



LICENSING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 AT 4:15 PM

**WATERTOWN MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094 UPPER
LEVEL ROOM 2044**

The Licensing Board met on the above date and time in person at the Municipal Building 106 Jones St. in room 2044. The following members were present: Mayor Stocks, Ald. Moldenhauer, Ald. Blanke, and Erin Schroeder. Absent was Cheri Martin. Staff present were City Attorney Ali Panagopoulos, Police Chief David Brower, and City Clerk Megan Dunneisen.

1. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Stocks called the meeting to order at 4:19 pm.

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

- A. Ald. Moldenhauer made a motion to approve the licensing Board minutes from July 8, 2026, second by Schroeder and carried by unanimous voice vote.

3. BUSINESS

- A. Ald. Blanke made a motion to approve the applications for Temporary "Class B" Licenses for the Whiskey and Wine Walk event hosted by Watertown Chamber of Commerce on September 10, 2026, during the hours of 4:30pm - 8pm. Locations include 217 E. Main St. - Bradow Jewelers, 212 E. Main St. - Brown's Shoe Fit Co., 300 E. Main St. - Central Block, 618 E. Main St. - Draeger's Floral, 14 E. Main St. - White Oak Builders, 110 N. 3rd St. - Badger State Hydrate, 120 W. Main St. - Rapha Bowls, 118 W. Main St. - Oswald-Konz, 116 W. Main St. - Sassy Sweets, (Linden Peacy, Agent), second by Schroeder and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- B. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 319 Health and Sanitation Article V. Practice of Certain Trades and Professions Requiring State Licensing, Registration or Credentials; Sections 319-35, 319-36, and 319-39 of the City of Watertown General Ordinances.

The Board discussed the proposed ordinance, which would establish licensing requirements for massage establishments as a means of addressing human sex trafficking and illicit activity. Concerns were expressed that while the ordinance may provide additional municipal tools to address the issue, it may not, by itself, prevent human sex trafficking or could result in the activity being displaced to other communities. The Board discussed the idea of a City Council resolution advocating for additional State-level action regarding human sex trafficking. The resolution would be presented to city council and there would be no action on it from licensing board. The Board also suggested inviting individuals with knowledge and experience in the area, including Kathy Riedl from the Watertown Police Department and Chris Davis from Green Bay, to provide additional information at a future Licensing Board meeting.

*Ald. Blanke made a motion to combine C, F, & I due to no persons of interest being present, second by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.

C.F. I

Schroeder made a motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(b) Considering licensing or discipline of any person licensed by a board or commission or the investigation of charges against such a person, and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person licensed is given actual notice of an evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action may be taken. The notice shall contain a statement that the person has the right to demand the evidentiary hearing or meeting be held in open session. This closed session does not apply to

any such evidentiary hearing or meeting where the person licensed requests that an open session be held to discuss specific licenses: Application for operator license: Paola Montenegro, Thelisha Smith, and Rachel Ramage, second by Ald. Blanke and carried by roll call vote: Yes-4; No-0; Abstain-0.

- D. Ald. Blanke made a motion to reconvene into open session, second Ald. Moldenhauer by and carried by roll call vote: Yes-4; No-0; Abstain-0.
- E. Ald. Blanke made a motion to deny the application for an operator's license from Paola Montenegro, due to Cat. I(b) of the City of Watertown Licensing Guidelines, second by Schroeder and carried by voice vote: Yes-4; No-0; Abstain-1(Mayor Stocks).
- H. Ald. Blanke made a motion to deny the application for an operator's license from Thelisha Smith due to Cat. IV of the City of Watertown Licensing Guidelines, second by and Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- K. Schroeder made a motion to deny the application for an operator's license from Rachel Ramage due to Cat. V of the City of Watertown Licensing Guidelines, second by Ald. Blanke and carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. REPORTS

- A. Special Events List was presented.
- B. Monthly Operator's List (July 1) (July 2-31) was presented.
- C. Monthly Police Report was reviewed.

5. ADJOURNMENT – Schroeder made a motion to adjourn, second by Ald. Moldenhauer and carried by unanimous voice vote at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved