

City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2025

- I. Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:12 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Johnsie Wallace Gault, Jared Johnson and Charles Monger II. The following Alternate Commissioner was present: Lee Jackson. The following Commissioners were not present: Scot Bearup, Tanya Frey, Renee Poe and Dharam Rampersad.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (September 3, 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.***
- IV. Special Beer Applicant(s):**
1. William H. Stovall 4th – Riverside Drive – “RiverArts Festival”
Date(s): October 18 & 19, 2025
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: RiverArts Fest, Inc.
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 5 booth(s)
Amber Schultz was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T6195)
 2. Eric Bourgeois – 73 Monroe Avenue – “Bardog Alley Party”
Date(s): September 21, 2025
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Bardog Tavern
Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)
Eric Bourgeois was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T15318)
 3. Lauri Prather/Heather Kring – 262 Danny Thomas Place – “St. Jude Spirit of the Dream”
Date(s): September 20, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, Inc. (ALSAC)

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 2 booth(s)

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

(Account #T3064)

4. Andrew Ashby – 795 South Cooper Street – “Cooper Young Beerfest”

Date(s): October 18, 2025 (Rain Date: October 19, 2025)

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sponsoring Organization: Cooper Young Community Association

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 30 booth(s)

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

(Account #T3004)

5. Jacqueline Didato – 415 Great View Drive East, Suite 103 – “Bacon & Bourbon Festival”

Date(s): October 10, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Memphis Farmers Market

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T26306)

6. Crystal Doty – 2665 South Perkins Road – “Haunted Web Scream Park”

Date(s): October 3-5, 10-12, 17-19, 29-31, 2025

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Doty’s Productions, LLC

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T26360)

7. Dariana Cardona – 6389 Winchester Road – “Latin Music”

Date(s): October 4-31, 2025

Time: 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: N/A

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

Dariana Cardona was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic

beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** The special beer permit will be emailed to the applicant due to date changes.
(Account #T29744)

8. Fred Jones – Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium – “Southern Heritage Classic”

Date(s): September 27, 2025

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Summit Management Corporation

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T35905)

V. **Liquor Store Applicant(s):**

Liquor Store(s) Transfer of Ownership

9. Ranjodh Singh – 1009 North Germantown Parkway – Germantown Pkwy Liquor & Wine Inc. – dba – “Natalie’s Liquor Warehouse”

Ranjodh Singh 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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***

(Account #T35844)

VI. **Violation(s):**

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

10. MD Ullaha, MD Or-Rashid and Fatima Howlader – 4131 Airways Blvd. – Speedy Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Airways Food Mart” – Citation(s) #1008238, OS428682

Date of Violation(s): June 9, 2025

Date Permit Approved: December 2, 2015

Prior Violation(s): August 16, 2024 (C4, C5, D4)

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin # 0410, Ward #0410

MD Or-Rashid was present and stipulated to the charge(s). ***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.*** MD Or-Rashid agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T8422)

11. Harikrishna Vankadara – 3796 East Shelby Drive – Bheema, Inc. – dba – “Getwell Express” – Citation(s) #1008229

Indefinitely Suspended/Lift Suspension

Date of Violation(s): May 28, 2025

Date Permit Approved: June 5, 2024

Prior Violation(s): August 15, 2024 (C1, C5)

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Harikrishna Vankadara and Attorney Milton Magee were present and stipulated to the charge(s). ***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.***

Harikrishna Vankadara agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T30118)

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

12. Adrian Deumah and Mona Dumah – 1220 Getwell Road – Getwell Gas Express, LLC “” – dba – Getwell Gas Express – Citation(s) 1008228

Date of Violation(s): May 19, 2025

Date Permit Approved: March 1, 2017

Prior Violation(s): January 17, 2025 (C5, D4)

Officer(s): Lamar #15404, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Adrian Deumah and Attorney Jim Curry were present and did not stipulate to the charge(s). All of the officers were present and stated that this was a transaction. After debate and discussion, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to dismiss the violation.*** Commissioner Jackson agreed with the officers. Chairman Johnson called for a vote on the motion that was presented. ***Commissioner Boyd, Wallace Gault and Monger II voted yes. Commissioner Jackson and Johnson voted no. The motion passed.***

(Account #T13339)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C4x2 (WITH) priors:

13. Salah A. Saleh – 3340 Millington Road – dba – “Frayser Xpress Mart” – Citation(s) #OS402002, OS402003

Indefinitely Suspended/Lift Suspension

Date of Violation(s): June 2, 2025

Date Permit Approved: August 21, 2019

Date Permit Renewed: January 7, 2025

Prior Violation(s): November 7, 2024 (C5)

May 10, 2023 (C1, C5, D4)

April 20, 2023 (C5)

June 8, 2022 (C4, C5, D4)

Officer(s): Bah #13785, Ward #0502

Salah A. Saleh and Attorney Jim Curry present were present. ***Commissioner Monger II moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Salah A. Saleh and Attorney Jim Curry stipulated to the charge(s). ***Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$2,000.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Salah A. Saleh agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T21752)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4x2 (WITH) priors:

14. Rafat Khmous and Talaat Khmous – 3150 South Perkins Road, Suite 105 – RT Mart, Inc. – dba – “RT Express” – Citation(s) #OS431004, OS431005

Date of Violation(s): June 11, 2025

Date Permit Approved: July 3, 2019

Prior Violation(s): March 22, 2023 (C5, D4)

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Ward #0502

No one appeared. *Commissioner Monger II moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T21709)

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

15. Mike Khmous – 4299 Winchester Road – dba – “Z Market” – Citation(s) #OS431006

Date of Violation(s): June 16, 2025

Date Permit Approved: December 18, 2019

**Prior Violation(s): February 6, 2025 (C5, D4)
March 22, 2023 (C4, C5, D4)
April 21, 2022 (C4, D4)**

Officer(s): Locket #14900, Ward #0502

The individual who appeared to represent this location did not have a Power of Attorney. *Commissioner Boyd moved to continue this location to the October 1, 2025 A C meeting. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T23142)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5, D4 (NO) priors:

16. Nawazali Virji (POA) for Amanullah Devji – 3483 Airways Blvd. – Airways C Store Inc. – dba – “Airways C Store Inc.” – Citation(s) #1008233, OS-428681

Date of Violation(s): June 9, 2025

Date Permit Approved: July 20, 2022

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Nawazali Virji was present and stipulated to the charge(s). *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.* Nawazali Virji agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T28098)

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

17. Mamar Ali – 4907 Airways Blvd. – dba – “Airways Express Gas” – Citation(s) #1008236

Date of Violation(s): June 9, 2025

Date Permit Approved: October 5, 2016

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Mamar Ali was present and stipulated to the charge(s). *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.* Mamar Ali agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T10630)

18. Rohit Kumar– 2821 Airways Blvd. – MSRZ Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Airport Express” – Citation(s) #1008234

Date of Violation(s): June 9, 2025

Date Permit Approved: October 17, 2018

Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Rohit Kumar was present and stipulated to the charge(s). *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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Rohit Kumar agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T19612)

19. MAPCO Express, Inc. – 3151 South Perkins Road – dba – “MAPCO Express #0413” – Citation(s) #984067
Date of Violation(s): June 11, 2025
Date Permit Approved: October 16, 2024
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
Don Hardwick (DM) was present and stipulated to the charge(s). ***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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Don Hardwick agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T32989)

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

20. MAPCO Express, LLC – 2185 Winchester Road – dba – “MAPCO Express #3271” – Citation(s) #OS431002
Date of Violation(s): June 9, 2025
Date Permit Approved: December 6, 2023
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Ward #0502
Don Hardwick (DM) was present and stipulated to the charge(s). ***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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Don Hardwick agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T31108)
21. Mohammad Ullah – 2205 East Shelby Drive – Ocean Enterprise, LLC – dba – “Airport Food Mart” – Citation(s) # OS428189
Date of Violation(s): June 9, 2025
Date Permit Approved: December 7, 2016
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Ward #0502
Mohammad Ullah was present and stipulated to the charge(s). ***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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Mohammad Ullah agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T12638)
22. Abreham Bushu – 3240 Thomas Street – WA Quick Stop, LLC – dba – “M Town Market” – Citation(s) #OS402001
Indefinitely Suspended/Lift Suspension
Date of Violation(s): June 1, 2025
Date Permit Approved: September 6, 2023
Officer(s): Bah #13785, Ward #0502
Abreham Bushu was present. ***Commissioner Monger II moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Abreham Bushu stipulated to the charge(s). ***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 Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*** Abreham Bushu agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T30666)

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

23. Ohm Patel, Rishi Patel and Jitendra Patel – 7905 Giacosa Place – Jade Hospitality LLC – dba – “Hyatt Place Memphis/Wolfchase Galleria”

Ohm Patel was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T35196)

24. Dara Vongphrachanh, Jon Rasmussen, James Landers and Richard Smith – 702 South Mendenhall Road – Barons Bar Memphis, LLC – dba – “Barons Speakeasy”
Dara Vongphrachanh was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T35797)

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

25. Ahmad Hasan (POA) for Hanif Popatia and Muhammad Imran – 10 West E.H. Crump Blvd. – Wahla Operations LLC – dba – “Wahla Operations LLC”
Ahmad Hasan was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T35611)
26. Laith Salameh and Wael Salameh – 5470 Winchester Road – LS House Market LLC – dba – “LS House Market LLC”
Laith Salameh was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T34730)
27. Rahul Sehgal (POA) for Nizar Alibhai – 1210 North Germantown Parkway – 1210 North Germantown LLC – dba – “Fast Gas”
Continued from the September 3, 2025 AC Meeting
Rahul Sehgal was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, ***Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***
(Account #T35282)

- IX. New Business** – Brian Franklin, owner of Kaufman Liquor Store was present to discuss Airways Liquor, with concerns that this location was too close to a daycare center, which he considers to be a school, and wanted to know why this location was recommended to the State for approval. Prior to today’s meeting, Mr. Franklin had been in contact with Ms. Fullilove and it was communicated to him that a daycare center is not considered a school. The Commissioners suggested that he contact his state representative with his concerns regarding this issue.

The Commissioners also discussed what constitutes an actual beer sale. It was agreed upon unanimously that if the clerk takes the money, this is considered a sale.

X. Old Business

- XI. Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, ***Commissioner Boyd moved for adjournment at approximately 10:55 a.m. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.***

Jared Johnson, Chairman

Date

Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

Date