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LICENSE COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday October 1, 2026, at 6 PM – Room 202
Virtual and In-Person Meeting

Attending: Chairperson Elizabeth A. Laliberty, Commissioner Linda L. Koutoulas, Commissioner Patrick J. Driscoll, Lt. Kevin Lynch – Haverhill Police Department, and License Commission Clerk Nicholas K. Flynn

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
   - **2.1 Approval of the minutes of the September 3, 2026 meeting**
     Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2026 meeting.
     Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
     Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

   - **2.2 Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2026 meeting**
     Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 meeting.
     Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
     Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

3. **CONTINUED BUSINESSS**
4. **MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATIONS/REQUESTS**
5. **ONE DAY APPLICATIONS**
   - **5.1 Laura McQuiston, Applicant**
     RMS Media Group, Inc.
     d/b/a Northshore Magazine
     21 Middle St, Newburyport
     -Application for One Day Liquor License – Beer & Wine Only – Magazine Event at Historic New England, 151 Essex St, on November 17, 2026, for the hours of 6PM to 9PM
     -Has Police Department approval
     -Pending Event Permit

     Laura McQuiston, applicant, was present for this application. Clerk Flynn announced that the Event Permit had been obtained two nights ago from City Council. Chairperson Laliberty verified if there would be a 21+ age verification at the door to ensure no

underage attendees would be present at the event. Ms. McQuiston said she would check with her catering company as they typically check IDs at the bar but could ask they verify at the door as well. The Chairperson noted that attendees could not walk around with a drink and would need to consume alcohol in a designated area. The applicant replied they would keep the back doors of the museum closed and section off two bar areas, one for the middle of the space and one for the back.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the One Day license for November 17, 2026, for the hours of 6PM to 9PM.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

5.2 Anastasia Dimopoulos, Applicant
Hellenic Orthodox Community Center, Inc.
d/b/a Holy Apostles Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
154-156 Winter Street
-Application for One Day Liquor License – All Alcohol – Greek Festival Fundraiser on November 6, 2026, for the hours of 11AM to 10PM
-Has Police Department approval and Event Permit

Items 5.2 & 5.3 were heard together.

Anastasia Dimopoulos, applicant, was present for these applications. Chairperson Laliberty inquired how the age-verification is conducted as families have attended the event in the past. Ms. Dimopoulos replied that some of the attendees are older people or parishioners that they know, but that all bartenders are TIPS-certified and they do not serve minors. The Chairperson stressed the importance of scrutiny due to the size of the event. She then asked what the status of the church's raffle permit was. The applicant replied she had not applied for it yet but would call the following day to do so. The Chairperson advised that no raffles could be conducted without the permit.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the One Day licenses for November 6, 2026, for the hours of 11AM to 10PM, and for November 7, 2026, for the hours of 11AM to 1AM.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

5.3 Anastasia Dimopoulos, Applicant
Hellenic Orthodox Community Center, Inc.
d/b/a Holy Apostles Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church
154-156 Winter Street
-Application for One Day Liquor License – All Alcohol – Greek Festival Fundraiser on November 7, 2026, for the hours of 11AM to 1AM
-Has Police Department approval and Event Permit

Items 5.2 & 5.3 were heard together. See Item 5.2

6. ENTERTAINMENT APPLICATIONS

7. COMMON VICTUALLER APPLICATIONS

7.1 Angus Jennings, Proposed Manager
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
d/b/a Poet's Inn
115 Amesbury Line Road
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Kara M Kosmes to Angus Jennings

Angus Jennings, proposed manager, was present for this application. Mr. Jennings said he was the new business manager at Whittier Tech as of August 3rd. Chairperson Laliberty noted that the application appeared to be in order. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Kara M Kosmes to Angus Jennings.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.2 Rebekah Dos Santos, Proposed Manager
Wendy's of New England, LLC
d/b/a Wendy's
19 Plaistow Road
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Victoria Trainor to Rebekah Dos Santos

Items 7.2 & 7.3 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Rebekah Dos Santos, proposed manager, was remotely present for these applications. No questions or comments.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Victoria Trainor to Rebekah Dos Santos.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.3 Rebekah Dos Santos, Proposed Manager
Wendy's of New England, LLC
d/b/a Wendy's
39 South Main Street
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Ahmed Abdelhadi to Rebekah Dos Santos

Items 7.2 & 7.3 were heard together. See Item 7.2

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Ahmed Abdelhadi to Rebekah Dos Santos.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.4 Kristina Linnemann, Proposed Manager
Acropolis-OP LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
407 Amesbury Road
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Alexsandra Robinson to Kristina Linnemann

Kristina Linnemann, proposed manager, was remotely present for this application. Chairperson Laliberty said she found the application to be in order. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Alexsandra Robinson to Kristina Linnemann.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.5 Kali Mata, Proposed Manager
Broadway-OP LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
614 Broadway
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Michael Giglodoro to Kali Mata

Items 7.5 – 7.10 were all heard together. Motions were made separately.

Kali Mata, proposed manager, was remotely present for all six applications.
No questions or comments.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Michael Giglodoro to Kali Mata.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.6 Kali Mata, Proposed Manager
Hellas-OP, LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
259 Lincoln Avenue
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Katherine Blake to Kali Mata

Items 7.5 – 7.10 were all heard together. See Item 7.5

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Katherine Blake to Kali Mata.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.7 Kali Mata, Proposed Manager
Marina-OP LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
765 Main Street
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Ashley Ming to Kali Mata

Items 7.5 – 7.10 were all heard together. See Item 7.5

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Ashley Ming to Kali Mata.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.8 Kali Mata, Proposed Manager
Molai Co, LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
9 Middlesex Street
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Henry Cordero to Kali Mata

Items 7.5 – 7.10 were all heard together. See Item 7.5

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Henry Cordero to Kali Mata.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.9 Kali Mata, Proposed Manager
Sparta-OP, LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
915 South Main Street
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Kimberly Ruzzo to Kali Mata

Items 7.5 – 7.10 were all heard together. See Item 7.5

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Kimberly Ruzzo to Kali Mata.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.10 Kali Mata, Proposed Manager
Win-OP, LLC
d/b/a Dunkin Donuts
215 Winter Street
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Danielle Rivard to Kali Mata

Items 7.5 – 7.10 were all heard together. See Item 7.5

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Danielle Rivard to Kali Mata.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.11 Sherry Sanborn, Proposed Manager
Crescent Yacht Club
30 Ferry Street
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Richard Willett to Sherry Sanborn

Items 7.11 & 9.1 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Sherry Sanborn, proposed manager, was present for these applications. Chairperson Laliberty stated she found both to be in order. No further comments or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Richard Willett to Sherry Sanborn.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

7.12 Cesar Francisco Varas, Manager
David's Coffee and Grill LLC
d/b/a David's House Cafe and Grill
620 Primrose St. Unit 5
-Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Hours on Saturday – Thursday from 6AM-2PM to 6AM-1AM and Friday from 6AM-2PM to 6PM-2AM
-Pending outstanding Real Estate Tax payment

*Scrivener's Error: New hours applied for on Friday were 6***AM**-*2AM, not 6PM.*

Items 7.12 & 9.2 were heard together. Motions were made separately.

Cesar Francisco Varas, Manager, and Ruben David, general manager, were present for these applications. Chairperson Laliberty inquired about the real estate tax status; Mr. David replied their accountant takes care of these matters. The Chairperson reminded them that he is their accountant for their business, and they needed to urge him to resolve the matter as the Commission could not approve amendments until taxes are paid. Mr. David stated they were current with all their taxes – the Chairperson commented it may be the landlord that owes. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if they are responsible for real estate as it was not mentioned in their lease agreement. Mr. David said they already paid all taxes that "[came] to the business". The Commissioner advised there are distinct personal property taxes and real estate taxes. Mr. David said it might have been the water bill but the landlord had paid it – Clerk Flynn confirmed this. Commissioner Koutoulas asked if the landlord was responsible for real estate – the party replied yes. The Commissioner advised that the Commission could only conditionally approve these applications and that their landlord would need to pay owed taxes before the changes can be enacted. Chairperson Laliberty concurred and said this was important, and that hours could not be extended until proof of payment was supplied. Mr. David agreed. Commissioner Driscoll advised that alcohol would need to stop being served a half-hour before closing if they stay open until 1 or 2AM.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Hours for Saturday – Thursday to 6AM-1AM and Friday to 6**AM**-2AM – pending outstanding Real Estate Tax payment.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

8. OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS

9. ALCOHOL/ABCC APPLICATIONS

9.1 Sherry Sanborn, Proposed Manager
Crescent Yacht Club
30 Ferry Street
-Application for Change of Manager from Richard Willett to Sherry Sanborn
-Pending ABCC approval

Items 7.11 & 9.1 were heard together. See Item 7.11

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Richard Willett to Sherry Sanborn, pending ABCC approval.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

9.2 Cesar Francisco Varas, Manager
David's Coffee and Grill LLC
d/b/a David's House Cafe and Grill
620 Primrose St. Unit 5
-Application for Change of Hours on Monday – Thursday & Saturday from 8AM-2PM to 8AM-1AM, Friday from 8AM-2PM to 8AM-2AM, and Sunday from 10AM-2PM to 10AM-1AM
-Pending outstanding Real Estate Tax payment and ABCC approval

Items 7.12 & 9.2 were heard together. See Item 7.12

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to approve the Change of Hours for Monday – Thursday & Saturday to 8AM-1AM, Friday to 8AM-2AM, and Sunday to 10AM-1AM – pending outstanding Real Estate Tax payment and ABCC approval.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

10. MOTOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

11. CARRY IN LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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12. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

12.1 Yema Jalal, Proposed Manager
Boston Pie, Inc.
d/b/a Domino's Pizza
130 Main Street
-Item for Discussion: Application for Amendment of Common Victualler license – Change of Manager from Robert Chester to Yema Jalal
-Failure to appear at Haverhill License Commission Meeting of September 3, 2026

Yema Jalal, proposed manager, was present for this discussion and application. Chairperson Laliberty asked why he was not present at the previous meeting – Mr. Jalal explained he was in Guatemala and apologized. Commissioner Driscoll noted the initial application was in order. No further discussion or questions.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the Change of Manager amendment from Robert Chester to Yema Jalal.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

12.2 Charlene Marie Beebe, Manager
American Veterans of Haverhill Massachusetts, Inc.
d/b/a AMVETS
576 Primrose Street
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

No one appeared on behalf of AMVETS.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to continue this matter as a Show Cause hearing during the November 5, 2026 meeting.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

12.3 Hariohm M Patel, Manager
Patel's Liquors, LLC
d/b/a Harrys Liquors
239 Lincoln Avenue
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

Items 12.3 – 12.8 were all heard together. Representatives of each business in question were present.

Chairperson Laliberty made a general statement. She stated that not all Massachusetts municipalities do what Haverhill does, and that the Commission tries to be very business friendly by communicating any changes in the law and other guidelines that can affect the safety of their business, staff, or patrons. She also noted that other department heads are present to explain deadlines and requirements, and reminded businesses that they cannot sign certain paperwork too early per state law. She stated it was very important for businesses to be present at this meeting, acknowledging that sometimes there are scheduling conflicts but adding that they should make the best effort to attend the following year as it was part of their job running a business. The Chairperson thanked the six businesses for their attention and mentioned that the Commission was discussing a possible remedy for absences in future years.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to place all these six Items regarding the failure to attend the mandatory Liquor License renewal meeting on file.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

12.4 Shiva Prasad Nepal, Manager
Team Gurkhas LLC
d/b/a Himalchuli Bar & Grill
36 Plaistow Road
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

Items 12.3 – 12.8 were all heard together. See Item 12.3

12.5 Deanna Gaiero, Manager
Joseph's Trattoria & Bakery, Inc.
d/b/a Joseph's Downtown
6-8 Moulton Way
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

Items 12.3 – 12.8 were all heard together. See Item 12.3

12.6 Ronald Clermont, Manager
Worthy Idea LLC
d/b/a Oriental Gardens
400 Lowell Avenue
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

Items 12.3 – 12.8 were all heard together. See Item 12.3

12.7 Juan Cepeda, Manager
D & B Supermarket LLC
d/b/a Union Supermarket
233 Winter Street
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

Items 12.3 – 12.8 were all heard together. See Item 12.3

12.8 James Parker, Manager
Willow Spring Vineyards, LLC
d/b/a Willow Spring Vineyards, LLC
840 West Lowell Avenue
-Item for Discussion: Failure to attend mandatory Liquor License Renewal Meeting

Items 12.3 – 12.8 were all heard together. See Item 12.3

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13. SHOW CAUSE HEARING

13.1 Zhui Chen, Manager
Kobe Rice House, Inc.
d/b/a Kobe Buddha House
89 Plaistow Road
-Show Cause Hearing: Status of Business Resumption
-Failure to appear at Haverhill License Commission meeting of September 3, 2026

Zhui "Andy" Chen, manager, was present for this hearing. Mr. Chen stated he missed Clerk Flynn's email with the remote attendance link for the September meeting and apologized for his absence. Chairperson Laliberty asked about the business' status. The manager said they are still working on getting staffing for front and back of house and were looking at "a few more months away." The Chairperson asked what the issue with staffing was – Mr. Chen replied they were looking for a kitchen manager and front-of-house manager and that it was "very hard to put together," since they try to ensure a proficient staff as they are a Japanese hibachi restaurant. The Chairperson asked if he had an anticipation for reopening and the manager replied "beginning of year to Spring" 2027. Commissioner Koutoulas inquired if he intended to renew the liquor license, Mr. Chen confirmed so and said the business obtained its packet at the renewal meeting. He then asked Clerk Flynn if it was necessary to renew the 304 Occupancy if they are not reopening yet. The Clerk replied that the bare minimum to keep the liquor license active with the ABCC was to pay the license fee and sign the ABCC renewal form, noting that the state does not concern itself with the occupancy. Mr. Chen verified if he would need to renew the occupancy before reopening – the Clerk said that he would need to take care of all requirements before receiving the licenses, including renewing several expired permits and providing new insurance policies.

Chairperson Laliberty inquired if the business still had liquor on the premises and the manager replied no. The Chairperson asked Lt. Kevin Lynch if the police department had conducted an inspection – the lieutenant replied they had not but intended to do so. Mr. Chen and Lt. Lynch arranged to meet at the business on October 6th. The Chairperson verified if Mr. Chen had the vendor receipts for when the alcohol was removed but he stated the business actually just disposed of it all as waste because it had been "sitting for a little bit". The Chairperson said Lt. Lynch would inspect the premises and advise the manager afterwards. Commissioner Koutoulas noted that the manager had attended and replied to the Commission's inquires on the business' status.

Motion: Commissioner Koutoulas motions to place this matter on file.
Second: Commissioner Driscoll seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

14. COMMUNICATIONS

15. OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 Approval of the 2027 License Commission meeting schedule

Proposed schedule for the dates of January 14th, February 11th, March 11th, April 8th, May 13th, June 10th, July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, October 14th, November 4th, and December 2nd, 2027, all at 6:00PM.

Clerk Flynn commented that the School Committee had requested the License Commission to switch schedules next year. Historically, the License Commission has always met on the first Thursday of the month, but would now accommodate the School Committee by switching to the second Thursday for the months of January through October, while keeping the first Thursday for November and December.

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to approve the 2027 meeting schedule.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, motion passed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Commissioner Driscoll motions to adjourn.
Second: Commissioner Koutoulas seconded.
Vote: 3-0-0 vote unanimous, meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

No Public Comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas K. Flynn

Haverhill License Commission Clerk