PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 NORTHWEST OFFICE BUILDING, CONFERENCE ROOM 117, HARRISBURG, PA MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

Tim Holden, Chairman Randy Vulakovich, Board Member Darrell Clarke, Board Member Rodrigo Diaz, Executive Director Michael Vigoda, Board Secretary Office of Chief Counsel
Bureau of Licensing
Bureau of Human Resources
Bureau of Accounting & Purchasing

Office of Retail Operations
Bureau of Product Management
Financial Report
Other Issues

Notice: Anyone who wishes to comment on a printed agenda item prior to official action being taken must make that known to the Chairman or the Board Secretary in advance. Board Secretary Michael Vigoda can be reached by phone at 717-787-8896 or email at mvigoda@pa.gov

Details for the Microsoft Teams meeting on June 5, 2024 can be found on the PLCB public website.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

In accordance with section 708 of the Sunshine Act, 65 Pa. C.S. § 708, on the morning of and/or the day immediately preceding the Public Meeting set forth herein, the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board will be holding a closed Executive Session or Sessions in the Northwest Office Building for the following purposes: to discuss personnel matters; to consider the purchase or lease of real property prior to an option being obtained or prior to an agreement of purchase; to consult with its legal counsel regarding litigation and similar issues; to review and discuss agency business, which, if conducted in public, would violate lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information confidentially protected by law, including quasi-judicial deliberations; and to engage in non-deliberative informational discussions regarding various actions and other matters which have been approved at previous public meetings.

PUBLIC MEETING - 11:00 A.M

CALL TO ORDER	Chairman Holden
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	
OLD BUSINESS	Secretary Vigoda

A. Motion to approve previous Board Meeting Minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

As explained in the printed Meeting Agenda, certain matters being presented for "official action" at today's meeting have been discussed during Executive Sessions held prior to today's meeting as permitted by the Sunshine Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

(1) 76 GENERAL, INC. t/a General Davis, Inc.

76 Street Road Southampton, PA 18966-3104 License No. R-19649/LID 90519 Citation No. 22-1429

ALJ Appeal

(2) Final-form Regulation – Duties and Rights of Licensees

> Board Regulation #54-104 Updates to 40 Pa. Code §§ 5.30 and 5.32

Final-form Regulatory Change

Andrew Stuffick, Director, Bureau of Licensing

(1) Bobby Bullet Productions, Inc. t/a Blondie's

> R-18165 (LID No. 26998) 11737 Old Route 16 P. O. Box 217 Washington Township Rouzerville, Franklin County

Requests for Interior Connections with Another Business & to Delicense an Area – Restaurant

The Dog Penn, LLC **(2)** t/a The Dog Penn

R-8513 (LID No. 120581) 2614 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Double Transfer & Request to Conduct Other Businesses on the Licensed Premises – Restaurant

HOLD - 5/15/24 SESSION

(3) Firehouse Winery, Inc. t/a Firehouse Winery

R-5112 (LID No. 97259) Case No. 23-9084 211 East Sunbury Street Shamokin, Northumberland County

Renewal – Restaurant

HOLD - 3/20/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

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(4) Malacalo, Inc.

t/a The Sonoma

R-43766 (LID No. 98075) Case No. 23-9106 288 East Main Street Hummelstown, Dauphin County Request for Hearing After Revocation – Restaurant

(5) Milestone Sports Bar, LLC

t/a Milestone Sports Bar

R-12727 (LID No. 104894) Case No. 23-9121 2809 Brownsville Road Brentwood Pittsburgh, Allegheny County Appointment of Manager – Restaurant

HOLD – 5/15/24 SESSION

(6) Pine St Pub, LLC t/a Pine St Pub

> R-9608 (LID No. 118632) Case No. 23-9144 29 East Pine Street P.O. Box 213 East Union Township Sheppton Schuylkill County

Person-to-Person Transfer – Restaurant

(7) Linda L. Putalavage t/a LJ's Café

R-11655 (LID No. 70941) Case No. 23-9136 27 Coal Street Middleport, Schuylkill County Appointment of Manager – Restaurant

HOLD – 4/10/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(8) Virgilio Investments V, LLC t/a Gamble Mill

(LID No. 117168) Case No. 23-9149 160 Dunlop Street Bellefonte, Centre County New-Hotel

(9) Black Bean Pittsburgh, Inc. t/a Black Bean Cuban Cuisine

> R-2285 (LID No. 64637) Case No. 2023-64637 239 Atwood Street Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Renewal – District 5

(10) Brookside Diner and Lounge, Inc.

R-391 (LID No. 23495) Case No. 2022-23495 1360 Eisenhower Boulevard Lower Swatara Township Harrisburg, Dauphin County Renewal – District 2

HOLD 4/10/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(11) Crystal Food Services, Inc. t/a Crystal Barbeque

R-4479 (LID No. 83746) Case No. 2020-83746 and 2022-83746 44 East Broad Street Hazleton, Luzerne County Renewal – District 8

(12) Eli & Danny Management, Inc. t/a La Poblanita Mexican Cuisine & Bar

R-9303 (LID No. 61929) Case No. 2020-61929 and 2022-61929
417-419 West Marshall Street
Norristown, Montgomery County

Renewal – District 4

HOLD 9/20/23 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(13) Mike's New Moon Saloon, Inc. t/a Mike's New Moon Saloon

> R-14497 (LID No. 49989) Case No. 2023-49989 2059 Saxonburg Boulevard West Deer Township Gibsonia, Allegheny County

Renewal – District 5

HOLD 3/20/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(14) Rylanco, Inc.

t/a The Fort Pitt Inn

R-1242 (LID No. 32978) Case No. 2023-32978 7780 Steubenville Pike 1 North Fayette Township Oakdale, Allegheny County Renewal – District 5

HOLD 2/28/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

(15) SR, Inc.

t/a Fundaze Back Bar

R-2912 (LID No. 72245) Case No. 2023-72245 2550 Brownsville Road

South Park, Allegheny County

Renewal – District 5

HOLD 4/10/24 SESSION

Conditional Licensing Agreement

From the Bureau of Human Resources Jason Lutcavage, Director of Administration

Jennifer Haas, Director, Bureau of Human Resources

Personnel Actions

Procurement Actions:

(1) ORBO/ORCO Programmer Analyst Staff Augmentation – This resource is used for advanced troubleshooting of the ORPOS system, related databases, processes and as a subject matter expert needed to support the legacy system.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 – VENDOR: **OST**, **Inc.** – TERM: On year for period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 - **\$277,007.52 estimated cost**.

(2) ORBO/ORCO Retail Oracle Database Administration Staff Augmentation – This resource is used for java programming in the ORPOS system, advanced troubleshooting of the ORPOS system, related databases, processes and as a subject matter expert needed to support the legacy system.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 – VENDOR: **OST, Inc.** – TERM: One year for period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 - **\$315,413.28 estimated cost.**

(3) Oracle SME/Database Administration Staff Augmentation – This resource's responsibilities are primarily centered around supporting the New Horizons project and migrating from Oracle onpremises systems to the Oracle ERP Cloud Infrastructure, providing performance improvement and problem solving for the Oracle and Azure SQL databases and the OIC Cloud integrations that depend upon them. As the PLCB moves towards cloud platforms and a new approach to Data Warehousing, will continue to provide guidance on solutions that have facilitated or, in some cases, opened new opportunities for PLCB.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 – VENDOR: **OST, Inc.** – TERM: One year for period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 - **\$228,800.00 estimated cost.**

(4) Identity and Access Management (IAM) Administrator Staff Augmentation – As part of the PLCB Security Team, this resource supports user creation, provisioning, access reviews, auditing, governance, and other cross-functional security team support as needed in hybrid on-premises and cloud environments. This individual is familiar with established policies, procedures, audit, compliance requirements, IAM systems and tools used to support and maintain operations and appropriate access to applications agency-wide. This resource is needed to support our expanding IAM responsibilities introduced by Project New Horizon.

Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 – VENDOR: **OST, Inc.** – TERM: Six months for period 7/1/2024 through 12/31/2024 - \$143,000.00 estimated cost.

(5) Unix System Administrator Staff Augmentation – This resource provides vital Oracle Cloud migration and ongoing Oracle ERP and Azure cloud support, through various scripts, manual configuration, and research, with the New Horizon project. Will also play a key role in the project to roll out and implement new server hardware at all of the ∼600 LCB stores and the subsequent virtualization of the existing physical ORBO servers at each location. Also administers Unix OS user & folder security, and server application migrations.

- Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 VENDOR: **OST, Inc.** TERM: One year for period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 **\$144,393.60** estimated cost.
- (6) Oracle Cloud Technical Architecture Specialist Staff Augmentation This resource will continue supporting our New Horizons Cloud migrations in upcoming releases and providing post go-live support for all Oracle ERP Cloud applications, databases, and integrations. Will also provide performance improvement and problem solving for the autonomous databases, OIC integrations, and Cloud WebLogic installation, configuration, and security patching.
 - Procured via DGS Contract #4400024749 VENDOR: **OST, Inc.** TERM: One year for period 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 **\$228,800.00 estimated cost.**
- (7) Furniture for Store #2801 Wall units for Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #2801 in Chambersburg.
 - Procured via DGS Contract #4400021466 VENDOR: TC Millwork \$76,054.98 estimated cost.
- (8) Furniture for Store #1516 Wall units for Fine Wine & Good Spirits Store #1516 in West Chester.
 - Procured via DGS Contract #4400021466 VENDOR: TC Millwork \$78,477.06 estimated cost.
- (9) Steel Shelving Funding Increase and Renewal This funding increase and renewal is for steel shelving to be used in Fine Wine & Good Spirits stores.
 - Procured via Contract Purchase Agreement #70000005 Option Year VENDOR: **StorFlex Holdings Inc.** TERM: One year for period 9/9/2024 through 9/8/2025 **\$1,600,000.00 total estimated amount** (\$600,000 increase for current contract period ending 9/8/2024 and \$1,000,000.00 for renewal period 9/9/2024 through 9/8/2025).

Inter-Agency Charges:

- (1) Office of Unemployment Compensation Billing of \$203,685.29 for unemployment compensation from FY22-23 benefit charges. This payment is due to UC's challenge rolling out its new unemployment compensation system replacing an old mainframe system with a modern, cloud-based system.
- (2) Department of General Services (DGS) Real Estate MOU charge Billing of \$789,837.23 for estimated services for July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The billing reflects \$780,000 for projected FY 23-24 expenses and includes a \$9,837.23 carryforward from FY 22-23 actual expenses. In 2013, the Board and the DGS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to transfer certain real estate responsibilities and personnel from the Board over to DGS. As part of the MOU, the PLCB agreed to pay DGS an annual fee to cover the payroll costs for the transferred staff and the related operating expenses, (travel, telecommunications, advertising, equipment, etc.) for these real estate services. The annual billing is estimated, with a true-up adjustment for the prior year's billing and actual expenses.

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(3) Department of General Services (DGS) Vehicle Purchases (JOB 66) – Billing of \$180,000.00 to reimburse DGS for the purchase of four Ford Transit 250 vehicles (\$45,000.00 each) for the PLCB. These vehicles were purchased to replace high-mileage vehicles in the Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia Facilities Maintenance shops.

The Bureau of Financial Management and Analysis has reviewed these charges and determined that they are reasonable based on billing methodology and previous experience.

- (1) #0935 Warwick Square Shopping Center, 2395 Old York Road, Jamison Amendment
- (2) #5153 2115 North 22nd Avenue, Philadelphia Amendment
- (3) #5413 16 Tremont Road, Pine Grove Amendment
- (4) #6002 Chestnut Plaza, 30 East Chestnut Street, Mifflinburg Amendment
- (5) #35XX Birney Mall, 3409 Birney Avenue, Moosic New Lease (relocation of #3524)

From the Bureau of Product Management...... Tom Bowman, Director of Product Management

VENDOR – ITEM NAME

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

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Various Various Regular New Item Accepted
 Regular Recommended Delist

1. Regular New Item Accepted

BRAND NAME AND SIZE

REASON

Chaddsford Winery

Chaddsford Sunset Blush 1.5 L

RECOMMENDED ACTION: We recommend the Board approve this action

New Items - Recommended Listings

Reason Codes

1.	Strong	marketing	support

- 2. High brand recognition
- 3. Line/Size extension of successful brand
- 4. Trade up opportunity
- 5. Growing category
- 6. Growing segment
- 7. National rollout
- 8. Niche item / Limited distribution
- 9. High dollar profit potential
- 10. Trade out
- 11. High quality for the value
- 12. Innovative product/flavor
- 13. High sales through other PLCB channels (Luxury, Online, SLO)
- 14. Underrepresented category/segment
- 15. Hole in selection consumer/store requests
- 16. PA Spirits
- 17. PA Wines
- 18. Licensee only
- 19. Probationary listing

2. Regular Recommended Delist

BRAND NAME AND SIZE	CODE
Freepeople Distilling 1675 Whiskey 750 mL	98334
Majestic W S USA Inc Stationmaster Cabernet Sauvignon Alexander Valley 750 mL	98900
Moet Hennessy USA Glenmorangie Highland Single Malt Scotch 10 Year Old 750 mL Glenmorangie Original Highland Single Malt Scotch 10 Year Old 1.75 L	7561 8456
North Wales Wines Arbor Mist Strawberry White Zinfandel 750 mL	4519
Palm Bay Imports Inc Chavo Malo Tequila Blanco 1 L	2292
Sutter Home Winery Sutter Home Sangria 4x187 mL	9599

EFFECTIVE DATE: The transference to closeout will become effective July 5, 2024

FINANCIAL REPORT Michael J. Burns, Comptroller Operations, Office of Budget

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board State Stores Fund Comparative Statement of Net Position (Unaudited)

(Unau	dited)	
	March 31, 2024	March 31, 2023
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 87,370,053	\$ 45,648,253
Investments - short term	158,018,033	209,228,063
Accounts and claims receivable, net	6,939,288	5,827,976
Due from other funds - Note 9	-	-
Merchandise inventories, net	188,817,685	210,732,766
Operating supplies	1,436,371	868,295
Prepaid expenses	1,748,005	2,637,182
Total current assets	444,329,435	474,942,535
Non-current assets:		
Non-depreciable capital assets:		
Land	322,973	322,973
Depreciable or amortizable capital assets:		
Building	10,935,291	10,820,411
Leasehold improvements	209,134	209,134
Machinery and equipment	51,192,821	55,203,031
Intangible - internally generated software	82,252,935	64,324,793
Intangible - right to use leases - Note 10	434,163,618	381,580,329
Intangible - right to use IT subscriptions - Note 11	16,337,949	20,300,870
Less: accumulated depreciation or amortization	295,834,995	235,722,323
Net depreciable or amortizable capital assets	299,256,753	296,716,245
Total non-current capital assets	299,579,726	297,039,218
Total assets	\$ 743,909,161	\$ 771,981,753
Total deferred outflows of resources - Notes 5, 6	\$ 249,745,428	\$ 172,071,805
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$ 289,170,574	\$ 313,425,307
Other accounts payable	16,805,462	22,596,073
Accrued expenses	21,098,427	19,312,855
OPEB - Note 6	-	-
Self-insurance, workers' compensation - Note 7	4,795,551	5,038,908
Due to other funds - Note 9	8,677,160	7,983,458
Due to fiduciary funds - Note 9	2,669,360	2,178,390
Due to other governments - Note 9	762,082	659,852
Right to use liabilities - Note 10	63,402,644	62,313,471
Total current liabilities	407,381,260	433,508,314
Non-current liabilities:		
OPEB - Note 6	342,061,000	420,050,000
Self-insurance, workers' compensation - Note 7	47,795,622	46,846,197
Net pension liability - Note 5	582,453,730	384,995,763
Compensated absences - Note 1	24,484,695	26,865,598
Right to use liabilities - Note 10	169,721,284	185,359,708
Total non-current liabilities	1,166,516,331	1,064,117,266
Total liabilities	\$ 1,573,897,591	\$ 1,497,625,580
Total deferred inflows of resources - Notes 5, 6	\$ 225,973,926	\$ 298,468,486
NET POSITION	00 155 555	40.000.
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 66,455,798	\$ 49,366,039
Deficit	(872,672,726)	(901,406,547)
Total net position - Note 12	\$ (806,216,928)	\$ (852,040,508)

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board State Stores Fund

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Month Ending March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

	202	3-24	2022-	23
Sales net of taxes	9	203,149,804	\$	205,140,512
Cost of goods sold	_	(138,525,663)		(140,809,749)
Gross profit from sales		64,624,141		64,330,763
Operating (expenses):				
Wholesale	(2,571,792)		(1,774,346)	
Retail	(34,231,203)		(29,141,598)	
E-Commerce	(189,905)		(292,782)	
Regulatory	(1,275,972)		(879,603)	
Enterprise	(6,148,926)		(6,270,491)	
Commonwealth provided services - Note 2	(1,565,679)	(45.000.477)	(1,751,144)	(40.400.004)
Total	_	(45,983,477)		(40,109,964)
Operating profit/(loss)		18,640,664		24,220,799
Other operating revenues (expenses):				
Enforcement fines	261,995		132,924	
License fees	3,192,248		2,915,128	
Miscellaneous income	274,503		311,124	
Total	_	3,728,746		3,359,176
Total operating income/(loss)		22,369,410		27,579,975
Miscellaneous revenues (expenses):				
Interest income (expense)	773,387		772,582	
Other			(8,853)	
Total	_	773,387		763,729
Income/(Loss) before operating transfers		23,142,797		28,343,704
Operating transfers out:				
PSP enforcement - Note 3	(3,816,532)_	(3,816,532)	(3,588,376)	(3,588,376)
Net Income/(Loss) from operations		19,326,265		24,755,328
Statutory Transfers:	(05.400.000)		(05.400.000)	
General fund - Note 4	(85,100,000)		(85,100,000)	
Drug and alcohol programs - Note 4	=	(05.400.000)	=	(05.400.000)
Total	_	(85,100,000)		(85,100,000)
Change in net position		(65,773,735)		(60,344,672)
**Total net position - beginning - Note 12		(740,443,193)		(791,695,836)
Total net position - ending	<u> </u>	(806,216,928)	<u>\$</u>	(852,040,508)
Liquor tax	35,985,202		36,835,335	
State Sales Tax	14,245,416		14,522,830	
Local Tax	921,233	E4 454 054	953,120	E0 044 005
Taxes remitted to Dept.of Revenue PTD	9	51,151,851	\$	52,311,285

^{*}Beginning Net Position was restated from \$(872,154,418) at June 30, 2022 to \$(871,784,479) at July 1, 2022, a \$369,939 increase, due to the implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 96 - Subscription Based Information Technology Agreements.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board State Stores Fund

Comparative Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For the Nine Months Ending March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

<u>.</u>	202	23-24	2022	2-23
Sales net of taxes		\$ 1,921,083,011	:	\$ 1,884,815,334
Cost of goods sold	_	(1,306,565,549)	_	(1,322,710,107)
Gross profit from sales		614,517,462		562,105,227
Operating (expenses):				
Wholesale	(23,380,919)		(16,103,204)	
Retail	(312,425,120)		(257,033,220)	
E-Commerce	(1,775,627)		(2,424,174)	
Regulatory Enterprise	(10,907,161)		(7,763,505)	
Commonwealth provided services - Note 2	(83,085,648) (14,431,956)		(64,590,154) (15,850,669)	
Total	(14,431,930)	(446,006,431)	(15,650,009)	(363,764,926)
Operating profit/(loss)	-	168,511,031	-	198,340,301
Other operating revenues (expenses):				
Enforcement fines	959,522		1,297,104	
License fees	25,126,070		23,718,832	
Miscellaneous income	1,811,652		3,769,641	
Total	1,011,002	27,897,244		28,785,577
Total operating income/(loss)	_	196,408,275		227,125,878
Miscellaneous revenues (expenses):				
Interest income (expense)	9,335,968		2,173,815	
Other Total	17,008	9,352,976	51,298	2,225,113
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Income/(Loss) before operating transfers		205,761,251		229,350,991
Operating transfers out:	(05 500 705)	(05 500 705)	(04 507 000)	(0.4.507.000)
PSP enforcement - Note 3	(25,520,735)_	(25,520,735) 180,240,516	(24,507,020)_	(24,507,020) 204,843,971
Net Income/(Loss) from operations		180,240,516		204,643,971
Statutory Transfers: General fund - Note 4	(405 400 000)		(405 400 000)	
Drug and alcohol programs - Note 4	(185,100,000)		(185,100,000)	
Total	- -	(185,100,000)	_	(185,100,000)
Change in net position		(4,859,484)		19,743,971
**Total net position - beginning 2022-23 - Note 12	<u>-</u>	(801,357,444)	_	(871,784,479)
Total net position - ending	=	\$ (806,216,928)	<u>:</u>	\$ (852,040,508)
Liquor tax State Sales Tax	338,210,857		338,070,256	
Local Tax	133,601,165 8,981,032		133,140,713 8,617,786	
Taxes remitted to Dept.of Revenue PTD	_	\$ 480,793,054	_	\$ 479,828,755

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OTHER ISSUES

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board has reserved 10 minutes for public comment.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the PLCB will be a formal meeting on Wednesday, June 26, 2024 beginning at 11:00 A.M. Prior to the public meeting, an Executive Session or Sessions will be held for the specific purposes as regularly set forth in the printed Board Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

Informational Statements to be included in the Public Meeting Agenda

For ALJ Cases:

These cases are appeals taken from adjudications rendered by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in citation proceedings initiated by the Pennsylvania State Police, Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement in accordance with section 471 of the Liquor Code, 47 P.S. § 4-471.

In all of these matters, an administrative hearing has already been held before an ALJ during which the parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions.

The Board must affirm the ALJ unless the ALJ's decision is an error of law, an abuse of discretion or is not supported by substantial evidence. In some instances where noted, it may also be necessary for the Board to remand the matter back to the ALJ for additional action to be taken. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial (appellate) capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already occurred during authorized executive sessions.

The reasoning for any final decision by the Board on these matters will be set forth in a publicly issued written opinion which will be released immediately after the Board session. Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code.

For Application Matters such as New Licenses, Transfers of Existing License, or Extension of Premises:

In all of these matters, an administrative hearing - open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner. All interested parties, including the applicant, the Bureau of Licensing, and valid protesters and/or intervenors, were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions. The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve the application outright, vote to approve the application subject to a conditional licensing agreement setting forth specific conditions agreed upon by the parties and which are reasonably intended to address specific concerns made part of the record, or vote to refuse the application its entirety. For any case in which the Board would like additional time to review the record prior to making its decision, the Board reserves the right to place a hold on such matter in which case "official action" will not be taken until a future Board meeting.

Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code, or, in certain circumstances, directly to the Commonwealth Court. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board, as required by the Liquor Code, will file a written opinion setting forth the specific reasoning for its decision.

For License Renewal Cases:

These cases involve applications for renewal of licenses to which the Bureau of Licensing has raised objections. In all of these matters, an administrative hearing - open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner. The parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as make legal arguments. The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve renewal of the license outright, vote to approve renewal of the license subject to a conditional licensing agreement setting forth specific conditions agreed upon by the parties and which are reasonably intended to address the operational issues of the licensee, or vote to refuse renewal of the license in its entirety. For any case in which the Board would like additional time to review the record prior to making its decision, the Board reserves the right to place a hold on such matter in which case "official action" will not be taken until a future Board meeting.

An applicant aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board, as required by the Liquor Code, will file a written opinion setting for the specific reasoning for its decision.

For Noise Exemption Cases:

These matters involve municipal petitions for exemptions from the Liquor Code provisions dealing with amplified sound. In all of these matters, an administrative hearing – open to the public - has already been held before a Board-assigned hearing examiner during which the parties were given the opportunity to present sworn testimony and other evidence, as well as to make legal arguments, in support of their respective positions.

The Board has reviewed the administrative record created before the hearing examiner along with any briefs submitted by the parties, as well as the recommendations made by the assigned hearing examiner and the Board's legal counsel. In that the Board is acting in its quasi-judicial capacity, deliberations on these matters may have already taken place during authorized executive sessions.

In each case, the Board may either vote to approve the municipal petition for noise exemption outright, vote to limit its approval to a more defined area of the municipality than what is being requested, or vote to refuse the petition in its entirety. The Board must act upon a municipal petition for noise exemptions within 60 days of receiving such petition.

Any party aggrieved by the Board's decision has the right to pursue an appeal to the applicable county court of common pleas in accordance with the Liquor Code. In the event that an appeal is filed, the Board will file a written opinion setting for the specific reasoning for its decision as required by the Liquor Code.

For All Matters in Which the Board is Acting in its Quasi-Judicial Capacity

No additional testimony or evidence may be presented by the parties during the Board's public meeting. While the Board reserves the right to allow comments to be made by the public concerning any particular case, this is being done so with the understanding that such comments are not the equivalent of sworn testimony and, thus, will not be given any weight by the Board when rendering its decision. Additionally, the Board is not required to respond to any public comments offered, nor is it required to answer any questions concerning these matters.