

City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2025

- I. Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:07 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Scot Bearup, Claudette Boyd, Tanya Frey, Jared Johnson and Charles Monger II. The following Commissioners were not present: Renee Poe, Johnsie Wallace Gault and Dharam Rampersad.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (July 16, 2025)** – The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Monger II seconded. The motion passed.*

Special Beer Applicant(s):

1. Sherry McClure – 335 South Hollywood Street – “Memphis Chicken & Beer Fest”
Date(s): August 16, 2025
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Rain Date: August 17, 2025
Sponsoring Organization: iHeartMedia and Merge Memphis
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 30 booth(s)
Sherry McClure was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T5913)
2. Berenice Lopez – 2092 Trimble Place – “Latin Fest 901”
Date(s): September 27, 2025
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Cazateatro Bilingual Theatre Group
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)
Berenice Lopez was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T22476)
3. Lanell Carter – 1350 Concourse Avenue – “Art Dash”
Date(s): August 22, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Friends For All

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 4 booth(s)

Lanell Carter was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T35488)

4. Destini Johnson – 935 Farm Road – “Paw Prints Party”

Date(s): September 27, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: N/A

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 2 booth(s)

Destini Johnson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T32750)

5. Emma Meskovic – 940 Early Maxwell Blvd. – “Memphis Roller Derby Game”

Date(s): August 9, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis Roller Derby

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Emma Meskovic was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T35513)

6. Emma Meskovic – 940 Early Maxwell Blvd. – “Memphis Roller Derby Game”

Date(s): September 13, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis Roller Derby

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Emma Meskovic was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T35513)

7. Sandra Robertson – 959 South Cooper Street – “Coopers Festival Day”

Date(s): September 13, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Rain Date: September 14, 2025

Sponsoring Organization: Coopers Restaurant

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 2 booth(s)

Sandra Robertson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T2610)

8. Amanda Yarbro-Dill – Cooper Street between Central Avenue and York Avenue – “Cooper-Young 4-Miler”

Date(s): September 12, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Cooper-Young Community Association

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Amanda Yarbro-Dill was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Bearup seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T18850)

IV. Liquor Store Applicant(s):

New Liquor Store:

9. Mani Ghai and Dalip Kumar – 4305 East Holmes Road, Suite 102 – Pure Peak LLC – dba – “Holmes Liquors & Wine”

Mani Ghai was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to recommend to the Mayor and the Mayor will recommend to the State for approval. Commissioner Monger II seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T35419)

V. Violation(s):

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5, D4 (WITH) priors:

10. Noorallah Dharani – 6745 Winchester Road – Q Mark Food & Fuel, LLC – dba – “Q Mark” – Citation(s) #1010095, OS-428657

Date of Violation(s): April 30, 2025

Prior Violation(s): December 13, 2023 (C4, C5, D4)

Date Permit Approved: December 7, 2022

Officer(s): Harvell #12125, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Continued from the July 16, 2025 A C Meeting

Noorallah Dharani was present and stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$950.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer*

permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed. Noorallah Dharani agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T28985)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (WITH) priors:

11. Sebrina A. Nigreti – 2590 North Watkins Street – dba – “Jubilee Express” – Citation(s) 1009915
Date of Violation(s): February 26, 2025
Date Permit Approved: July 21, 2010
Prior Violation(s): August 22, 2022 (C4, C5)
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
Continued from the May 21, 2025 A C Meeting
No one appeared. *Commissioner Monger II moved to continue the location to the August 20, 2025 A C meeting. Commissioner Frey seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #BR3946)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4 (WITH) priors:

12. Mutahar Sharhan – 4625 Tchulahoma Road – dba – “County Line Grocery” – Citation(s) OS-430855
Date of Violation(s): May 4, 2025
Date Permit Approved: February 4, 2004
Prior Violation(s): February 27, 2024 (C4)
Officer(s): Bah #13785, Powell #14242
Mutahar Sharhan was present and stipulated to the charges. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$200.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mutahar Sharhan agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #BR2043)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C4, C16 (NO) priors:

13. Rashad Al Asadi – 1590 Vollintine Avenue – North Memphis Market, Inc. – dba – “North Memphis Market” – Citation(s) #OS-432352
Date of Violation(s): May 16, 2025
Date Permit Approved: November 20, 2019
Officer(s): Gooch #7017, Waddell #13731
Rashad Al Asadi and Attorney Larry Waissman were present and requested a continuance. *Commissioner Monger II moved to continue the location to the August 20, 2025 A C meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T22492)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (NO) priors:

14. Anmol Kaur – 5295 Winchester Road – RK Food Mart Inc.– dba – “RK Food Mart Inc.” – Citation(s) #1010096
Date of Violation(s): May 8, 2025
Date Permit Approved: November 6, 2024
Officer(s): Lockett #14900, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Anmol Kaur was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Anmol Kaur agreed to the fine and probation. (Account #T33385)

15. Marina Rahman, Mohammad Howlader, Mostofa Sarwar and Muhammad Alam – 1608 Getwell Road – Shima Enterprise Inc. – dba – “Getwell Food Mart” – Citation(s) #1008227
Date of Violation(s): May 19, 2025
Date Permit Approved: February 6, 2019
Officer(s): Lamar #15404, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
Mohammad Howlader was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mohammad Howlader agreed to the fine and probation. (Account #T20160)

16. Minale Abebe, Adem Getahun and Getnet Getahun – 1127 Springdale Street – All Yours Mart, LLC – dba – “All Yours Mart” – Citation(s) #1010108
Date of Violation(s): May 21, 2025
Date Permit Approved: November 16, 2022
Officer(s): Lockett #14900, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
No one appeared. *Commissioner Monger II moved to continue the location to the August 20, 2025 A C meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* (Account #T28495)

17. Nazrul Chowdhury – 6133 Macon Road – Babu Express, Inc. – dba – “Babu Express” – Citation(s) #1010071
Date of Violation(s): April 29, 2025
Date Permit Approved: September 4, 2024
Officer(s): Martin #0410, Scott #11978, Ward #0502
Continued from the July 16, 2025 A C Meeting
Nazrul Chowdhury was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Nazrul Chowdhury agreed to the fine and probation. (Account #T32481)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5 (NO) priors:

18. Ammar Assakaf – 3820 South Mendenhall Road – dba – “DJ’S Mart” – Citation(s) 1010097, OS-428659
Date of Violation(s): May 8, 2025
Date Permit Approved: December 20, 2023
Officer(s): Lockett #14900, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
Ammar Assakaf was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Ammar Assakaf agreed to the fine and probation. (Account #T30634)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4 (NO) priors:

19. Mohammad Khair, Mohammad Razzak and Salma Akter – 3834 South Mendenhall Road – Orin Enterprise, Inc.– dba – “Kwick Food Mart” – Citation(s) #OS-428660
Date of Violation(s): May 8, 2025
Date Permit Approved: August 2, 2023
Officer(s): Lockett #14900
Mohammad Khair was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Ammar Assakaf agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T29811)
20. Ranjodh Singh – 3580 South Mendenhall Road – Mendenhall Gas and Express, Inc. – dba – “Mendenhall Gas and Express” – Citation(s) #OS-428661
Date of Violation(s): May 8, 2025
Date Permit Approved: October 5, 2022
Officer(s): Lockett #14900, Ward #0502
Ranjodh Singh was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Ranjodh Singh agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T28446)

VI.

The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “ON” Premise Consumption:

21. Claire Li (POA) for Shuying Chen – 2828 Wolf Creek Parkway – HQ Memphis LLC – dba – “HQ BBQ & Hot Pot”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T35421)
22. Eduardo Zambrano – 2809 Kirby Road, Suite 109 – El Toro at Kirby, Inc. – dba – “El Toro at Kirby”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T35496)
23. Norbert Mede (Manager), Anthony Kuhn and Joseph Lewis – 69 East Pontotoc Avenue – The Dame, LLC – dba – “Hotel Pontotoc”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T33160)
24. Derrick Craig – 969 East McLemore Avenue – Johnnie Mae’s Soul Cafe LLC – dba – “Johnnie Mae’s Soul Cafe”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T35512)

VII.

The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “OFF” Premise Consumption:

25. Gurmej Singh and Kuldeep Kaur – 1849 East Brooks Road – Platinum Energy, Inc. – dba – “Brooks Travel Center”

Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T35146)

26. Fikru Asmare – 1041 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd. – dba – “Quick Store 01”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T35464)

27. MD Haque, Joydeep Paul, MD Sattar, MD Ullah, MD Hossen and MD Hossain – 3492 Covington Pike – Double Win LLC – dba – “Win Food Mart”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T34672)

28. Ahmad Hasan (POA) for Malik Rupani – 4789 East Shelby Drive – Operations Shelby Drive LLC – dba – “Operations Shelby Drive LLC”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T35389)

29. Kazi Rana – 1098 Springdale Street – RT1 Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “New Kings Grocery”
Administrative continuance to the August 20, 2025 AC Meeting. Quorum lost.
(Account #T32321)

VIII. New Business

IX. **Old Business** – Masum Mostafa, Sheikh Ahamed, Syed Faruk and Mohammed Islam – 1336 Poplar Avenue – Hope In, LLC – dba – “Poplar Express”
On June 18, 2025, this location was issued a 30 day suspension of their beer permit along with the stipulation that they appear back before the Alcohol Commission once the suspension was completed with an action plan to address ways to prevent future violations from occurring.
(Account #T27737)

Date Permit Approved: June 1, 2022

Violation(s):
March 25, 2025 (C5)
April 1, 2023 (C4, C5, D4)
September 8, 2022 (C4)
August 16, 2022 (C4, C5, D4)
May 23, 2022 (C4)

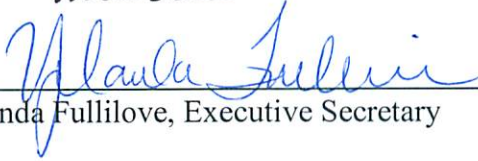
Owners Masum Mostafa and Syed Faruk were present and discussed mechanisms that they have attempted to put into place to address the negative activity on and surrounding their store location but provided no action plan. Todd Richardson (President/CEO, Crosstown Concourse) and Thomas Hewgley were also present as representatives of Crosstown Memphis CDC to address concerns about egregious activities occurring at this location. After discussion and careful consideration, *Commissioner Monger II moved for an additional 30 day suspension of their beer permit along with the stipulation that they appear back before the Alcohol Commission after the 30 day suspension and that they provide a written action plan that addresses the issues that were discussed. Commissioner Frey seconded. The motion passed.* Masum Mostafa and Syed Faruk agreed to the 30 day suspension and stipulations of the action plan.

X. **Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Monger II moved for adjournment at approximately 10:37 a.m. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*



Jared Johnson, Chairman

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MUNGER



Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

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