LLC, dba Chinatown Restaurant, Manager- Chao Ju Tang makes application for an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant, and Entertainment license at 51 Oak Street, Extension, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Russell Chin of 400 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA., and Ms. Chao Ju Tang of 10 Norton Glen Road, Norton, MA.

Attorney Chin stated that he is before the board on behalf of his client, and he is joined by the manager. They are currently operating with a Common Victualer license that was transferred in 2023. at the time of the transfer the applicant chose not to apply for a liquor license, or entertainment. Ms. Tang is a US citizen with 10 years of restaurant experience as a manager/worker. She is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Commonwealth and the City of Brockton. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioner.

Commissioner Uhlman stated that he is a regular patron at the restaurant and has no problems approving the licenses. The entertainment that they are seeking is for TV's, there will be no live entertainment or dancing. Lt. Farrell stated that everything was in order, and he asked about the entertainment, and they stated that it would be for TV's. Deputy Chief Williams had no objections. Chairman Charnel reminded them that the hours will remain as they are currently approved for the Common Victualer license. Attorney Chin informed the board that there has been no alcohol on site

with the current licensee. The manager is TIPS Certified and is serve safe certified. They have a seating capacity of 75 with plenty of capacity to increase in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant, and Entertainment license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Uhlman and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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13. Hearing on a request from Goncalves Group, LLC, Manager- Jorge Goncalves make application for a Transfer of an All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant, Common Victualer, and Entertainment license at 453 Centre Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Jorge Goncalves of 81 Pamona Drive, Brockton, MA.

Mr. Goncalves informed the board that Luanda has been at this location for 21 years. They are currently buying the restaurant from his aunt and putting it in his name. He has managed the restaurant full-time since 2016 and has extensive experience. Everything will remain the same, there will be no changes in day-to-day operations. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the hearing and opened it up to the Commissioners.

Lt. Farrell stated that everything was spotless, and it is just a transfer, and he has no issues. Duputy Chief Williams stated that everything will remain in the same footprint and will remain unchanged. Fire does regular inspections, and he has no objections. Chairman Charnel stated that the applicant has been trying to make changes for quite some time, and they have had no issues as of late.

A motion was made by Commissioner Uhlman to approve the Transfer of the All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant, Common Victualer, and Entertainment license at 453 Centre Street, Brockton, MA. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Simpson and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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14. Renewal of Marijuana licenses for 2024

In Good Health, Inc., 1200 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA.
Legal Greens, LLC, 73-75 Pleasant Street, Brockton, MA.
Green Stratus Corp., dba Canapi, 255 N. Pearl Street, Brockton, MA.
GTE Brockton, LLC, dba Botera, 747 Centre Street, Brockton, MA.
Commonwealth Alternative Care, Inc., 1900 West Chestnut Street, Brockton, MA.
Hyecorp, LLC, dba Green4all, 327 N. Pearl Street, Brockton, MA.
Green World, LLC, dba Green Heart, 897 N. Montello Street, Brockton, MA.

The Holistic Concepts, Inc., 1915 Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Leaf Relief, Inc., 165 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to take the Marijuana licenses collectively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the 2024 Marijuana renewals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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15. Renewal of Common Victualer licenses for 2024.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to take the Common Victualer licenses collectively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the Common Victualer licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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16. Hearing on a request from Flex Jamaican Cuisine for a Common Victualer license at 10 Perkins Avenue, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Kegan Chambers of 15 Ledgebrook Road, Mattapan, MA.

Mr. Chambers stated that he is applying for 6 seats in his new Jamaican restaurant. Chairman Charnel opened the meeting to the public and asked if there was anyone in favor or opposition, and if there were any elected officials that would like to be heard. He closed that portion of the meeting and opened it up to the Commissioners. Commissioner Simpson stated that he did not see any plans submitted with the application. He would like to see something with the current layout, even if is hand drawn. Lt. Farrell state that he had no issues. Deputy Chief Williams had no objections and they do required inspections regularly.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the Common Victualer license pending a plan is submitted to the License Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Charnel, Chairman

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