



Liquor and Marijuana Licensing Board
Monday, August 11, 2025 at 5:30 PM
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE/ EXCUSED

Present were: Board Members Present:
Board Member Gina Dutcher
Board Member Brian Casaus
Board Member Stephen Cornetta
Board Member Modesto Cartagena
Board Member Sarah Habib
Board Member Judith Stein
Board Member Juanita Rodriguez

Staff Present:

Carmen Howard, Director of Planning and Development via zoom
Kyle Aber, Deputy Director of Liquor and Marijuana Licensing; Sarah Long,
Assistant County Attorney
Peter Blood, Senior Associate County Attorney via zoom
Jessica Lopez, Marijuana Code Compliance Inspector via zoom
Bonnie Carter, Licensing Manager; Hope Martinez, Recording Secretary

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes for 7.14.25 were approved.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: Requested a motion to Approve 7.14.25 Minutes.

Board Member Habib: Moved to Approve.

Board Member Cartagena: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

7.14.25 Minutes

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LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: Requested a motion to Approve.

Board Member Habib: Moved to Approve.

Board Member Cartagena: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus , Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein , Board Member Rodriguez

APPROVE AGENDA

8.11.25

The meeting minutes for 7.14.25 were approved.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: Requested a motion to Approve.

Board Member Stein : Moved to Approve.

Board Member Habib: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus , Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein , Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS (The items on the Consent Meeting Agenda have not had the property posted nor has a public notice been published in a newspaper, and, therefore, these items cannot be considered for a public hearing.) (The Chair may remove any Consent Meeting Agenda item upon request by any Board member, assigned staff, or citizen. Items removed upon request will be considered separately by the Board and placed at the end of the Regular Meeting Agenda, be continued to another meeting date, or handled in a manner otherwise determined at the discretion of the Board.)

A. LIQUOR LICENSES

1. Renewals

Renewal Application for a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License located at 81659 Santa Fe aDrive Pueblo, Colorado 81006 submitted by Circle K Stores, Inc dba Circle K #2706999.

- c. Renewal Application for a Hotel and Restaurant License located at 8900 South I-25 Colorado City, Colorado 81019 submitted by Quila, LLC dba High Octane Bar & Grill.

3. Short Form Stipulations

- a. Stipulations
- b. Stipulation Agreement for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation License located at 2205 Pope Valley Ranch Road Pueblo, Colorado 81005 for 2205 Pope Valley, LLC dba Canna Tek.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher requested a motion to approved the Consent Meeting Agenda.

Board Member Casaus: Moved to approve the Consent Meeting Agenda.

Board Member Cartagena: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus , Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein , Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT HEARING AGENDA ITEMS (The items on the Consent Hearing Agenda have had the property posted and a public notice has been published in the newspaper, and, therefore, these items are considered as public hearings.) (The Chair may remove any Consent Hearing Agenda item upon request by any Board member, assigned staff, or citizen. Items removed upon request will be considered separately by the Board and placed at the end of the Regular Hearing Agenda, be continued to another meeting date, or handled in a manner otherwise determined at the discretion of the Board.)

LIQUOR LICENSE

5. Special Events Permit

- a. Application for a Special Events Permit for a Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous Liquor License located at 61 East Civic Center Plaza Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by Two Mile High Club for the date August 16, 2025.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher requested a motion to approve the Consent Hearing Agenda.

Board Member Habib: Moved to approve the Consent Hearing Agenda.

Board Member Casaus: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus , Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein , Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA MEETING ITEMS

6. Marijuana Establishment Licenses

- a. Renewals
- b. Renewal Application for a Medical Marijuana Cultivation License located at 7420 Rex Road Pueblo, Colorado 81005 submitted by Healing House Lakewood, LLC dba Ascend Cannabis Co.

Mr. Aber explained that this item was moved to the Regular Agenda due to a compliance issue identified in March 2023, involving shipping containers located on the licensed premises. He noted that the containers have since been removed, and the licensee is now in full compliance. Based on this resolution, staff recommends approval.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Board Member Cornetta: Moved to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Board Member Stein: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor, say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

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LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher requested a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Board Member Cornetta: Moved to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Board Member Habib: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor, say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

7. Transfer of Ownership

- a. Transfer of Ownership

- b. Transfer of Ownership Application for a Retail Marijuana Cultivation license located at 1201 Siloam Road Pueblo, Colorado 81005 submitted by Wotton Group, LLC transferred from Masters Farm, LLC dba Lady Jane.

This item was carried over from last month's agenda due to prior inactivity. As of now, all necessary components are in place, and the transfer is ready to proceed. Contingent approval from the MED was received on July 18, 2025. With that milestone achieved, all remaining requirements have been satisfied. Accordingly, Staff is recommending approval.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher Requests a motion to approve the Transfer of Ownership.

Board Member Habib: Moved to approve the Transfer of Ownership.

Board Member Cartagena: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR HEARING AGENDA ITEMS

8. Liquor Licenses

- a. New License Hearing
- b. New Application for a Fermented Malt Beverage and Wine License located at 1701 Santa Fe Drive Pueblo, Colorado 81006 submitted by Maverik, Inc dba Maverik #751.

Christopher Burton present as representative for Maverik #751 - District Manager. Maverik is a Family-owned chain of over 800 stores.

Eva Garitson - Liquor Licensing Professional- conducted the needs and desires of the community. 45 business owners or managers and 41 signed in favor, and 4 opposed. Obtained 65 residential with 56 in favor and 9 opposed. 88 percent signing in favor and 12 percent opposed.

Mr. Aber - Staff has reviewed this application and everything is in line. the only odd thing is this license was coming in with a distance requirement from a Retail liquor store, and we have received a surrender from that liquor store. Staff recommends approval.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher Requests a motion to approve the New License Hearing for Maverik, Inc, dba Maverik #751.

Board Member Habib: Moved to approve the New License Hearing for Maverik, Inc dba Maverik #751.

Board Member Stein Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

- c. New Application for a Beer and Wine License located at 1006 North Market Plaza Unit A Pueblo West, Colorado 81007 submitted by Posh CO, LLC dba Posh Lounge.

Victoria Trann - owner of Posh Nail Lounge - would like to offer free complimentary beverages to clients. First drink will be complimentary with service and the second will be available for a small fee.

Eva Garitson - Liquor Licensing Professional- conducted the needs and desires of the community. 40 from business owners 36 in favor 4 opposed, 70 residential signatures with 61 in favor 9 opposed. 88 percent signed in favor and 13 opposed.

Mr. Aber stated - We did receive the application and everything is in order and are qualified to hold a liquor license at this premise. The staff is recommending approval.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher Requests a motion to approve the New License Hearing for Posh CO, LLC dba Posh Lounge.

Board Member Cornetta: Moved to approve the New License Hearing for Posh CO, LLC dba Posh Lounge.

Board Member Cartagena Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

- d. New Application for a Hotel and Restaurant with Cabaret License located at 8913 Grand Avenue Beulah, Colorado 81023 submitted by de Haro Enterprises, LLC dba The Stomping' Grounds.

Morgan De Haro Brown, owner, appeared in person. The establishment reopened in February 2025.

The applicant personally conducted the survey and collected 68 signatures in support. No opposition or negative feedback was reported.

Mr. Aber stated that the application is for a Hotel and Restaurant liquor license with a cabaret endorsement. Staff has reviewed the submission and found all requirements to be in order. Staff

recommends approval.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher Requests a motion to approved the New License Hearing for de Haro Enterprises, LLC dba The Stompin Grounds.

Board Member Casaus: Moved to approve the New License Hearing for de Haro Enterprises, LLC dba, The Stompin Grounds.

Board Member Rodriguez: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

9. Change of Location

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1. Application for a Change of Location for a Medical Marijuana Cultivation License located at 1917 Santa Fe Drive Pueblo, Colorado 81006 moving to 3415 Riddell Place Colorado City, Colorado 81019 submitted by AF, Inc dba Apothecary Farms.

Mr. Aber stated that staff is requesting a continuance, as the Modification of Premises (MOD) must be approved prior to consideration of the Change of Location (COL). Staff recommend continuing the item to the meeting scheduled for September 8, 2025.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher Requested a motion to Continue the Change of Location for AF, Inc, dba Apothecary Farms.

Board Member Casaus: Moved to Continue the Change of Location for AF, Inc. dba Apothecary Farms.

Board Member Stein: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus, Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein, Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

The next LMLB meeting will be September 8, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher Requested a motion to Adjourn.

Board Member Casaus: Moved to Adjourn.

Board Member Stein: Seconded the motion.

LMLB Chair Gina Dutcher: All in favor say Aye:

Ayes: Board Member Dutcher, Board Member Casaus , Board Member Cornetta, Board Member Cartagena, Board Member Habib, Board Member Stein , Board Member Rodriguez

The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted, _____
Hope Martinez

Department of Planning and Development
Administrative Assistant III