

Blount County Government

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Beer Board

Thursday, June 19, 2025	5:30 PM	Blount County Courthouse, Room 430
	Commissioner Dawn Reagan	
	Commissioner Steve Mikels	
	Commissioner Earl McMahan	
	Commissioner Staci Martin	
	Commissioner Scott King	
	Commissioner Ron French	
	Commissioner Misty Davis	
	Commissioner Richard Carver	
	Commissioner Robbie Bennett	

Live stream via https://zoom.us/join Zoom Meeting ID: 878 9112 8614

ROLL CALL

BE IT REMEMBERED, that a Blount County Beer Board meeting was held on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Blount County Courthouse of Maryville, Tennessee. The Blount County Beer Board Chairman Steve Mikels called the meeting to order. An electronic roll call was taken by Blount County Clerk Gaye Hasty. There were 8 members present and 1 absent. The Chairman declared that a quorum did exist. The following proceedings were held, to wit:

- Present
 8 Commissioner Robbie Bennett, Commissioner Richard Carver, Commissioner Misty

 Davis, Commissioner Ron French, Commissioner Scott King, Commissioner Earl
 McMahan, Commissioner Steve Mikels, and Commissioner Dawn Reagan
- Absent 1 Commissioner Staci Martin

A. SETTING OF AGENDA.

Prior to setting the agenda, the Chairman declared that Bunny's Smokehouse & Creamery withdrew their request. A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner King, that the agenda be set as revised. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

- Yes: 8 Bennett, Carver, Davis, French, King, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan
- **No:** 0
- Absent: 1 Martin

Abstain: 0

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. <u>Minutes of Beer Board Meeting on May 15, 2025.</u>

Attachments: 2150 M Beer Board 25-05-15 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Carver, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the minutes be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

- Yes: 8 Bennett, Carver, Davis, French, King, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan
- **No:** 0
- Absent: 1 Martin

Abstain: 0

C. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

D. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

E. NEW BUSINESS.

1. <u>On Premises Beer Permit Request for Bunny's Smokehouse & Creamery, 106</u> Calderwood Highway, Maryville 37803.

 Attachments:
 Bunny Smokehouse and Creamery On Premises Beer Permit

 Application
 Notice Beer Permit Application - Bunnys Smokehouse

 Notice of Beer Board Public Hearing
 Public Notice of Beer Board 1st Reading 2025-May-15

Prior to the meeting, the applicant withdrew their request.

2. Off Premises Beer Permit Request for Kiaan Konvenience LLC, 3553 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy., Maryville 37804

Attachments: Kiaan Konvenience LLC

Notice Beer Permit Application - Kiaan Konvenience LLC

Notice of Beer Board Public Hearing

Public Notice of Beer Board 1st Reading 2025-May-15

The Chairman read the call out loud. Beer Board Attorney Scott Stuart was recognized to open the public hearing and administer the oath to Piyush Patel, representative of Kiaan Konvenience LLC. Mr. Patel affirmed that the property owner as being East Tenn LLC. He further affirmed that the information contained in the application, including all supporting documentation and statistical data, was true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief. The request under consideration was for an off-premises beer permit for an existing gas station with a convenience store, located at 3553 E. Lamar Alexander Parkway, Maryville, TN 3804.

Mr. Patel affirmed that the GPS distance affidavit, provided by the Blount County Sheriff's Office, confirmed that the distance from the proposed location to the nearest church, school, or place of public gathering exceeds 1,000 feet. While a residence is located within 300 feet of the establishment, Mr. Patel noted that the site is grandfathered in due to its prior issuance of a beer permit. Attorney Stuart asked if any members of the Board had questions for the

applicant. Hearing none, Attorney Stuart asked if there were any questions from the members of the public. There were none.

Attorney Stuart closed the public hearing, and advised the Chairman that the application and supporting evidence met the legal criteria for the issuance of a beer permit. The Chairman thanked the attorney.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner Reagan, that the request for an off-premises beer permit be approved. An electronic vote was taken. The Chairman declared the motion to have passed by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Bennett, Carver, Davis, French, King, McMahan, Mikels, and Reagan

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Martin

Abstain: 0

3. <u>Setting of the Next Beer Board Meeting.</u>

There was no action taken.

F. ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner French, seconded by Commissioner McMahan, that the meeting be adjourned. The Chairman declared the meeting to be adjourned. The Blount County Beer Board adjourned on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 5:37 p.m.