

Worcester County Board of License Commissioners
Open Meetings Act Minutes
July 16, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Worcester County Governmental Center, Board Room, Room 1102

Attendance:

License Commissioners:

R. Charles Nichols

Marty Pusey

Staff:

Hank Fisher, III, Esquire

April R. Payne, Liquor License Administrator

Kelly Henry, Technical Services Manager

Ian Cameron, Liquor Board Inspector

Maria McVey, Alternate Liquor License Assistant

I. Call to Order

II. Administrative Matters

Review and Approval of Minutes, June 18, 2025, the Board of License Commissioners reviewed the minutes, and a motion was made by Commissioner Nichols, seconded by Commissioner Pusey and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as submitted.

Administrator Payne advised the Board that the August meeting may be lengthy and recommended adjusting the start time from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. The Board agreed to the proposed change.

III. Open Session

IV. Adjournment

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR HANG 10 – NEW
JULY 16, 2025

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| Members Present: | | R. Charles Nichols., Chairman | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marty W. Pusey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Alternate Board Member: Reese Cropper, III | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Staff Present: | | April Payne, Administrator | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ian Cameron, Inspector | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | Hank Fisher, III, Esq., Board Attorney | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alternate Board Attorney: Name: | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | | Donna Hughes, Liquor License Specialist | | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kelly Henry, Technical Services Manager | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Maria McVey, Liquor License Assistant | | | | | Valarie Dawson, Court Reporter | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| License #: | NEW | Hearing Date: | July 16 2025 | | Time Hearing Started: | 1:05 p.m. | | |
| Class: | "B" | Type: | B/W/L | | Day: | 7 Day | | |
| For: Hang 10, LLC | | | T/A: Hang 10 | | Address: 104 W. Green Street, Snow Hill | | | |
| New Application: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Transfer: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | | Meeting: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Violation: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Items to be discussed: Application for Class "B" B/W/L 7 Day License | | | | | | | | |
| Applicants: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Licensees: | <input type="checkbox"/> | | Representative: | | | |
| 1. Julie L. Wallace | | | Christopher Woodley, Esquire | | | | | |
| 2. Robert S. Dornes | | | | | | | | |
| Witnesses: | | | | Protestants: | | | | |
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| Exhibits: | | | | Exhibits: | | | | |
| 1. Applicant's Exhibit #1 – Floor plan indicating the designated area for live entertainment. | | | | 1. | | | | |
| <p>Hearing Minutes: The applicants, Julie Wallace and Robert Dornes, appeared before the Board accompanied by their attorney, Christopher Woodley, Esquire, to present an application for a Class "B" Beer, Wine, and Liquor (B/W/L) 7-Day License. The applicants were duly sworn in. Woodley introduced himself as legal counsel for Wallace and Dornes. He stated that the establishment will operate as a full-service restaurant and will be managed by Wallace and her father, Dornes. Wallace will serve as the resident agent. It was noted that Wallace had not previously held a liquor license. Both applicants are TAMS certified. Woodley clarified a correction to the Liquor Board Inspector's Report, stating that the applicants are requesting live entertainment consisting of either two performers or karaoke, up to two nights per week. Proposed business hours are from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Woodley introduced Applicant's Exhibit #1 – a floor plan indicating the designated area for live entertainment. The seating chart shows 35 seats on the first floor and 37 seats on the second floor. The second-floor area is proposed as the designated space for live entertainment. A small bar with four seats will also be located upstairs. Commissioner Nichols inquired about the proposed hours for live entertainment. Wallace responded that entertainment would be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Pusey asked Wallace about her prior experience serving alcohol at Elliot's Tavern and whether she is familiar with the training process for alcohol service. Wallace confirmed that all employees hired will be TAMS certified, and that she will implement signage and ID verification as part of standard operating procedures. Commissioner Nichols asked how many employees there would be on staff. Wallace replied there would be three employees, in addition to herself and Dornes. Commissioner Pusey asked for clarification on the number of nights per week for live entertainment. Wallace confirmed they are requesting two nights, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Commissioner Nichols noted that the entertainment request includes two performers. Woodley added that karaoke is also requested as an alternative to live performers. Administrator Payne asked if the applicants are requesting any games, pool tables, or a disc jockey. Wallace responded to the negative. Commissioner Pusey noted that the premises have previously been licensed for live entertainment on the second floor and that there is no record of nuisance complaints associated with the location. Commissioner Pusey made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Comm. Nichols.</p> | | | | | | | | |
| Motion: | 1st | Pusey | 2nd | Nichols | Approved: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Restrictions: LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALLOWED WITH A MAXIMUM OF TWO PIECES TWO NIGHTS PER WEEK FROM 6 P.M. UNTIL 9 P.M. OR KARAOKE, NO DISC JOCKEY ALLOWED, NO GAMES ALLOWED, NO POOL TALES ALLOWED, NO OFF SALE. | | | | | | | | |
| Time Hearing Ended: 1:15 p.m. | | | | | | | | |

WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR OC ROCK AND RIDE – PROMOTER’S LICENSE
JULY 16, 2025

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| Members Present: | R. Charles Nichols, Chairman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marty W. Pusey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Alternate Board Member: Reese Cropper, III | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Staff Present: | April Payne, Administrator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ian Cameron, Inspector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Hank Fisher, III., Board Attorney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alternate Board Attorney: Name: | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Donna Hughes, Liquor License Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kelly Henry, Technical Services Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Maria McVey, Liquor License Assistant | | | Valarie Dawson, Court Reporter | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| License #: | | Hearing Date: | July 16, 2025 | | Time Hearing Started: | 1:15 p.m. |
| Class: | | Type: | Promoter’s | | Day: | |
| For: | OC Rock and Ride, LLC | | T/A: | OC Rock and Ride | | |
| | | | Address: | 807 S. Atlantic Avenue Ocean City | | |
| New Application: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Transfer: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Meeting: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Violation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Items to be discussed: Application for a Promoter’s License | | | | | | |
| Applicants: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Licensees: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Representative: | | |
| 1. Matthew J. Odachowski | | | | Hugh Cropper, Esquire | | |
| 2. Tyler R. Odachowski | | | | | | |
| Witnesses: | | | | Protestants: | | |
| 1. Susan Jones – Executive Director, Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association | | | | 1. | | |
| 2. Tim Price – Employee, Royal Plus and Coastal Fire and Life Safety | | | | 2. | | |
| 3. Kevin Chmielewski – Employee, Royal Plus | | | | 3. | | |
| Exhibits: | | | | Exhibits: | | |
| 1. Applicants’ Exhibit #1 – Site Plan | | | | 1. | | |
| 2. Applicants’ Exhibit #2 – Band schedule | | | | 2. | | |
| <p>Hearing Minutes: Hugh Cropper introduced himself as the attorney representing OC Rock and Ride, LLC and Kickin Events, LLC, along with Matthew J. Odachowski and Tyler R. Odachowski. Tyler Odachowski was not in attendance due to personal reasons. The applicant and everyone who testified were sworn in. Board Attorney Hank Fisher disclosed that his firm also represents Royal Plus, a company owned by Matthew Odachowski, in unrelated collections matters. Matthew Odachowski shared background information, noting he has worked in Ocean City since the age of 12. He founded Royal Plus at the age of 16 and has been involved in disaster recovery nationwide. He stated that he and his son will be operating the event and that Royal Plus has been a sponsor of the festival for approximately 12 years, contributing generators and logistical support. Odachowski explained that they reviewed the previous operations of the event and made improvements to increase public safety. These include the installation of additional walkways, bike racks, and designated areas for community support and local charities. The event site will be divided into a fenced-in concert area and an unfenced vendor area. Odachowski also stated that they will be partnering with Tim Price’s company, Coastal Fire and Life Safety, noting Price's background with the Ocean City Fire Marshal’s Office and his prior involvement with the event. Price will assist in security planning and flow design. The event will feature multiple bars positioned around the concert stages, with ID and ticket checks occurring at security entry points. Wristbands will be issued for individuals over 21, bartenders will be instructed to verify identification as needed, and spotters will be placed throughout the venue. Cropper added that the applicant has a contractual agreement with the Town of Ocean City. Both Matthew and Tyler Odachowski are TAMS certified. Odachowski previously held a liquor license but has since sold the licensed property. Once the City approved the event, all staff involved with alcohol service were certified accordingly. Tim Price testified that he has over 30 years of experience with the Ocean City Fire Department and has worked with BikeFest since its inception. He confirmed that his team will provide metal detectors, handheld wands, and other safety</p> | | | | | | |

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equipment. Kevin Chmielewski, also affiliated with Royal Plus, testified regarding security planning. He has over 20 years of experience with federal and state agencies, including the Secret Service and Homeland Security, and has worked on major national events such as Super Bowls and presidential inaugurations. He will assist with the security plan for the event.

Commissioner Nichols inquired about the number of security personnel to be deployed. Chmielewski responded that there will be two primary locations to cover— the Convention Center and the Inlet. Security will consist of a mix of local private security firms providing approximately 20 officers. Cropper added that under the contract with the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Police Department will provide additional support, bringing the total to approximately 25–30 personnel. Nichols requested clarification on the site plan, and Cropper noted that the red dots shown on the map indicate the perimeter fencing. Commissioner Pusey asked whether alcohol would be sold outside of the fenced area. The applicants confirmed that alcohol sales would be restricted to the fenced-in concert area. Pusey also inquired about vendors. Odachowski responded that all food and merchandise vendors would be located outside the fenced area. Susan Jones, Executive Director of the Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, appeared in support of the application. She stated that the event generates significant economic benefit for the Town of Ocean City, particularly for hotels and restaurants. Commissioner Nichols noted for the record that no one appeared in opposition to the application. Commissioner Pusey made a motion to approve the application, and Comm. Nichols seconded the motion.

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| Motion: | 1st | Comm. Pusey | 2nd | Comm. Nichols | Approved: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | No |
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| Restrictions: |
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| Time Hearing Ended: 1:30 P.M. |
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WORCESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES FOR FIN CITY TAP ROOM – LICENSE #955
JULY 16, 2025

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| Members Present: | R. Charles Nichols., Chairman | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Marty W. Pusey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Alternate Board Member: Reese Cropper, III | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| Staff Present: | April Payne, Administrator | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ian Cameron, Inspector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Hank Fisher, III, Esq., Board Attorney | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Alternate Board Attorney: Name: | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Donna Hughes, Liquor License Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kelly Henry, Technical Services Manager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Maria McVey, Liquor License Assistant | | | Valarie Dawson, Court Reporter | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| License #: | 955 | Hearing Date: | July 16 2025 | Time Hearing Started: | 1:25 P.M. | |
| Class: | "D" | Type: | Beer | Day: | 7 Day | |
| For: | Fin City Brewing, Inc. | T/A: | Fin City Tap Room | Address: | 12911 Ocean Gateway, Unit 206, Ocean City | |
| New Application: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Transfer: | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | Meeting: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | Violation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| Items to be discussed: Request to expand the licensed premises. Request to add multiple games. | | | | | | |
| Applicants: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Licensees: | <input type="checkbox"/> | Representative: | | |
| 1. Robert Deegan | | | | | | |
| 2. Vince Wright | | | | | | |
| Witnesses: | | | Protestants: | | | |
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| Exhibits: | | | Exhibits: | | | |
| 1. Applicants' Exhibit #1 – Floor Plan | | | 1. | | | |
| <p>Hearing Minutes: The applicants were sworn in and presented a request to expand their licensed premises to include Unit 204, which will be used as additional patron space. They explained that the new area will feature a merchandise display section to improve visibility and customer flow, as merchandise sales account for a significant portion of their revenue. Commissioner Nichols requested to see a site plan. Administrator Payne provided Nichols with the available site plan and supporting photographs. The applicants stated that the new area currently contains two 5-foot shelf-style bars previously used as point-of-sale stations. They intend to repurpose these shelves as serving areas—not working bars—for patrons to sit and enjoy beverages. They also plan to install two shuffleboard tables (one 22 feet long and one 18 feet long) and three sets of dartboards. The applicants emphasized that this will be an adults-only area. To control the use of games, darts and shuffleboard pucks will be distributed to customers in exchange for an ID, which will be held by the hostess or designated staff member. The applicants noted that the adjacent pizza and ice cream businesses have increased foot traffic and contributed positively to their business. Commissioner Pusey inquired whether there will be a bar in the newly expanded area. The applicants confirmed there are only two 5-foot shelves being used for service purposes, not as working bars. Administrator Payne raised a concern about the point-of-sale system being located at the existing bar in the original licensed premises. She noted that a wall between the original and expanded areas limits staff visibility and could pose challenges in monitoring patron activity, including potential alcohol hand-offs. The applicants responded that they plan to install security cameras and place personnel in the expanded area to ensure proper oversight. Commissioner Pusey expressed concern about the possibility of patrons exiting the new area with open alcohol containers through exterior doors. The applicants stated they will post signage and station staff at those exits to prevent this. Administrator Payne asked whether the doors in Unit 204 would function as emergency exits. The applicant responded that due to Fire Marshal concerns, the doors would remain unlocked but would not serve as designated emergency exits. They are considering converting them into fire press doors. Deegan confirmed that appropriate signage would be posted. Commissioner Pusey asked where the one-piece live acoustic performer, currently permitted under the license, would be located in light of the expansion. The applicant responded that once the new space is operational and the flow of patrons has been observed, they will determine the best location for live entertainment. Commissioner Pusey made a motion to approve the request to expand the licensed premises into Unit 204, seconded by Comm. Nichols.</p> | | | | | | |
| Motion: | 1st | Comm. Pusey | 2nd | Comm. Nichols | Approved: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Restrictions: TWO SHUFFLEBOARD TABLES ALLOWED, THREE DART BOARDS ALLOWED, GAME AREA TO BE MONITORED BY STAFF AS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ON 7-16-25. | | | | | | |
| Time Hearing Ended: 1:43 P.M. | | | | | | |