

# The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County...

# Metro Beer Board **Meeting Minutes** February 26, 2025

Meeting Date/Location:

Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 5:30 P.M.

Metro Office Building, 1st Floor **Development Services Center** 800 President Ronald Reagan Way,

Nashville, TN 37210

Start Time: 5:43 PM

End Time: 7:50 PM

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF MEMBERS	OTHERS PRESENT
✓Mr. Brian Taylor, Chairperson ✓Kia Jarmon, Vice Chairperson ✓Mr. William Conway ✓Ms. Delfine Fox ✓Ms. Shani Glapion ✓Ms. Karolyn Perry  □Ms. Bailey Spaulding ✓Mr. Matthew Garth, Attorney	✓Benton McDonough, Director  ✓Terrence Darby Sr, Asst. Director  ✓Douglas James Jr, ASO III  ✓Darrell Hardrick Sr, ASO III  ✓Melvin S Brown Jr, Special Assistant to the Director  □Amanda Webb, Inspector III	

### APPEAL OF DECISIONS

If you are not satisfied with a decision of the Metropolitan Beer Permit Board regarding your application or your hearing, you may appeal the decision to the Davidson County Chancery or Circuit Court pursuant to the requirements set forth in T.C.A. 57-5-108. The decisions of the Metropolitan Beer Permit Board take effect on a date to be determined by the board. However, you may file an appeal within 60 days of the date of entry of the board's decision. We advise that you seek your own independent legal advice to ensure that your appeal is filed in a timely manner and that all procedural requirements have been met.

# I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Motion:	Approve minutes
First:	Ms. Jarmon
Second:	Ms. Fox
Opposed:	None
	First: Second:

# II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A maximum of five (5) persons who write their names on the sign-up sheet provided at the meeting will be allowed to comment on matters that are relevant to items on the agenda. Comments are limited to a maximum of two (2) minutes per person. To provide comment, you must sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting.

Notes: No public comments were made.

III.

**SPECIAL** 

**SPECIAL** 

(1) Crazy Gnome, LLC, 950 Ma	in St 37206, CRAZY GNOME BREWERY MAIN ST EVENT	T25-29231
SPECIAL	(SPECIAL EVENT NEW)	(Dist. #06)
	March 1, 2025	
(2) Lowbar, LLC, 917 C Woodle	and St 37206, LOWBAR	T25-29236
ON-SALE	(NEW LOCATION)	(Dist. #06)
(3) Mott 400 Inc, 400 Craighed	ad St 37204, <b>MOTT CHA</b>	T24-28933
ON-SALE	(NEW LOCATION)	(Dist. #17)
(4) Belcourt Theatre, Inc, 2102	Belcourt Ave 37212, BELCOURT THEATRE RED	T25-29205
CARPET EVENING		
SPECIAL	(SPECIAL EVENT OLD)	(Dist. #18)
	March 2, 2025	
(5) Turnip Truck Midtown, LLC	, 1920 Broadway 37203, THE TURNIP TRUCK	T24-29091
ON/OFF-SALE	(NEW LOCATION)	(Dist. #19)
(6) Harding Academy, 170 Wii	ndsor Dr 37205, HARDING ACADEMY - TRIVIA NIGHT	T25-29254

(SPECIAL EVENT NEW)

(SPECIAL EVENT NEW)

March 4, 2025

February 21, 2025

(7) Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 4710 Charlotte Ave 37209, RHYTHM & ROSES

APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL – STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL

(Dist. #23)

T25-29246

(Dist. #24)

(8) Eagle Hospitality, Inc., 760 Old Hickory Blvd 32	7027, SHERATON NASHVILLE -	12-19417
ON-SALE		(Dist. #26)
(9) Let's Go Nashville, LLC, 5035 Harding Pl 37212	1, PICKLEBALL KINGDOM	T24-29043
NASHVILLE SOUTH  ON-SALE (NEV	V LOCATION)	(Dist. #28)
(10) 2001 Antioch Pike LLC, 2001 Antioch Pike 37013, LA PRINCESA MARKET NASHVILLE T25-29233		
OFF-SALE (NEV	ALE (NEW LOCATION)	
Notes:		
Motion: Approve applications First: Ms. Jarmon Second: Mr. Conway	Opposed or Abstained: None	

IV. APPLICATIONS TO DEFER INDEFINITELY -STAFF RECOMMEND DEFER INDEF.		
(11) Residence Inn Nashville Me	etroCenter, 251 Venture Cir 37228, RESIDENCE INN	T25-29252
NASHVILLE METROCENTER		
ON-SALE	(NEW LOCATION)	(Dist. #02)
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)		

(12) Vanderbilt University Athletics, 310 25Th Ave S 37212, VANDERBILT			
ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME EVEN	NT		
SPECIAL	(SPECIAL EVENT OLD)	(Dist. #18)	
	February 28, 2025		
	(MISSING DOCUMENTS)		
(13) HM Alpha Services Co., LLC,	1000 Broadway 37203, <b>GRAND HYATT NASHVILLE</b>	T25-29242	
ON-SALE	(EXPANSION)	(Dist. #19)	
	(MISSING DOCUMENTS)		
(14) HM Alpha Services Co., LLC,	1000 Broadway 37203, <b>GRAND HYATT NASHVILLE</b>	T25-29243	
CATERER		(Dist. #19)	
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)			
(15) Levy Premium Food Service.	s Limited Partnership of Tennessee, 910 Exchange	T25-29245	
Ln 37203, LEVY PREMIUM FOOD SERVICES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF TENNESSEE			
CATERER		(Dist. #19)	
	(MISSING DOCUMENTS)		
(16) Social Cantina-Germantowi	n, Inc., 820 4Th Ave N #137 37219, <b>SOCIAL CANTINA</b>	T25-29255	
ON-SALE	(NEW LOCATION)	(Dist. #19)	
	((MISSING DOCUMENTS)		

(17) Tabu Nash LLC, 538 6Th Ave S 37203, KOSHO BY TABU T25-29256 **ON-SALE** (NEW LOCATION) (Dist. #19) (MISSING DOCUMENTS) (18) Centennial Park Conservancy, 2500 West End Ave 37203, NASHVILLE EARTH DAY T25-29248 **SPECIAL** (SPECIAL EVENT OLD) (Dist. #21) April 19, 2025 (MISSING DOCUMENTS) (19) Centennial Park Conservancy, 2500 West End Ave 37203, MUSICIANS CORNER T25-29249 **SPECIAL** (SPECIAL EVENT OLD) (Dist. #21) Spring 2025: May 16-17, 23-25, 30-31, June 5-7, 13-14 Fall 2025: August 28-31, September 5, 12, 19, 26 (MISSING DOCUMENTS) (20) Centennial Park Conservancy, 2500 West End Ave 37203, KIDSVILLE FAMILY FESTIVALT25-29250 **SPECIAL** (SPECIAL EVENT OLD) (Dist. #21) September 27, 2025 (MISSING DOCUMENTS) (21) Tantisimo, LLC, 306 46Th Ave N 37209, **TANTISIMO** T25-29240 **ON-SALE** (NEW LOCATION) (Dist. #24) (MISSING DOCUMENTS) (22) Mega 4, LLC, 6340 Nolensville Pike 37211, **G MART 1** T25-29212 **ON-SALE** (Dist. #31) (CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP) (MISSING DOCUMENTS)

(23) Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation, 2500	O Old Hickory Blvd 37221,	T25-29239	
IROQUOIS STEEPLECHASE 2025			
SPECIAL (SPECIAL	AL EVENT OLD)	(Dist. #34)	
Saturday, N	1ay 10, 2025		
(MISSING D	OCUMENTS)		
(24) Friends of the Warner Parks, Inc, 50 Vaughn F	Rd 37221, FRIENDS OF WARNER PARKS	T25-29241	
SPECIAL (SPECIA	AL EVENT NEW)	(Dist. #34)	
April 12, May 1, May 23, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 5, September 17, October 26, November			
2, November 9, N	ovember 23, 2025		
(MISSING DOCUMENTS)			
(25) Volunteer State Horsemen's Foundation, 2500	O Old Hickory Blvd 37221,	T25-29247	
BOURBON & BUBBLES FEST			
SPECIAL (SPECIA	AL EVENT NEW)	(Dist. #34)	
April 26, 2025			
(MISSING D	OCUMENTS)		
Notes:			
Motion: Defer indefinitely	Opposed or Abstained: None		
First: Ms. Jarmon Second: Mr. Conway			
Second: Mr. Conway			
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# V. BOARD DISCUSSION AND DECISION – APPLICANT REQUEST TO WITHDRAW

(26) Wildhorse Saloon Entertainment Ventures, LLC, 120 2Nd Ave N 37201, CATEGORY 10 23-28202

ON-SALE (CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP) (Dist. #19)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Withdraw

Notes:

Motion: Withdraw application

First: Ms. Jarmon Second: Mr. Conway Opposed or Abstained: None

# VI. COMPLAINTS

No complaints were presented at this meeting.

# VII. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

(27) Atef Abdelmaseh, 1613 A BUCHANAN ST, 37208, CORNER MARKET

24-28800

**OFF-SALE** 

(Dist. #21)

(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.150B Revocation, suspension or imposition of a civil penalty may be made where it appears satisfactorily that the premises of any person, firm or corporation holding a beer permit under this chapter are being operated in such manner as to be detrimental to public health, safety and morals on or about October 2023 – June 2024).

**COMPLAINANT:** Det. Michael Collazo (Metropolitan Nashville Police Department)

Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S Brown Jr

**SUBPOENA:** Atef Adelmaseh (Owner)

Bolis Boktar (Former Owner of Star Market 16-20354)

Baseem Farag

**PRIOR VIOLATIONS: N/A** 

**LAST INSPECTION DATE:** 3/29/24 **RESULTS:** Passed (Initial Inspection)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION: REVOCATION** 

#### Notes:

The attorney representing the permit holder, Adam Dread, entered a guilty plea with an explanation, acknowledging some responsibility while providing context for the Board's consideration.

The following individuals were sworn in:

- Det. Michael Collazo (MNPD)
- Melvin S Brown Jr (Special Assistant to the Director)
- Atef Adelmaseh (Permit Holder)
- Bolis Boktar (Property Owner)
- Baseem Farag (Property Owner)
- Adam Dread (Attorney representing permit holder)

Inspector Brown provided the Board with a brief overview of the case before introducing Detective Collazo of the MNPD, who was handling the criminal case against the property owners.

Detective Collazo summarized the events leading to the criminal charges, which resulted in the location being padlocked. He further informed the Board that the court had reached a plea agreement with the property owners, placing them on probation and requiring them to sell the property, among other conditions.

The attorney representing the permit holder and property owners provided additional details on the court proceedings and the stipulations imposed, emphasizing that the owners were effectively on probation and required to sell the property. One of the stipulations is that the location must have licensed security present. Mr. Dread urged the Board to consider the penalties already imposed by the

court and requested that, rather than revoking the beer permit, the permit holder be allowed to voluntarily surrender it.

The Board engaged in discussion and posed questions to both Mr. Dread and Detective Collazo. Ms. Jarmon clarified that there were no prior violations against the beer permit holder that had been brought before the Board within a 2-year period. However, Detective Collazo informed the Board that many of the violations uncovered during his investigation had occurred after the current permit holder, Atef Adelmaseh, took over the location. The Board was also informed that since the location was padlocked, the call volume to MNPD has dropped to only 8 calls for service.

Following a thorough discussion, the Board voted to suspend the beer permit for 11 months and 29 days, after which the permit must be surrendered. Additionally, the Beer Board Office staff was directed to flag the location and the owner, ensuring that any future applications for this location or from this owner be brought before the Board for review prior to issuing a new beer permit.

Motion: Mr. Conway made a motion for the following: 11mo/29days Suspension;

Surrender Beer Permit First: Mr. Conway Second: Ms. Jarmon

Opposed or Abstained: None

Mr. Conway left upon completion of the previous hearing at 7:07 PM. There was still a quorum, so the meeting continued.

(28) Amal Mena, 3900 CLARKSVILLE PIKE 37218, JERRY'S CITGO

19-26170 **OFF-SALE** (Dist. #01)

(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140R It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises in which, M.C.L 7.08.150B Revocation, suspension or imposition of a civil penalty may be made where it appears satisfactorily that the premises of any person, firm or corporation holding a beer permit under this chapter are being operated in such manner as to be detrimental to public health, safety and morals on or about September 2023 – June 2024.)

**COMPLAINANTS:** Det. Shaun Daniels (MNPD)

Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S Brown Jr

**SUBPOENA:** Amal S. Mena (Owner)

Bolis Boktar Baseem Farag

#### **PRIOR VIOLATIONS:**

July 20, 2023 - M.C.L 7.08.140C: Beer Sale to a Minor. \$1500 Civil Penalty Paid. M.C.L 7.08.140R: Criminal Activity -Tobacco Sale to a Minor. \$500 Civil Penalty Paid

June 17, 2024 - M.C.L 7.08.140C: Beer sale to a minor. \$2500 civil penalty paid.

M.C.L 7.08.140R: Criminal Activity -Tobacco sale to a minor. \$1000 Civil Penalty Paid.

LAST INSPECTION: Beer Buy Compliance Check 10/30/24

**RESULTS:** No Sale

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** 14 Day Suspension and 90 Days Probation

#### Notes:

The attorney representing the permit holder, Adam Dread, entered a guilty plea with an explanation, acknowledging some responsibility while providing context for the Board's consideration.

The following individuals were sworn in:

- Det. Shaun Daniels (MNPD)
- Melvin S Brown Jr (Special Assistant to the Director)
- Amal Mena (Permit Holder)
- Bolis Boktar (Property Owner)
- Baseem Farag (Property Owner)
- Adam Dread (Attorney representing permit holder)

Detective Daniels provided the Board with a brief summary of the events that led to this hearing, which consisted of undercover operations where an informant was used to sell illegal items to this location for the purpose of resale at a much higher price than they were purchased at. Det. Daniels also informed the Board that throughout the several months these operations took place, he never once saw the permit holder, Amal Mena, at this location. However, he did see the property owners, Baseem Farag and Bolis Boktar, running the day-to-day business at this location throughout this investigation.

The permit holder's attorney, Adam Dread, provided an explanation stating that they do not argue the fact that these events occurred, but informed the Board that as part of the plea deal with the property owners, they are not to be involved in the day-to-day operation of this business.

After a brief discussion, the Board voted to uphold the recommendation by staff to issue a 14-day suspension, followed by 90 days of probation.

Motion: Ms. Jarmon made a motion to issue a 14-day

suspension, followed by 90 days of probation.

First: Ms. Jarmon Second: Ms. Glapion Opposed or Abstained: None

### (29) 7-Eleven Inc., 3200 CLARKSVILLE PIKE 37218, 7-ELEVEN 41044H

21-27133

(Dist. #02)

(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140C It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to make or permit to be made any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one years of age. (2<sup>nd</sup> Offense)

T.C.A 57-5-301(a)(1) Prior to making a sale of beer for off-premise consumption, state law requires identification for the sale of beer. (1st Offense)

M.C.L 7.08.140R It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises in violation of T.C.A 39-17-1504 - Sale or distribution to underage persons unlawful - Proof of age requirement - (a) It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any tobacco, smoking hemp, or vapor product to another person who has not attained twenty-one (21) years of age or to purchase a tobacco, smoking hemp, or vapor product on behalf of such person under twenty-one (21) years of age. (2nd Offense)

M.C.L 7.08.140R It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises in violation of T.C.A 39-17-1504 - Sale or distribution to underage persons unlawful - Proof of age requirement - (d) A person engaged in the sale or distribution of tobacco, smoking hemp, or vapor products shall demand proof of age from a prospective purchaser or recipient if an ordinary person would conclude on the basis of appearance that the prospective purchaser or recipient may be under thirty (30) years of age on or about June 14, 2024.) (1st Offense)

**COMPLAINANT:** ASO III Darrell Hardrick Sr

Special Agent to the Director Melvin S Brown Jr

**ID CHECK:** See Staff Note

**SUBPOENA:** Matthew Gilpin (Area Coordinator)

**STAFF NOTE:** ID verification discrepancy discovered. ASO III Hardrick confirmed the ID was verified by the clerk, which coincides with the summary report and field notes.

#### **PRIOR VIOLATIONS:**

July 20, 2023 - M.C.L 7.08.140C: Beer Sale to a Minor. \$2500 Civil Penalty Paid.

M.C.L 7.08.140R: Criminal Activity -Tobacco Sale to a Minor. \$1000 Civil Penalty Paid

LAST INSPECTION: Beer Buy Compliance Check 10/30/24

**RESULTS:** Sale

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Dismiss T.C.A 57-5-301(A)(1) — Beer Sale No ID and M.C.L. 7.08.140(R) Criminal Activity, in violation of T.C.A 39 -17-1504 -Tobacco Sale No ID.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** \$3500 Civil Penalty or 14 Day Suspension and 90 Days Probation.

(30) 7-Eleven Inc., 3200 CLARKSVILLE PIKE 37218, **7-ELEVEN 41044H** 

21-27133

(Dist. #02)

(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140C It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to make or permit to be made any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one years of age. (3rd Offense)

M.C.L 7.08.140R It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to allow or engage in any criminal activity on the premises in violation of T.C.A 39-17-1504 - Sale or distribution to underage persons unlawful - Proof of age requirement - (a) It is unlawful for any person to sell or distribute any tobacco, smoking hemp, or vapor product to another person who has not attained twenty-one (21) years of age or to purchase a tobacco, smoking hemp, or vapor product on behalf of such person under twenty-one (21) years of age on or about October 30, 2024) (3rd Offense)

**COMPLAINANT:** Special Agent to the Director Melvin S Brown Jr

**ID CHECK:** Visual

**SUBPOENA:** Matthew Gilpin (Area Coordinator)

#### **PRIOR VIOLATIONS:**

**July 20, 2023** - M.C.L 7.08.140C: Beer Sale to a Minor. \$2500 Civil Penalty Paid. (1<sup>st</sup> Offense) M.C.L 7.08.140R: Criminal Activity -Tobacco Sale to a Minor. \$1000 Civil Penalty Paid (1<sup>st</sup> Offense)

June 14, 2024 - M.C.L 7.08.140C: Beer Sale to a Minor. See # (2<sup>nd</sup> Offense)

M.C.L 7.08.140R: Criminal Activity -Tobacco Sale to a Minor. See # (2<sup>nd</sup> Offense)

**LAST INSPECTION:** Recheck 30 – 90 Days

**RESULTS**: N/A

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** \$4000 Civil Penalty or 21 Day Suspension and 120 Days Probation.

#### Notes:

Matthew Gilpin, the area coordinator for 7-Eleven, pled guilty to both cases, #29 and #30.

There was a brief discussion between the Board and Matthew Garth (Metro Legal) regarding whether both cases should be considered together. Mr. Garth recommended that the Board handle the cases separately to avoid any confusion.

The following individuals were sworn in for both trials, #29 and #30:

- Darrell Hardrick Sr. (ASO III)
- Melvin S. Brown Jr. (Special Agent to the Director)
- Matthew Gilpin (Area Coordinator)

#### Trial #29:

Mr. Hardrick read his report detailing the events of the beer buy operation at this location on or about June 14, 2024. The Board was also informed that the previous citation that was issued had a discrepancy. The original citation included the following violations: 1) T.C.A 57-5-301(A)(1); 2) M.C.L. 7.08.140(R), which were corrected after staff received the Inspector's report. Those violations have been removed and the recommended civil penalty adjusted.

Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that there was a lengthy delay between the date of the violation and when the Inspector's report was received by 7-Eleven Inc's legal team. Mr. Hardrick explained that he

had been on personal leave for some time and was unable to provide the reports requested until he returned to work.

#### Trial #30:

Mr. Brown provided a brief overview of the events that occurred during the beer buy operation at this location on or about October 30, 2024.

Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that at his level, he did not receive the citation for the previous violation until after this second violation occurred because his legal team had been waiting to receive the Inspector's report. He made the Board aware that he may have been able to implement measures to prevent the second violation if he had been made aware of the first violation.

Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that after this violation occurred, the clerk who sold to the minor was terminated. Although the Board doesn't recommend this, it is a 7-Eleven Inc. policy to immediately terminate the employee and the company is legally binded to take these actions according to what their legal team told Mr. Gilpin. Mr. Gilpin informed the Board that this location is now required to scan an ID before the sale of beer can be made. They no longer have the ability to override the system, which may cause the location to lose revenue, but should prevent this from happening again.

Motion: Ms. Jarmon made a motion to issue a \$2,500 civil penalty for #29 and a \$2,500 civil penalty for #30, or the option to serve a 14-day suspension, followed by 90 days of probation concurrently.

First: Ms. Jarmon Second: Ms. Glapion Opposed or Abstained: None

# (31) RILEY KRABS LLC, 2260 LEBANON PIKE 37214, KRUSTACEANS SEAFOOD

22-27765

**ON-SALE** 

(Dist. #15)

(Alleged violation of M.C.L 7.08.140C It is unlawful for any beer permit holder or his agent or employee to make or permit to be made any sale of beer to a person under twenty-one years of age on or about November 13, 2024). (1st Offense)

**COMPLAINANT:** Special Assistant to the Director Melvin S Brown Jr ID CHECK: N/A **SUBPOENA:** Antoine Riley (Owner) Chaka-Khan Ivette Miller-Perkins (Server) **PRIOR VIOLATIONS: N/A LAST INSPECTION DATE:** Recheck 30 – 90 Days **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** \$1500 Civil Penalty or 7 Day Suspension and 30 Days Probation **STAFF NOTE:** \$1500 Civil Penalty Paid 1/20/25. **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Accept the civil penalty payment. Notes: Opposed or Abstained: None Motion: Accept staff recommendation to accept the civil penalty payment. First: Ms. Glapion Second: Ms. Jarmon

# VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Notes: N/A

# IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Notes: Executive Director Benton McDonough provided a summary of the revenue report to the Board. The Board had no questions/concerns.

### X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

# XI. NEXT MEETING INFORMATION

#### **Next Beer Board Meeting:**

Thursday, 3/13/25, at 12:00 P.M.

#### Location:

Metro Office Building
Development Services Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
800 President Ronald Reagan Way
Nashville, TN 37210

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