

City of Memphis

Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2025

- I. Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:08 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Renee Poe, Chad Hampton, Claudette Boyd, Johnsie Wallace Gault, Charles Monger II and Jared Johnson. The following Commissioner was not present: Anna Vergos Blair.
- III. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (April 16, 2025)** – The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. Special Beer Applicant(s):**
1. Jinliang Cai – 6903 Great View Drive – “Dragon Boat Festival”
Date(s): May 31, 2025
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Memphis Chinese Community Center
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)
Jinliang Cai was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T34721)
 2. Mar Newell – 191 Beale Street – “Memphis Pride Fest”
Date(s): June 7, 2025
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A
Sponsoring Organization: Mid-South Pride Foundation, Inc.
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 5 booth(s)
Mar Newell was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.
(Account #T34847)
 3. James Waggoner – 740 Harbor Bend Road – “Harbor Town 5K”
Date(s): May 30, 2025
Time: 7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Phoenix Club of Memphis

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T1556)

4. Kenneth Gonzales – 4946 Alrose Avenue (Pep Marquette Park) – “Memphis Italian Festival”

Date(s): May 29-31, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Holy Rosary Men’s Club

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T1491)

5. Andy Ashby – 6324 Humphreys Boulevard – “Discover the Greenway 5K”

Date(s): June 7, 2025

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Wolf River Conservancy

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

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

(Account #T3004)

6. Jay Campbell – 7777 Walnut Grove Road – “Heroes and Hops”

Date(s): September 13, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Irreverent Warriors/Memphis Brewers Association

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 30 booth(s)

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

(Account #T34394)

7. Virginia Leonard – 1350 Concourse Avenue, Suite 290 – “Big Gay Dance Party”

Date(s): June 6, 2025

Time: 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Tennessee Equality Project Foundation

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 5 booth(s)

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

(Account #T34956)

V. Liquor Store(s) Applicants

Amendment to Certificate of Compliance:

8. Sandeep Kabarwal and Jagdish Kabarwal – 7444 Winchester Road – dba – “Polo Wine Liquor”
Sandeep Kabarwal and Sandeep Kabarwal were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to recommend to the Mayor and the Mayor will recommend to the State for approval. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T26671)

VI. Liquor Store(s) Transfer of Ownership:

9. Paramjit Kaur and Baldev Singh – 3215 South Mendenhall Road – dba – “Mendenhall Liquor & Wine, Inc.”

Paramjit Kaur and Baldev Singh were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to recommend to the Mayor and the Mayor will recommend to the State for approval. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T34846)

VII. Violation(s):

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

10. Abdo Alghazali – 2726 South Perkins Road – dba – “One Stop Food Mart” – Citation(s) #1010016, OS-428489

Date of Violation(s): January 23, 2025

Prior Violation(s): June 27, 2023 (C5, D4)

Date Permit Approved: February 7, 2007

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

Abdo Alghazali 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* Abdo Alghazali agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #BR3181)

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

11. Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC – 1710 Whitten Road – dba – “Circle K #4703678” – Citation(s) 1010020

Date of Violation(s): February 4, 2025

Date Permit Approved: August 16, 2017

Prior Violation(s): November 13, 2024 (C5)

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

David Stevens was present and stipulated to the charge(s). *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* David Stevens agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T14040)

The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C4 (WITH) priors:

12. Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC – 5325 Summer Avenue – dba – “Circle K #4703909” –

Citation(s) OS-428647

Date of Violation(s): April 14, 2025

Date Permit Approved: July 3, 2024

Prior Violation(s): November 8, 2023 (C4x2)

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

David Stevens was present and stipulated to the charge(s). *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$400.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* David Stevens agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T31033)

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

13. Hazem Shoman – 2338 Appling Road – EGY Management VI, Inc. – dba – “Shell Star 24” –

Citation(s) OS-428494

Date of Violation(s): February 4, 2025

Date Permit Approved: June 18, 2014

Prior Violation(s): August 11, 2022 (C4x2, C5, D4)

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

Mr. Ramy was present, but did not have possession of a power of attorney. *Commissioner Hampton moved to continue this location to the May 21, 2025 AC Meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T1746)

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

14. Ahmad Hasan (POA) for Malik Rupani – 4145 Neely Road – 4145 Neely Express LLC – dba – “4145 Neely Express LLC” – Citation(s) #1010273, OS-428493

Date of Violation(s): January 24, 2025

Date Permit Approved: May 15, 2024

Officer(s): Hubbard #14047, Martin #0410, Ward #0502

Ahmad Hasan was present and stipulated to the charge(s). *Commissioner Monger II moved to fine the location \$750.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.* Ahmad Hasan agreed to the fine and probation.

(Account #T32268)

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

15. Mac's Convenience Stores, LLC – 979 Brooks Road – dba – “Circle K #4703941” – Citation(s) 1010014, OS-428491
Date of Violation(s): January 24, 2025
Date Permit Approved: October 2, 2024
Officer(s): Hubbard #14047, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
David Stevens 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 Hampton seconded. The motion passed.* David Stevens agreed to the fine and probation.
(Account #T31034)
16. Yonas L. Bedane – 3797 Graves Road – SIFAN, LLC – dba – “Grave Xpress Mart” – Citation(s) #1009878, OS-428492
Date of Violation(s): January 24, 2025
Date Permit Approved: June 21, 2023
Officer(s): Hubbard #14047, Martin #0410, Ward #0502
No one appeared. *Commissioner Monger II moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit for this location. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T29792)

VIII. The Following Person(s) has Applied to sell beer as a “BREWERY”:

17. Zane Smith – 5151 East Raines Road – Jock Beer, LLC – dba – “Garage Beer”
Zane Smith 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 #T34701)

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

18. Ethan Lee and Leiana Lee – 4544 Poplar Avenue, Suite 102 – High Tee LLC – dba – “High Tee”
Ethan Lee and Leiana Lee were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T34580)
19. Don Fisher, Jr. – 4715 Elvis Presley Blvd. – B-Nicee Entertainment LLC – dba – “B-Nicee Entertainment”
Don Fisher, Jr. and Janice Fisher were 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 #T34813)
20. Herman Doss (POA) – 310 Beale Street – Docks Memphis LLC – dba – “Docks on Beale”
Herman Doss was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T34530)

21. Bryant Bain, Heather Waldecker and Ryan Glosson – 237 South Cooper Street – Barksdale Restaurant LLC – dba – “Barksdale’s”
Ryan Glosson was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Hampton moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T34833)

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

22. Ashoksinh Rana – 109 North Main Street, Unit C3 – Siddhivinayak LLC – dba – “Sandra’s Sundries”
Ashoksinh Rana 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 #T34731)
23. Sadar Ali Aman, Sabina Aman, Salman Noordin, Aziz Khetani and Anwar Aman – 8535 US Highway 64 – All In One Stores LLC – dba – “AOS #1”
Md Aulad Hossain was present, but did not have possession of a power of attorney. *Commissioner Monger II moved to continue this location to the May 21, 2025 AC Meeting. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*
(Account #T34582)

- XI. New Business** – Liquor Store – Josh Hammond opposing Pops Liquor & Wine located at 5895 Winchester Road, Memphis, TN. 38115. *Commissioner Monger II moved to schedule a special hearing with administration of the Permits office. Commissioner Hampton seconded.*

XII. Old Business –

- XIII. Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Hampton moved for adjournment at approximately 10:41 a.m. Commissioner Wallace Gault seconded. The motion passed.*

Jared Johnson, Chairman

Date

Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

Date