

# City of Memphis Alcohol Commission Meeting Minutes November 17, 2021

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- I. **Call to Order** – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcohol Commission was called to order at approximately 9:08 a.m. by Sergeant-at-Arms Officer Gerald Lake.
- II. **Roll Call** – The following Commissioners were present: Claudette Boyd, Barry Chase, Erma Hayslett, Jared Johnson and Anna Vergos Blair. The following Commissioners were not present: Chad Hampton, Renee Poe, Steven Reid and Johnsie Wallace Gault.
- III. **Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting (November 3, 2021)** – The minutes from the previous meeting were distributed electronically prior to today’s meeting. *Commissioner Chase moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*
- IV. **Special Beer Applicant(s)**
1. Lauri Prather – 200 Union Avenue – “St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend”  
Date(s): December 4, 2021  
Time: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: N/A  
Sponsoring Organization: American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities, Inc.  
Purpose of funds: Charitable; 4 booth(s)  
Ms. Prather was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.  
(Account #T26669)
  2. Marie Pizano-Firtik – 7051 Malco Crossing – “MVP3 Studios Events”  
Date(s): December 6, 2021 – December 31, 2021  
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Rain Date: N/A  
Sponsoring Organization: MVP3 Studio Events  
Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)  
Mrs. Pizano-Firtik was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.  
(Account #T25892)
  3. Angela Meekins – Peabody at November 6<sup>th</sup> Street – “Stumbling Santa”  
Date(s): December 4, 2021 – December 5, 2021  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.  
Rain Date: N/A  
Sponsoring Organization: Porter-Leath

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 2 booth(s)

Ms. Meekins was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T5639)

4. Jamie Bailey – 125 Monroe Avenue – “Craft Food & Wine Festival”

Date(s): November 21, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: Church Health

Purpose of funds: Charitable; 1 booth(s)

Ms. Bailey was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T2761)

5. James L. Houston – 7777 Walnut Grove Road – “Summit Grappling Championships”

Date(s): December 4, 2021

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Rain Date: N/A

Sponsoring Organization: N/A

Purpose of funds: For Profit; 1 booth(s)

Mr. Houston was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the special beer application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* The special beer permit was issued to the applicant.

(Account #T26189)

V. **Violations:**

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (WITH) priors:**

6. Mac's Convenience Stores LLC – 1755 North Germantown Parkway – Mac's Convenience Stores LLC – dba – “Circle K #4703658” – Citation(s) #940008

Date of Violation(s): May 11, 2021

Date Permit Approved: August 16, 2017

**Prior Violation(s): April 14, 2018 (C5)**

Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410

No one appeared to represent this location. *Commissioner Boyd moved to indefinitely suspend the beer permit. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.*

(Account #T14015)

7. Balihar Guraya – 4511 Macon Road – M & J Food Mart, LLC – dba – “Macon Express” – Citation(s) #909053

Date of Violation(s): May 20, 2021 (C5, D4) & June 6, 2021 (C5)

Date Permit Approved: May 4, 2016

**Prior Violation(s): December 8, 2018 (C5)**

Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Crutchfield #0871, Collins #0871, Ward #0502, Martin #0410  
Mr. Guraya was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$1,000.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer*

*permit. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Guraya agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T9463)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5 (WITH) priors:**

8. Ajit Varma – 5915 East Raines Road – A & A Stores, Inc. – dba – “Raines In & Out” – Citation(s) #OS394131  
Date of Violation(s): April 11, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: July 5, 2017  
**Prior Violation(s): December 26, 2018 (C4, C5, D4)**  
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Langham #0400  
Mr. Varma was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$950.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Varma agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T14157)
9. Hlall Nasser – 5925 East Shelby Drive – Shelby Food Center, Inc. #1 – dba – “Shelby Food Center, Inc. #1” – Citation(s) #OS402340  
Date of Violation(s): April 11, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: May 15, 2019  
**Prior Violation(s): February 20, 2020 (C1, C5, D4)**  
Officer(s): Mosby #5668, Smith #8636  
Attorney for Mr. Nasser was present and asked for a continuance. *Commissioner Chase moved to continue this location to the December 1, 2021 Alcohol Commission meeting. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T21105)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4 (WITH) priors:**

10. Bei Xie and Deniz Aksoy – 4286 Macon Road – Aksoy, Inc. – dba – “Macon Road Texaco” – Citation(s) #C-335579  
Date of Violation(s): June 7, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: May 7, 2014  
**Prior Violation(s): December 8, 2018 (C5, D4)**  
Mr. Aksoy was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$200.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Aksoy agreed to the fine and probation.  
Officer(s): Ward #0502, Martin #0410  
(Account #T1156)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1 (WITH) priors:**

11. Amatulla Aldafari – 4228 Eastwind Drive – dba – “T & A Market” – Citation(s) #OS396902  
Date of Violation(s): April 1, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: October 20, 2010  
**Prior Violation(s): September 14, 2018 (C4, C5, D4)**  
Officer(s): Grandberry #1978, Gillard #1976  
*Commissioner Chase moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Aldafari was present and stipulated to the charge.  
*Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$200.00 along with 60 days probation or*

*a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*  
Mr. Aldafari agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #BR4011)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5, D4 (NO) priors:**

12. Bloomingrove, LLC – 8111 Walnut Grove Road – Bloomingrove, LLC – dba – “Fill N Chill”  
– Citation(s) #908794, #OS402347  
Date of Violation(s): May 11, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: October 16, 2013  
Officer(s): Smith #8636, Mosby #5668  
Mr. Amani was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Amani agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #BR4633)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C5, D4 (NO) priors:**

13. Zeyad El-Chafei – 4306 Macon Road – dba – “Lana’s Market” – Citation(s) #909052  
Date of Violation(s): May 20, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: March 16, 2016  
Officer(s): Crutchfield #0871, Grandberry #1978  
Mr. El-Chafei was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. El-Chafei agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T9313)
14. Hussain Mawani – 1470 Wells Station Road – 1470 Wells Station, LLC – dba – “Wells Station Food Mart” – Citation(s) #939997  
Date of Violation(s): May 20, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: September 18, 2013  
Officer(s): Crutchfield #0871, Grandberry #1978  
Mr. Mawani was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Mawani agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #BR4625)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4, C5 (NO) priors:**

15. Dhruvkumar Patel – 6434 East Shelby Drive – Vidhi Patel, Inc. – dba – “All In One Shelby Drive” – Citation(s) #OS402341  
Date of Violation(s): April 11, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: May 6, 2020  
Officer(s): Mosby #5668, Smith #8636  
*Commissioner Chase moved to lift the indefinite suspension. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Patel and Attorney Parker were present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$600.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Patel agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T23909)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C1, C5 (NO) priors:**

16. Nisreen Mahd and Adel Darras (POA) – 3874 Macon Road – Double M & A, Inc. – dba – “Mark Express” – Citation(s) #OS394053, #974405  
Date of Violation(s): June 7, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: June 5, 2013  
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Gillard #1976  
Mr. Darras was present and stipulated to the charge of C5 but did not stipulate to the charge of C1. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to drop the C1 and moved to fine the location \$500.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Darras agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #BR4553)

**The following location(s) is in violation of A C Rule C4 (NO) priors:**

17. Maged Fahiem and Yasser Gayed – 1375 North Germantown Parkway – Ava Keroles, Inc. – dba – “Exxon Hop In” – Citation(s) #OS402346  
Date of Violation(s): May 11, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: August 2, 2017  
Officer(s): Smith #8636, Mosby #5668  
Mr. Gayed was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Gayed agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T14778)
18. MD Masude Hasan and Joydeep Paul – 3388 Macon Road – Macon Express Inc. – dba – “Macon Express” – Citation(s) #OS394054  
Date of Violation(s): June 7, 2021  
Date Permit Approved: February 3, 2021  
Officer(s): Houston #2877, Gillard #1976  
Mr. Hasan was present and stipulated to the charge. *Commissioner Hayslett moved to fine the location \$100.00 along with 60 days probation or a 30 day suspension of their beer permit. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.* Mr. Hasan agreed to the fine and probation.  
(Account #T24851)

**VI. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “ON” Premise Consumption:**

19. Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc. – 201 Union Avenue – Apple Nine Hospitality Management, Inc. – dba – “Hilton Garden Inn Memphis Downtown”  
Mr. John Martin (GM) was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T26577)
20. Francisco J. Sanchez Gonzalez – 4969 Park Avenue – El Palacio Mexican Restaurant, LLC – dba – “El Palacio Mexican Restaurant, LLC”  
Mr. Gonzalez and Justin Kelly were present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T26655)

**VII. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “OFF” Premise Consumption:**

21. Hani Obaid – 458 Buntyn Street – dba – “Buntyn Food Market”  
Mr. Obaid was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Vergos Blair seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T25928)
22. MD Haque, Abdullah Mamun, MD Hossain, MD Khalil, Kabir Sarkar and Tangida Shova – 3492 Covington Pike – Covington Pike Enterprise, Inc. – dba – “Covington Food Mart ”  
Mr. Khalil was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T26464)

**VIII. The Following Person(s) has Applied to Sell Beer for “OFF <10%” Premise Consumption:**

23. Nabil Haimed and Abdullah Algumaei – 3467 Rangeline Road – Frayser Discount Mart, LLC – dba – “Frayser Discount Mart, LLC ”  
Mr. Haimed was present. Upon routine questioning by the commissioners about the alcoholic beverages laws, *Commissioner Boyd moved to approve the beer permit application. Commissioner Chase seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T26238)


**IX. Liquor Store Transfer of Ownership:**

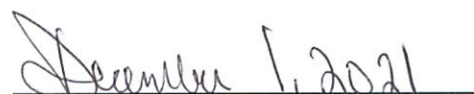
24. Sandeep Kabarwal – 7444 Winchester Road, Suite 109 – dba – “Polo Wine Liquor”  
Mrs. Kabarwal was present. Upon routine questioning by the Commissioners about the alcoholic beverage laws, *Commissioner Vergos Blair moved to recommend to the Mayor and the Mayor will recommend to the State for approval. Commissioner Boyd seconded. The motion passed.*  
(Account #T26671)

**X. New Business** – There was discussion about the special beer application process. The Commissioners decided that special beer applications will be handled and decided upon on a case by case basis.


**XI. Old Business**

**XII. Adjournment** – There being no further business to come before the commission, *Commissioner Boyd moved for adjournment at approximately 10:29 a.m. Commissioner Hayslett seconded. The motion passed.*

  
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Jared Johnson, Chairman

  
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Yolanda Fullilove, Executive Secretary

  
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