

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OPEN SESSION  
ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

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**50 W. Washington St. Suite 209  
Chicago, Illinois 60602**

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September 17, 2025  
1:00 PM**

**Call the Roll:**

Chair Berg called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**I. Present**

Melody Spann-Cooper	<i>Commissioner</i>
Thomas Gibbons	<i>Commissioner</i>
Julieta LaMalfa	<i>Commissioner</i> <i>Absent</i>
Steven Powell	<i>Commissioner</i>
Pat Pulido Sanchez	<i>Commissioner</i> <i>Absent</i>
Brian Sullivan	<i>Commissioner</i>
Cynthia Berg	<i>Chair</i>

**ILCC Staff Present:**

Dusanka Marijan	<i>Licensing Administrator</i>
Patrick Schoeben	<i>HR Director</i>
Noel Quanbeck	<i>General Counsel</i>
Richard Haymaker	<i>Legal Attorney</i>
Faheem Murad	<i>I.T.</i>
Nicole Sanders	<i>Industry Education</i>
Curtis Franklin	<i>Legislative Liaison</i>
Jacqueline Villa	<i>Acting Commission Secretary</i>

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Commissioner Powell and seconded by Commissioner Spann-Cooper to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025, meeting; the motion passed.

Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes	Thomas Gibbons	Yes
Steven Powell	Yes	Brian Sullivan	Yes
Pat Pulido Sanchez		Cynthia Berg	Yes
Julieta LaMalfa			

**III. Executive Director's Report**

No Report

**IV. Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

**V. Executive Session**

Commissioner Gibbons made a motion to move the ILCC into executive session at 1:06 pm. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion.

Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes	Thomas Gibbons	Yes
Steven Powell	Yes	Brian Sullivan	Yes

Pat Pulido Sanchez  
Julieta LaMalfa

Cynthia Berg

Yes

The Commission moved back into regular session at 1:35 p.m.

**VI. Appeals**

In the matter on 25 APP 04 (*Teddy O'Briens, Inc v. Highwood Liquor Control Commissioner*) Commissioner Spann-Cooper made a motion to MODIFY the Local Liquor Commission, Commissioner Powell seconded the motion.

Thomas Gibbons	Yes	Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes
Brian Sullivan	Yes	Pat Pulido Sanchez	
Cynthia Berg	Yes	Julieta LaMalfa	
Brian Sullivan	Yes		

**VII. Comments from the Board**

Commissioner Spann-Cooper suggested that if the Director cannot give her report, the ILCC should have supervisors give their own reports.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Commissioner Gibbons made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Melody Spann-Cooper	Yes	Thomas Gibbons	Yes
Steven Powell	Yes	Brian Sullivan	Yes
Pat Pulido Sanchez		Cynthia Berg	Yes
Julieta LaMalfa			

The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. CST

**ATTEST:**

/S/ Jacqueline Villa, Acting Commission Secretary

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