

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UTAH
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVICES COMMISSION
HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026
1625 SOUTH 900 WEST, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84104**

[Commissioners may participate virtually]

Commissioner's Participating Virtually:

Chair Stephen Handy
Vice Chair Jennifer Tarazon
Jacquelyn Orton
Juliette Tennert
Falyn Owens
Tara Thue

Staff Participating Virtually:

Brian Swan, Deputy Director, Legal &
Regulator Affairs
Melissa Suarez, Executive Assistant
Rob Hansen, Training Program Manager

Note: A copy of related material and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at abs.utah.gov

Chair Handy called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Chair Handy introduced the commissioners and staff members that assist the commission. He welcomed the opportunity to meet for a special meeting, and excused Ericka Evans, Executive Director.

Bar Establishment:

New Applicant

- a. The Back Door Bar, Vernal

Rob Hansen, Training Program Manager, gave an overview of the Bar Establishment item a. The Back Door Bar in Vernal. He noted the items were complete and ready for action by the commission. He highlighted the location's proximity to a park and confirmed that a new local consent was issued by the city of Vernal. Additionally, he clarified that this is a dual-license, as the applicant currently operates a full-service restaurant at the location and is now seeking the commission's approval for a bar license.

MOTION: Commissioner Tennert moved to approve the Bar Establishment new applicant for item a. The Back Door Bar on the agenda. Commissioner Owens seconded the motion. Chair Handy asked for a vote. Mr. Handy, Ms. Tarazon, Ms. Orton, Ms. Tennert, Ms. Owens, and Ms. Thue voted yea. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT FROM COMMISSIONERS AND PUBLIC.

None.

ADJOURN.

There being no further business, Chair Handy moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 p.m.