

MINUTES  
**LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Thursday, January 15, 2026**  
**G.A.R. Room, City Hall, 45 School Street**  
**Brockton, Massachusetts**

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The License Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2026, in the G.A.R. Room, 45 School Street. Present were, Commissioners Scott D. Uhlman, Janet Landerholm, Christina Derome, Robert Simpson, Abraham Belice, Executive Assistant Silvia Carvalho, Lt. David Farrell, Deputy Chief Brendan Weeks and George Depina.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular License Commission Meeting of December 18, 2025 and Special Meeting of December 22, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the previously mentioned meeting of December 18, 2025, and Special meeting of December 22, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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2. Approval of the following police officers as license agents from January 15, 2026 to February 19, 2026; Lieuts. David Farrell, and William Schlieman; Sgts. Matthew Graham, Rich Colon and Mark Duhamel; Captain John Hallisey and William Hallisey; Dets. Thomas Hyland, Ryan Quirk, Michael Micciche, George Almeida, Ernie Bell, Santiago Cirino, Tim Donahue, Joe Miranda, Shannon Murray, Mike Bunker, William Devine, Matt Farrell, Frank Lopez, Gary Mercurio, Salissa Lopes, Derek Salamone.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the license agents as listed from January 15, 2026 to February 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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3. Hearing on a request from Tommy Stargo, dba Fatima Tarot Card and Palm Reader for a Fortune Teller license at 860 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney John Creedon of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, MA, and Mr. Tommy Stargo of 860 Belmont Street, Brockton, MA.

Attorney Creedon stated he is before the board because his client was turned down for a license in spite of having been in business for the last 38 years. His client failed to renew and because of his place of residence the board turned down his application. There is a federal case law that states that residency can't be used against an applicant. You can't stop someone from opening a business, or having them wait a year. Mr. Stargo has been in business for 38 years, and has had 9 locations with no violations. Mr. Stargo's wife was being treated in Rhode Island, so he got a license to work there. His wife would renew the license every year with Bonnie Tucker until she died.

Chairman Uhlman informed Attorney Creedon that what he is stating is a federal statute, and by state law it is unconstitutional. Attorney Creedon stated that he has been there several times, and it is a magnificent structure. His client has been paying rent there for 11 years, and he is hoping the board will reconsider their vote and grant him the license.

Chairman Uhlman 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. Deputy Chief Weeks had no objections from the fire department. George stated the business is listed as commercial, and should not be used as residential. Attorney Creedon stated he has been living there, with his wife and ex-wife for years.

George replied, no one should be living there. Lt. Farrell stated that he would defer to Detective Miranda who had two investigations. Detective Miranda stated he had two investigations in September of 2024, so he reached out with the complaint that they were operating without a license. He also checked with Mass DOR, and he did not have a state or city license. Detective Cirino issued them a citation in hand.

Chairman Uhlman asked him if the citation has been paid? Lt. Farrell stated that he is against the granting of the license. Attorney Creedon stated the reason the citation has not been paid is because they went to court with a complaint against his ex-partner. These people are very territorial and this lady can say what she wants, the complaint has been filed with district court and they have two restraining orders against her.

Commissioner Simpson asked the Attorney if he is operating now? Attorney Creedon replied, no they are not allowed. They were shut down by Jim Doucette in November. Chairman Uhlman asked George if they sent him a "cease and desist" letter? He replied, yes. Commissioner Simpson asked them when was the last time they renewed their license? because it has been a long time. Commissioner Landerholm stated they continued to operate without a license from June to November.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome. The board then voted individually with all members voting in the negative.

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4. Hearing on a request from Primespot, Inc., dba East Side Package Store, Manager Dharaben P. Patel makes application for a Change of Manager on an All Alcoholic Beverages Package Store license at 469 Centre Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Ms. Dharaben P. Patel of 15 St. Paul Lane, Westport, MA.

Ms. Patel stated that the manger is in the hospital with cancer in serious condition and will not be returning. They want to change the manager just in case anything happens. Chairman Uhlman 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. There were no objections from Lt. Farrell, and he asked her if she is the manager? She replied, yes.

Chairman Uhlman asked Silvia to give a statement to the board from the previous manager who called in to inform the board that she has not been working there and they kept her name on the license. Deputy Chief Weeks had no objections from the fire department. George asked her who the manager on record was on December 20, 2024? There was an underage tobacco sale made, and they were found liable, and asked if it was actively appealed?

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

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5. Hearing on a request from Brockton Symphony Orchestra for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala to be held at Brockton Public Library- 304 Main Street, on January 30, 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Present was Ms. Darlene Campisano of 32 Miller Avenue, Brockton, MA.

Ms. Campisano stated they are hosting their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at the library, and would like to serve beer and wine. The cost of the alcohol will be included in the cost of the tickets. Chairman Uhlman 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.

Councilor Darosa came forward in favor of the application, and stated she supports the event. Councilor Thompson came forward to speak in favor of the event and stated the library is in his ward, and believes it will be a fantastic event with an enjoyable atmosphere. He hopes to see everyone there. Deputy Chief Weeks asked Ms. Campisano if they have a DJ for the event, and if the library has a turn-off that they can plug into? She replied, it will be background music and the orchestra. He asked her if a conversation can be heard than he is fine with it.

Lt. Farrell had no objections from the police department, and requested 2 police details from the hours of 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. to assist with traffic. George asked Ms. Campisano what the occupancy was for the evening? She replied, 175 at the most. He informed her that she must apply for a food permit. Councilor Simpson stated that a crowd manager would not be a bad idea to have. Chairman Uhlman asked her where they were getting the alcohol?

She replied, Costco. He informed her that it is against the law, and she must get the alcohol from a wholesaler, and the information is on the ABCC website.

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.

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6. Hearing on a request from Brockton Arts, Inc., for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Paint Night Series to be held at 50 Centre Street, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on the following dates;

<b>January 31, 2026</b>	<b>May 30, 2026</b>	<b>September 26, 2026</b>
<b>February 28, 2026</b>	<b>June 27, 2026</b>	<b>October 31, 2026</b>
<b>March 28, 2026</b>	<b>July 25, 2026</b>	<b>November 28, 2026</b>
<b>April 25, 2026</b>	<b>August 29, 2026</b>	<b>December 26, 2026</b>

Present was no one.

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

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7. Hearing on a request from Mutual Management, LLC, dba Centre Station Market, Manager Darrin DeCoste makes application for a Wine and Malt Package Store license at 127 Centre Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Attorney Scott Rubin of 71 Legion Parkway, Brockton, MA, and Mr. Darrin DeCoste of 41 Lally Farm Drive, Hanson, MA.

Attorney Rubin stated that he is before the board on behalf of his client who opened a new building one year ago. The building has 40 mixed use residential units with a parking lot under the building. It is a 3,400 square feet commercial building with several entrances/exits. His client is seeking a beer and wine license for his convenience store that will serve the neighborhood. The downtown area does not have anything like it except the Cumberland Farms or Vicente's.

The store will provide a walk-in component to the surrounding areas, and it is across from the train station. Mr. DeCoste is a retired firefighter and he and his partner invested \$20 million in real estate into the city. They are heavily invested in the city, and will serve food and desserts and will focus on grab n' go. Their staff members will be TIPS Certified. Chairman Uhlman told them not to store alcohol by the door.

Chairman Uhlman 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. Councilor Thompson came forward in favor of the application, and stated the building is in his ward, and the city has been trying to build a walking neighborhood downtown. We desperately needed this and it is what the city envisioned.

There should be no sales of nips or single serve cans. He asks that the board approve their application, because it is greatly needed. Councilor Carla Darosa came forward in favor of the application, and stated that she can envision the store lit up, and if you need something you don't need to walk a mile to get it. Lt. Farrell had no objections from the police department. Deputy Chief weeks had no objections from the fire department pending inspections. George had no objections from ISD.

Commissioner Landerholm asked them if they plan on having seating in the store? Mr. DeCoste replied, maybe a couple of tables and chairs in the future. Attorney Rubin stated they will come back if they decide to add seating. Chairman Uhlman stated that he would like no single serve cans added to the license.

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the Wine and Malt Package Store license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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8. Hearing on a request from the Brockton License Commission to Orlando B. Andrade, dba Rices Market for a Status Update on a Wine and Malt Beverages Package Store license at 763-69 North Main Street, Brockton, MA.

Present was Mr. Orlando Andrade of 69 Vernon Street, Bridgewater, MA.

Chairman Uhlman stated that he requested that he come in to give a status update on a license that has been issued to an empty lot, when someone could be using it. Mr. Andrade stated that he has been there since 1997, and has since been in the business of catering. After the fire the insurance company delayed payment and the amount he received was not enough to rebuild, and he was unable to obtain a loan amount sufficient to rebuild. He has been trying to find a new location to put the license or he would like to sell it.

The board asked him if he plans on selling the license with the land? He replied, no he does not have the funds to rebuild. Chairman Uhlman gave Mr. Andrade 6 months to do something with the license. He will not be renewed the next year, and will be requested to attend the June meeting for an update. There were no objections or questions from police, fire or ISD.

9. Common Victualer licenses

A motion was made by Commissioner Derome to take the agenda items collectively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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

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10. Renewal of Class I Dealers license

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the renewal of the Class I Dealers license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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11. Renewal of Class II Dealers licenses

A motion was made by Commissioner Derome to take the agenda items collectively. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the renewal of Class II Dealers licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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12. Renewal of Lodging House License

A motion was made by Commissioner Derome to approve the Lodging House license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Landerholm and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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13. Renewal of Marijuana License

A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to approve the renewal of the Marijuana license. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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14. Hearing on a request from Brockton Arts, Inc., for a Special One Day Permit to Sell Wine and Malt Beverages for a Paint Night Series to be held at 50 Centre Street, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., on the following dates;

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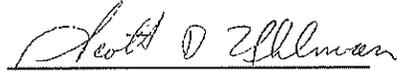
A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to move the agenda item to the February meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Simpson to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Derome and made unanimous by vote of the members present.

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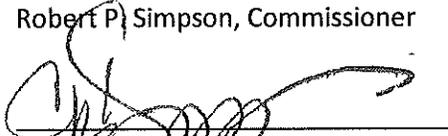


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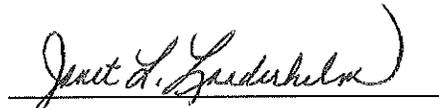
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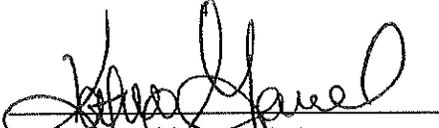
Robert P. Simpson, Commissioner



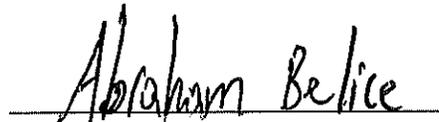
Christina Derome, Commissioner



Janet Landerholm, Commissioner



Katrice Gerald, Commissioner



Abraham Belice, Commissioner