

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE UTAH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICES COMMISSION
HELD THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

[A copy of the final agenda was posted on the bulletin board at the DABS Administrative Office, emailed to the Salt Lake Tribune and the Deseret News, and posted on the Utah Public Notice Website by 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.]

Chair Stephen Handy called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Stephen Handy, Jennifer Tarazon, and Jacquelyn Orton.

Commissioners Participating Virtually: Christopher Conabee and Falyn Owens

Commissioners Absent: Tara Thue and Juliette Tennert

Staff Present: Ericka Evans, Executive Director; Todd Darrington, Deputy Director; Brian Swan, Deputy Director, Jeremy Sommerlath, Managing Director of Operations; Doug Murakami, Alcohol Education Director, and Craig Warr, Compliance Division Administrator

Also Present: Samuel McHenry, Assistant Attorney General.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jorge Corona-Levy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Handy introduced the commissioners and staff members that assist the commission. Mr. Handy made the following announcements:

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- a. Proposed Future Meeting Schedule: (subject to change)
 - Thursday, December 18, 2025 - MASOB
 - Thursday, January 29, 2026 - MASOB

- b. Upcoming Holiday Closures
 - Thursday, November 27, 2025 (Thanksgiving Day)
 - Thursday, December 25, 2025 (Christmas Day)

c. Public Comments:

- Those present, please complete the form located at the back of the room.
- Those participating virtually, please email your name, city, topic, and affiliation (if applicable) to hotline@utah.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.
- Comments will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

PARENTS EMPOWERED UPDATE:

Mr. Murakami, Alcohol Education Director, provided an update on the Parents Empowered (PE) new campaign creative. He highlighted the KSL quarterly takeover days and the new campaign digital banner ads that focuses on Big Influence. Mr. Murakami mentioned several new community partnership projects that are planned around the state of Utah, in Weber County, Millcreek, Northeastern Utah, Summit County, Kearns and Wendover.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

Mr. Darrington, Deputy Director, presented the financial report covering period four through October 31, 2025 of FY2026. Retail sales were up 3% from last year. Total revenue: \$21.9 million, this represents a 2.5% increase in total revenue compared to the same period in the previous year. The department is currently on pace to return approximately \$10 million to the general fund and year to date just under \$26 million.

OPERATIONS UPDATE:

Ms. Evans, Executive Director, reported on the national penny shortage and the resulting challenges for retailers. She encouraged cash-paying customers to use exact change and indicated if a store runs out of pennies, a cash rounding system will be implemented in accordance with government partners, the Division of Consumer Protection. The rounding system would apply to cash transactions, rounding to the nearest five cents. Ms Evans extended thanks to the Department of Commerce, Division of Consumer Protection for providing guidance on this operational issue.

Ms. Evans introduced Dave Davis, president of the Utah Retail Merchants Association and the Utah Food Industry to share experiences from other retailers and insight on Swedish rounding. Mr. Davis emphasized two key principles for navigating the shortage (1) Maintaining transparency with customers and (2) Ensuring fairness in all transactions.

A new location for the Roy store was announced by Ms. Evans, scheduled to open to the public on December 1, 2025 starting at 11:00 a.m. She also mentioned that the new Moab store is scheduled to open in February 2026.

VIOLATIONS:

*Referral Sources – State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), Unified Police Department (UPD)

a. Consent Calendar:

[The following Consent Calendar items included uncontested letters of admonishment (written warnings) and settlement agreements that were agreed to and accepted by the licensees. They were considered as a block with one vote.]

(1)	Fuego Bistro & Pizzeria, Park City and Ionut-Mucenel Parcalabu (employee)	*SBI (RF)
(2)	The Break Sports Grill, Murray	*SBI (BAR)
(3)	La Cevicheria, Salt Lake City	*SBI (RF)
(4)	The Williams Main Street Grill, Magna	*SBI (RF)
(5)	Orem Wingers, Orem and Deborah Brantley (employee)	*SBI (RL)
(6)	7-Eleven Store #29175D, Millcreek	*UPD (OP)

Mr. McHenry gave an overview of the items on the consent calendar noting they were complete and ready for action by the commission.

Ms. Orton moved to approve the settlement agreements for items #1 to #6 on the consent calendar. Ms. Tarazon seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

LICENSEE RECOGNITIONS: PASSED UTAH PUBLIC SAFETY SBI COVERT (CUB) INSPECTIONS:

Ms. Evans reported that since the October meeting, 122 licensees had passed the SBI inspections. She congratulated those that passed and thanked them for following the alcohol safety laws.

NOVEMBER 2025 LICENSE RENEWAL REMINDER:

- a. Renewal Period November 1 to November 30, 2025
 - Local Industry Representative (MR)
 - Brewery Manufacturing (MB)
 - Distillery Manufacturing (MD)
 - Winery Manufacturing (MW)
 - Public Service Permit (PS)

- Certificate of Approval - Out of State Brewers (COA)
- Beer Wholesaling (BW)
- Liquor Warehousing (LW)

Mr. Warr, Compliance Administrator, reminded those in attendance that the current renewal period for the above licenses will run through November 30, 2025.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Swan, Deputy Director, gave an overview of the items on the consent agenda. He noted the items were complete and ready for action by the commission.

a. Approval of the Minutes

- (1) October 30, 2025 Commission Meeting

b. Off-Premise Beer Retailer State License

License Change of Location:

- (1) Offset Brewing (moving from 1755 Bonanza Dr, Park City to 4175 N Forestdale Dr, Suite 105, Park City)

License Changes of Ownership:

- (1) 7-Eleven Store #25030B, Delta (conditional) (purchase agreement October 18, 2025)
- (2) Gas Stop 21, Huntington (purchase agreement October 4, 2025)
- (3) Rally Stop #12, New Harmony (conditional) (purchase agreement August 1, 2025)

New Applicants:

- (1) Costco Wholesale #733, Lehi
- (2) Costco Wholesale #735, West Bountiful
- (3) Costco Wholesale #1118, Spanish Fork
- (4) Maverik #786, West Valley City (conditional)
- (5) Midway Convenience LLC, Sandy
- (6) Rollin Home RV Park, Nephi (conditional)

c. Brewery Manufacturing

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d. Local Industry Representative

New Applicant:

- (1) Iona Spratley, Happy Cow Vodka, Layton

e. Type 5 Package Agency

Change of Location Contract Amendment:

- (1) Offset Brewing (moving from 1755 Bonanza Dr, Park City to 4175 N Forestdale Dr,

Suite 105, Park City)

f. Hotel

New Applicants:

- (1) Zermatt Resort and Spa, Midway (conditional) (will surrender their Bar Establishment license upon approval)
- (2) Sundance Mountain Resort, Utah County (conditional) (will surrender their On-Premise Banquet, Restaurant Full-Service, Restaurant Limited-Service, and Bar Establishment licenses upon approval)

g. Restaurant Limited-Service

License Change of Location:

- (1) Riggatti's St George LLC, St George (moving from 974 W Sunset Blvd, St George to 1091 N Bluff St., Unit 1002, St George)

License Change of Ownership:

- (1) Watermoon, Draper (conditional) (purchase agreement October 15, 2025)

New Applicants:

- (1) India Palace Provo, Provo (violation history)
- (2) Vongole Pasta Italian Restaurant & Wine, Salt Lake City
- (3) Kin Sen Thai, Millcreek
- (4) Mystique Dining, West Jordan (conditional)
- (5) Tepanyaki Japanese Steakhouse, West Jordan (violation history)
- (6) Kabuto Sushi, Spanish Fork (conditional) (violation history)
- (7) Ooh Pho, Taylorsville (conditional)

h. Restaurant Beer-Only

New Applicant:

- (1) Yummy Tequenos, Provo (violation history)

i. On-Premise Beer Retailer - Recreational Amenity

License Change of Ownership:

- (1) Ben Lomond Lanes BC Bowling, Ogden (conditional) (purchase agreement August 27, 2025)

j. On-Premise Beer Retailer - Tavern

New Applicant:

- (1) Wolfdog Brewing, Sandy (conditional)

k. Restaurant Full-Service

Extended Closure:

- (1) Eva, Salt Lake City (requesting until the January Commission Meeting)

License Change of Ownership:

- (1) Rodizio Grille, Provo (conditional) (purchase agreement October 6, 2025)

New Applicants:

- (1) Saffron Valley, South Jordan (violation history)

- (2) Las Flores Family Mexican Restaurant, Cedar City (will surrender their Restaurant Limited-Service license)
- (3) Saffron Valley Central LLC, Salt Lake City (conditional) (violation history)
- (4) Lotus of St. George, St. George (conditional)
- (5) Mi Lindo Jalisco, Vernal (conditional)
- (6) Redemption Steakhouse, Vernal (conditional)
- (7) The Capitol Reef Kitchen, Torrey (conditional)
- (8) Cosmopolitan Grill, St. George (conditional)
- (9) Engine Room Pub & Bistro, Salt Lake City (conditional)
- (10) Pig Pen Saloon, Park City (conditional)
- (11) Slot Canyon Eatery, Hurricane (conditional)

Ms. Tarazon moved to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ms. Orton seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS CONSIDERATION ITEMS:

a. Bar Establishment

Extended Closures:

- (1) White Horse Bar & Restaurant, Salt Lake City (requesting until the February 2026 Commission Meeting)
- (2) Whiskey Street, Salt Lake City (requesting to the April 2026 Commission Meeting)
- (3) London Belle & Amendment 21, Salt Lake City (requesting to the December 2025 Commission Meeting)

Mr. Hansen, Program Manager, introduced Jason LeCates, The Bourbon Group, Whiskey Street and Whitehouse, Salt Lake City and Frank Paulraj, London Belle & Amendment 21, Salt Lake City. These individuals expressed their need for an extended closure period due to a fire on Main Street that occurred at their businesses. Mr. Paulraj and Mr. Hansen noted that London Belle & Amendment 21 may need a closure until the July 2026 Commission meeting instead of the December 2025 Commission meeting as noted on the agenda.

Ms. Orton moved to grant an extended closure to bar establishment license #1 White Horse Bar & Restaurant, Salt Lake City, and an extended closure to bar establishment license #2 Whiskey Street, Salt Lake City in accordance with the dates on the agenda. Ms. Tarazon seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

A discussion was held by the commissioners regarding approval of the request to change the extended closure date for #3 London Belle & Amendment 21 from the December 2025 Commission Meeting to July 2026 Commission meeting.

Ms. Orton moved to approve the extended closure request for bar establishment license #3 London Belle & Amendment 21, Salt Lake City to the July 2026 Commission meeting. Ms Tarazon seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

License Change of Location

- (1) Offset Brewing (moving from 1755 Bonanza Dr, Park City, to 4175 N Forestdale Dr, Suite 105, Park City)

Ms. Tarazon moved to grant the license change of location to bar establishment license to #1 Offset Brewing (moving from 1755 Bonanza Dr, Park City, to 4175 N Forestdale Dr, Suite 105, Park City). Ms. Orton seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

License Change of Ownership:

- (1) The Bearded Beaver, Beaver (purchase agreement September 3, 2025)

Ms. Tarazon moved to approve the ownership changes for #1 The Bearded Beaver, Beaver (purchase agreement September 3, 2025). Ms. Orton seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

New Applicants:

- (1) Coal Creek Taproom & Eatery, Cedar City (conditional)
- (2) Engine Room Pub & Bistro, Salt Lake City (conditional)
- (3) AC Hotel Park City, Park City (conditional)

Mr. Hansen, Program Manager, gave an overview of the new applications. He noted that there are 30 full-year and two winter seasonal bar establishment licenses available.

Ms. Tarazon moved to grant a conditional bar establishment license to #1 Coal Creek Taproom & Eatery, in Cedar City, a conditional bar establishment license to #2 Engine Room Pub & Bistro, in Salt Lake City, and a conditional bar establishment license to #3 AC Hotel Park City, in Park City. Ms. Orton seconded the motion. Mr. Handy asked for a roll call vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Mr. Conabee and Ms. Owens voted yea, which passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS AND PUBLIC:

Chair Handy expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve the people of the state of Utah and extended wishes for a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season to all members and attendees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.