



LAWRENCEVILLE

GEORGIA

BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF 2026 BOARD OF APPEALS CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON:

Approval of Chairperson:

Motion was made to elect Cory Acuff as Chairperson of the Planning Board of Appeals for 2026 by Board Member Twombly and Seconded by Board Member Nash.

Voting Yea: Board Member Acuff, Board Member Nash, Board Member Twombly

Approval of Vice Chairperson:

Motion was made to elect Sharon Nash as Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Appeals for 2026 by Board Member Acuff and Seconded by Board Member Twombly.

Voting Yea: Board Member Acuff, Board Member Nash, Board Member Twombly

PRESENT:

Chairperson Cory Acuff

Vice-Chairperson Sharon Nash

Board Member Steven Twombly

ABSENT:

Board Member Joseph Wise

Board Member Leafus Thomas III

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made to **APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED** by Chairperson Acuff and Seconded by Board Member Twombly.

Voting Yea: Chairperson Acuff, Chairperson Nash, Board Member Twombly

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appeal of Denial of Alcohol Pouring Permit Application – Madison Estrella

Motion made to recommend **APPROVAL OF AN APPEAL OF DENIAL OF ALCOHOL POURING PERMIT APPLICATION** by Board Member Twombly and Seconded by Chairperson Acuff

Voting Yea: Chairperson Acuff, Vice-Chairperson Nash, Board Member Twombly

Proponent: Applicant – Madison Estrella

Opponent: None

Staff Comment: The Board of Appeals approved the appeal and recommended issuance of the alcohol pouring permit after determining that the City's denial applied a more restrictive interpretation of criminal history standards than Gwinnett County. The Board noted that Gwinnett County distinguishes between offenses based on their classification and severity, whereas the City of Lawrenceville's review process may evaluate criminal history more broadly without consistently differentiating between misdemeanor and felony offenses. Given that the applicant was approved by Gwinnett County based on the same criminal history, the Board concluded that the applicant met the intent of the eligibility requirements and that issuance of the permit was warranted. The Board's recommendation reflects a determination that the applicant's criminal history, as reviewed in its entirety, should not serve as a basis for denial of the alcohol pouring permit.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT – 6:22 p.m.

Motion made to **ADJOURN** by Board Member Twombly, and Seconded by Vice Chairperson

Nash **Voting Yea:** Chairperson Acuff, Vice-Chairperson Nash, Board Member Twombly