

City of Melrose, Massachusetts
Meeting Minutes

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 8:30 A.M.

Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair
Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Michael Iudice, Commissioner
Patricia Bucciero, Clerk of the Liquor Commission

8:37 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

I. New Business – 1 Day Liquor Licenses

1. Commissioner Cronin motioned to approve the 1-day license for The Dancing School, Commissioner Iudice seconded; all in favor - Sunday, February 2, 2025, Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose, MA,
2. Commissioner Cronin motioned to approve the 1-day license for Let's Dance, Inc., Commissioner Iudice seconded; all in favor - Saturday, February 8, 2025, Memorial Hall, 590 Main Street, Melrose, MA,

The following previously approved 2025 Renewal Applications for Wine and Malt Beverages (1 Day Licenses) were amended per conversation with Chairman Joseph Nevin & Kathy Pigott-Brodeur.

- No Boundary Fights 1/18/25 – Hours 5:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
 - Boston Boxing 1/24/25 – Hours 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - DSW-Dance Studio of Wakefield 2/1/25 – 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Approval of December 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes.

II. Pending

Big Fin Melrose, LLC, d/b/a Big Fin Poke, Application for a Beer & Wine License for a Restaurant located at 531 Main Street, Melrose, MA – noted that hearing was reschedule to February 19, 2025.

Commission requested a clear definition of service model and to provide an accurate, up to date seating plan

Need to set public hearing date:

- Rescheduled to February 19, 2025
- Need to notify abutters – applicant given instructions from Clerk.

- Need to put in the newspaper – applicant discussed with Clerk.
- Then LLC votes and it goes to the state

Email owners with Patty's contact information and instructions for abutters list, placing an advertisement for public hearing – completed.

1. Franklin Market

2. Approval of December 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- a. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2024, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cronin; all in favor.

10:15 a.m. Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Scheduled for
Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 8:30AM, Cassidy Conference Room
City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2025, 8:30 A.M.

Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair

Kevin Cronin, Commissioner

Michael Iudice, Commissioner

Patricia Bucciero, Clerk of the Liquor Commission

8:36 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

I. Public Hearing for Big Fin Poke, LLC – Wine & Malt Beverage License

Manager Lifan Wu attended; presented a brief resume of work history and other location information. Discussed operating hours; staff to be tips certified.

Discussed that servers will take beverages to table; inventory will be prepackaged

And served accordingly.

Joe Nevin opened the meeting to public comments.

- No public comments were given.
- Public Comments closed at 9:30

Vote taken for Wine & Malt Beverage License – Big Fin Poke

- Motion put forward by Commissioner M. Iudice to approve license.
- 2nd by Commissioner K. Cronin.
- All voted in favor of Wine & Malt License – Big Fin Poke, LLC.

II. Pending

Franklin Market

Owner Mr. Patel and Attorney Bob Bell and several others attended an informational meeting pertaining to the Franklin Market Liquor License.

- Mr. Patel and Attorney Bell mentioned that they filed an application with ABCC and paid the \$200.00 fee.
- Discussed the possibility of having the hearing date off March 26, 2025; it was determined that due to abutters needing to be notified and Public Hearing Notice which needs to be published twice prior to hearing that it was more feasible to tentatively schedule the hearing for April 16, 2025; Chair Nevin requested hearing be held in evening for possible public comments.
- Various discussions pertaining to the following:
 - Basement storage
 - Items visible at register
 - A rendering of proposed space requested
 - TIPS & Cori items discussed
 - Main entrance design discussed
 - Joe Nevin spoke about his visit to the site on various issues
 - Questions pertaining to nips & single malt beverages being sold
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10:15 a.m. Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

***Next Meeting Scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 8:30 a.m. Cassidy
Conference Room***

City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Meeting Minutes

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 8:30 A.M.

Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair
Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Michael Iudice, Commissioner
Patricia Bucciero, Clerk of the Liquor Commission

8:36 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

1. Approval of February 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes

- a. Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the meeting minutes from December 18, 2024, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cronin; all in favor.

10:15 a.m. Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Scheduled for
Wednesday, April 16, 2025 – 6: Cassidy Conference Room
City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

**City of Melrose, Massachusetts
Meeting Minutes**

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission

Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2025, 8:30 a.m.

Meeting Location: Council Chambers, City Hall

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair, Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Michael Iudice, Commissioner, Patricia Bucciero, Clerk

8:36 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

1. Approval of March 26, 2025, minutes.

Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the meeting minutes from March 26, 2025 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cronin; all in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of the following One Day Licenses:

- One Day Liquor License – Temple Beth Shalom.
May 17, 2025, Hours 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm at Temple Beth Shalom, 21 East Foster Street, Melrose, MA
- One Day Liquor License – Boston Boxing Promotions May 23, 2025
Hours 5:00 pm – 11:30 pm at Memorial Hall.
- One Day Liquor License – Idle Hands Craft Ales, 6 functions (1 each month May – October at Beebe Estates.
- One Day Liquor License – Beebe Estates/Milano Parking Lot - Hannah's Brewing Company – June 22, 2025, 1-5 pm.
- Special license for sale of wine produced by farmer-winery for off-premises consumption at indoor or outdoor agricultural event" as outlined by MGL Ch138 Section 15F. Aaronap Cellars various dates; discussed fees; approved license.
- Special license for sale of wine produced by farmer-winery for off-premises consumption at indoor or outdoor agricultural event" as outlined by MGL Ch138 Section 15F. Blisspoint Meadery; discussed fees; approved license.
- **Miscellaneous**
Chair Nevin reviewed information on fees provided by Commissioner Cronin for surrounding cities/towns; discussion regarding changing several fees, once finalized Chair Nevin to review with city officials.

9:25 a.m. Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Scheduled for
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m. – Cassidy Conference Room
City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

**City of Melrose, Massachusetts
Meeting Minutes**

Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission
Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room 2nd Floor, City Hall Melrose, MA

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair, Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Michael Iudice, Commissioner, Patricia Bucciero, Clerk

6:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

- I. Public Hearing for Franklin Market All Alcoholic Beverages License to be exercised and used at MAA Gauri Corporation (Franklin Market), 453-463 Franklin Street, Melrose, MA 02176:

PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND AND COMMENT

Public Hearing Opened – Attendees invited to speak: Attorney Robert Belland Sammy Patel spoke regarding requested conditions from liquor commission and concerns of the public.

Several residents spoke regarding their concerns about this type of license in the neighborhood. Food to alcohol % discussed; window signage; sale of nips; upkeep of property/surrounding areas regarding trash from patrons, parking, etc. It was discussed that the applicant has been pursuing this license for over a year and has complied with all requirements addressed by the city.

The separate store was brought up relating to the sale of cigarettes and lottery; wanted to make sure it will be kept separate from Convenience/Liquor Store. It was determined that the attorney (Robert Bell) would need to put in writing.

Key items that were discussed at hearing that the liquor commission wanted in place prior to final approval of the license; it was determined that the Liquor Licensing Commission would schedule another meeting to review recommendations to be given in writing from attorney Bell.

Next meeting will be scheduled for May 28th at 11:00 a.m. License to be approved at next meeting; pending letter from attorney Bell. Motion made by Commissioner Cronin; seconded by Commissioner Iudice; all in favor.

May 21, 2025, Minutes – continued

II. Reconsideration of licenses relating to fees below:

- Special license for sale of wine produced by farmer-winery for off-premises consumption at indoor or outdoor agricultural event" as outlined by MGL Ch138 Section 15F.

Aaronap Cellars

Motion made by Commissioner Cronin; seconded by Mike Iudice to approve Special License for Aaronap Cellars for the fee of \$50.00 for the Farmers Market season. All in favor.

- Special license for sale of wine produced by farmer-winery for off-premises consumption at indoor or outdoor agricultural event" as outlined by MGL Ch138 Section 15F.

Blisspoint Meadery

Motion made by Commissioner Cronin; seconded by Mike Iudice to approve Special License for Aaronap Cellars for the fee of \$50.00 for the Farmers Market season. All in favor.

- One Day Special License – Polymnia Choral Society – Memorial Hall Event
June 7, 2025, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
Motion made by Commissioner Cronin; seconded by Mike Iudice to approve; all in favor.
- Outdoor Dining Approval for Turners Seafood – LLC to sign ROW Application.
Motion made by Commissioner Cronin; seconded by Mike Iudice to approve; all in favor.

III. Approval of May 1, 2025, minutes.

Commissioner Iudice motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 1, 2025, meeting; seconded by Commissioner Cronin; all in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

9:00 p.m. Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Scheduled for

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 11: 00 a.m. – Cassidy Conference Room
City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

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Organization: Melrose Local Liquor Licensing Commission
Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 11:00 P.M.
Meeting Location: Cassidy Conference Room 2nd Floor, City Hall Melrose

Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair, Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Michael Iudice, Commissioner, Patricia Bucciero, Clerk

11:00 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

- I. Franklin Market All Alcoholic Beverages License to be exercised and used at MAA Gauri Corporation (Franklin Market), 453-463 Franklin Street, Melrose, MA 02176 – follow up meeting to the Public Hearing held 5/21/25.

Attorney Robert Bell and Sammy Patel spoke regarding proposed conditions from liquor commission and concerns of the public. Attorney (Robert Bell) distributed letter with key items that were discussed at hearing that the liquor commission wanted in place prior to final approval of the license. The letter was reviewed by commission relating to inventory and percentage of alcohol to food; sale of nips; hours of business and to sell alcohol; window signage. There was some discussion relating to lighting also. It was determined that the attorney and applicant complied with the commission requests, and a motion was made by Commissioner Cronin; seconded by Commissioner Iudice; all were in favor. Motion passed. The License was approved.

II. Miscellaneous

- One Day Liquor License – No Boundary Fights LLC – Memorial Hall Event June 28, 2025, Hours 5:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
- One Day Liquor License – Temple Beth Shalom & Melrose Jewish Community Center – 21 East Foster Street, Melrose, MA – June 28, 2025
- Outdoor Dining License for Sonny's Fire and Wood/d/b/a/ Wood & Fire to include ROW Application (D.P.W.)

III. 9:00 p.m. Motion to Adjourn

- Commissioner Iudice motioned to adjourn the meeting.
- Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion.
- All in favor; the motion passed unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Next Meeting Scheduled for
Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m. – Cassidy Conference Room
City Hall, 562 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176

**City of Melrose, Massachusetts
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Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025, 8:30 a.m.
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Attendees: Joe Nevin, Chair, Kevin Cronin, Commissioner
Michael Iudice, Commissioner, Patricia Bucciero, Clerk

8:40 a.m. Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Joe Nevin

- I. Public Hearing for Overgagg LLC/dba Table 4 Wine & Malt License to be exercised and used at 169 West Emerson Street, Melrose, MA 02176 – Commissioner Iudice motioned to open public hearing; seconded by Commissioner Cronin; motion passed – Public Hearing Opened - Liquor License Commission members discussed layout of space; required permits, i.e. - health department; building department; type of food; hours of operation, signage, etc.

PUBLIC INVITED TO SPEAK

Public Hearing Open – Attendees were invited to speak Attorney Robert Bell and owner Lorri Overgaag and Jaap Overgaag discussed type of restaurant; table layouts, bathrooms, food prep area; signage and what they hope to accomplish; many residents attended and spoke in favor of the proposed restaurant.

Several items were discussed pertaining to the above required permits, etc. that the commission wanted in place prior to final approval of the license; it was determined that the Liquor Licensing Commission would schedule another meeting to review pending items and if satisfied the commission would give final approval at next the meeting.

Next meeting date TBD.

- II. Approval of Minutes of May 21, 2025 and May 28, 2025; motion made by Commissioner Iudice; seconded by Commissioner Cronin to approve; all in favor; motion passed.
- III. Motion to Adjourn made by Commissioner Iudice; Commissioner Cronin seconded the motion; all in favor and the motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting Scheduled TBD
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