

Minutes of Beer Board Meeting
July 21, 2026

The City Council of Jefferson City met in special called Beer Board meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:46 p.m., following the regular City Council work session at City Hall, 112 City Center Drive, with Chairman Mitch Cain presiding.

Roll call by the City Recorder was as follows:

Chairman Mitch Cain	Present
Vice Chairman Kevin Bunch	Present
Board Member Aileen Combs	Present
Board Member Rocky Melton	Present
Board Member Sheala Purkey	Present

Also present were James Gallup, City Manager; Robert Burts, City Attorney, and Bettina Chandler, City Recorder.

Upon request from Mayor Cain for citizen comments, Keyur Patel of The Barrell House Liquor & Wine located at 110 West Broadway Blvd., spoke on behalf of the application stating he is not opening a new store but purchasing and taking over the existing liquor store already operating at the location.

A Public Hearing was held for an application for a Certificate of Compliance for an off-premises liquor store for The Barrell House Liquor & Wine located at 110 West Broadway Blvd. There were no comments.

City Attorney/Beer Board Attorney Robert Burts advised the Board that, absent a valid legal basis for denying a Certificate of Compliance, the City could be exposed to potential legal action. He stated that denying an application based on a proposed cap on liquor stores, where no such cap currently exists in the City's code, would effectively be changing the rules after the application had been submitted. Mr. Burts explained that if the City Council were to adopt a cap on liquor stores in the future, that would apply prospectively. However, if an applicant meets all requirements for a Certificate of Compliance under the current ordinances, denying the certificate could subject the City to legal challenge.

Mr. Burts also referenced an opinion from the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), which states that if an applicant satisfies all applicable requirements, the Board does not have discretion to deny the Certificate of Compliance.

Board Member Purkey stated that she had not been aware the application involved an existing liquor store. Board Member Melton stated that he had not understood the application was for the purchase of an existing business. Vice Chairman Bunch stated that he understood the application was for the purchase and transfer of ownership of an existing store.

Chairman Cain asked Mrs. Chandler, City Recorder, to confirm that the application pertained to the existing liquor store located at 110 West Broadway Blvd. and that only the business name was changing. Mrs. Chandler confirmed that the location is an existing liquor store and stated that the business name would change from Mossy Creek Wine and Spirits to The Barrell House Liquor & Wine.

Chairman Cain thanked Mr. Burts for providing the Board with legal guidance regarding the Board's actions.

Mr. Burts advised that, before the Board could reconsider the Certificate of Compliance during the current meeting, it would first need to adopt a motion rescinding the action taken at the July 6, 2026, Beer Board meeting. Upon motion of Board Member Combs, seconded by Board Member Purkey, the Board unanimously voted to rescind the action taken at the July 6, 2026, Beer Board meeting.

Board Member Melton made a motion to approve an application for a Certificate of Compliance for an off-premises liquor store for The Barrell House Liquor & Wine located at 110 West Broadway Blvd. The motion was seconded by Board Member Combs. Prior to the vote, Vice Chairman Bunch asked whether Mr. Patel would be required to pay an additional \$250 application fee. Mrs. Chandler, City Recorder, responded that he would not be required to pay another application fee. The Board then voted to approve the Certificate of Compliance for The Barrell House Liquor & Wine.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Bettina Chandler, City Recorder