

**CARSON CITY LIQUOR AND ENTERTAINMENT BOARD**

**Minutes of the March 21, 2024 Meeting**

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A regular meeting of the Carson City Liquor and Entertainment Board was held during the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in the Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Boardroom, 851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada.

**PRESENT:**

Chairperson Lori Bagwell  
Member Ken Furlong  
Member Stacy Giomi  
Member Curtis Horton  
Member Lisa Schuette  
Member Maurice White

**STAFF:**

Nancy Paulson, City Manager  
Scott Hoen, Clerk-Recorder  
Stephanie Hicks, Deputy City Manager  
Todd Reese, Senior Deputy District Attorney  
Tamar Warren, Senior Deputy Clerk

**NOTE:** A recording of these proceedings, the board's agenda materials, and any written comments or documentation provided to the Clerk, during the meeting, are part of the public record. These materials are available for review, in the Carson City Clerk's Office, during regular business hours.

**18. CALL TO ORDER - LIQUOR AND ENTERTAINMENT BOARD**

(9:56:50) – Chairperson Bagwell called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m.

**19. ROLL CALL**

(9:56:56) – Mr. Hoen called roll and noted the presence of a quorum.

**20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(9:57:09) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**21. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JANUARY 18, 2024**

(9:57:19) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion.

**(9:57:26) – Member Giomi moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024, Liquor and Entertainment Board meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member White and carried 6-0-0.**

**22. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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**22.a FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING AN APPEAL BY CHANDAN MEHTA (“APPLICANT”) OF THE LIQUOR HEARINGS OFFICER'S DENIAL OF MR. MEHTA'S APPLICATION FOR A PACKAGED LIQUOR LICENSE (LIQUOR-008386-2023) WITH CHANDAN MEHTA AS THE LIQUOR MANAGER FOR JANU ENTERPRISES DBA LUCKY MARKET 2 LOCATED AT 262 WEST WINNIE LANE, ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER (“APN”) 001-031-10.**

(9:57:44) – Chairperson Bagwell introduced the item. Community Development Director/Liquor Hearings Officer Hope Sullivan provided background and reviewed the Staff Report which is incorporated into the record. She explained that as the Liquor Hearings Officer, she had denied the appellant’s liquor license based on the recommendation of the Carson City Sheriff’s Office (CCSO) via a letter dated January 30, 2024, not to recommend approval of the liquor license because the appellant had been cited on December 14, 2023, for furnishing liquor to a minor. Ms. Sullivan explained that the Board could take any of the following steps: affirm, modify, or reverse the decision of the Liquor Hearings Officer. Mr. Reese clarified that the information in the Staff Report regarding the citation received by appellant Chandan Mehta and the disposition of the citation by the court was new information that the CCSO did not have when making the recommendation to deny Mr. Mehta’s liquor license application. Mr. Reese also explained that Ms. Sullivan did not have that information either, adding that should the information warrant a new hearing, the Board had the option of sending the item back to the Liquor Hearings Officer for another hearing.

(10:00:43) – Carson City Sheriff Ken Furlong stated that Mr. Mehta had accepted accountability, responsibility, and ownership of the incident, and explained that he was “very impressed that [Mr. Mehta] has addressed all aspects of why we’re here today, including his responsibility to the courts [and] his responsibility to the community.” He called the situation challenging since Mr. Mehta had received a citation while the CCSO was doing the background check. Member Giomi received confirmation from Ms. Sullivan that Mr. Mehta had completed the Alcohol Server Training on February 15, 2024. Mr. Mehta’s daughter explained to the Board the new cash register system installed in the store that scans identification and verifies the shopper’s age. She also clarified for Chair Bagwell that since the receipt of the citation, they had covered all the alcohol in the store and had not sold any. The Chair also explained that the penalties this Board imposes on businesses “is as close to equivalent as possible” and received confirmation from Ms. Mehta that she understood the penalties that had been issued to other businesses for failing to comply.

Member Schuette stated that she was comfortable with reversing the Liquor Hearings Officer’s decision after hearing how the appellant had mitigated the situation. Member White was informed that the appellant would return to court on January 26, 2025, and noted that he also felt comfortable reversing the decision of the Liquor Hearings Officer. He recommended granting conditional approval to be reviewed after the January 2025 court hearing and it was confirmed by Mr. Reese that the Board was authorized to place conditions on the license. Member Giomi noted he was ready to make a motion. Ms. Sullivan recommended using qualifying language to ensure the result satisfies the decision of the court. Chair Bagwell received confirmation that the fines had also been paid by Mr. Mehta. Sheriff Furlong cautioned against conditions as a new employee may “muddy the water” by selling to a minor.

**(10:11:35) – Member Giomi moved “to overturn the decision of the Liquor Hearings Officer and issue a liquor license (LIQUOR-008386-2023) with the condition that they maintain a register system that does**

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**not let employees sell alcohol [to minors], that must be on the premises.” The motion was seconded by Member Horton.**

(10:12:07) – Chairperson Bagwell was concerned about the compliance issues related to the motion. Sheriff Furlong noted that violations such as Mr. Mehta’s would warrant a follow-up compliance check. Mr. Reese received confirmation from Member Giomi that the motion was specific to selling liquor to minors. Member Schuette inquired whether any other citation recipient must have a similar cash register system. Member Horton believed that the Board could decide on a case-by-case basis. Chair Bagwell was concerned that a computer glitch may prevent liquor sales. Sheriff Furlong believed most establishments had a similar register system. Chair Bagwell believed it would be a good idea to have an ordinance mandating such a cash register system and Member Giomi stated that he would be willing to amend the motion if the Board wishes to look into such an ordinance. Ms. Sullivan offered to speak to future applicants about utilizing such systems in their businesses. Sheriff Furlong cautioned against complicating matters as it would affect special events and bars. **Member Giomi withdrew his motion.**

**(10:22:26) – Member Furlong moved to grant the liquor license. The motion was seconded by Member White.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (5-1-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Member Furlong
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Member White
<b>AYES:</b>	Members Furlong, Horton, Schuette, White, and Chair Bagwell
<b>NAYS:</b>	Member Giomi
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

**23. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(10:22:56) – Chairperson Bagwell entertained public comments; however, none were forthcoming.

**24. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN AS THE LIQUOR AND ENTERTAINMENT BOARD**

(10:23:05) – Chairperson Bagwell adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.

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The Minutes of the March 21, 2024, Carson City Liquor and Entertainment Board meeting are so approved on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

  
LORI BAGWELL, Chair

ATTEST:

  
SCOTT HOEN, Clerk-Recorder