

OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES

Board/Commission:	LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION	Meeting Date	September 23, 2026
Location	Lihue Civic Center Pi`ikoi Building, Suite 300 4444 Rice Street, Lihue, HI 96766	Start of Meeting: 1:30 p.m.	End of Meeting: 1:36 p.m.
Present	Members: Chair Leland Kahawai, Paul Endo, Gerald Matsunaga, Lorna Nishimitsu and Tess Shimabukuro, Liquor Control Staff: Interim Director Gerald Rapozo, Private Secretary: Malialani T.M. Kelekoma, Boards and Commission Administrator: Ellen Ching, Deputy County Attorney: Todd Dickenson		
Excused	Vice-Chair Chad Pacheco and Commissioner Gerald Bahouth		
Absent			

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Call to Order	Chair Leland Kahawai called the Open Session Meeting of the Liquor Control Commission on September 23, 2026, to order at 1:30 p.m.	
Roll Call	A roll call ensued to ascertain a quorum; Commissioner Gerald Bahouth and Vice-Chair Chad Pacheco, were excused, and five (5) Commissioners were present to conduct business.	The Quorum was established with five (5) Commissioners present.
Approval of Agenda		<u>Motion:</u> Commissioner Endo moved that the agenda as circulated be approved. Commissioner Matsunaga seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed 5:0.
Announcements	Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 1:30 p.m. or shortly thereafter.	

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Public Testimony	Interim Director Gerald Rapozo asked if anyone would like to give testimony on any agenda item.	NONE
Public Hearing	1. <u>Application No. 2027-002</u>: Malione, LLC dba Nalu Thai Fusion was filed on July 8, 2026, for a New Restaurant General license, (No Live entertainment; no dancing), located at 4-356 Kuhio Hwy., Kapaa, Kauai, Hawaii. <u>Summary</u>: Chair Leland Kahawai opened the Public Hearing for Application No. 2027-002 all legal requirements have been met, per affidavit, the applicant has stated that they have sent out 28 mailings to property owners or lessees of record. Up until the time of the Public Hearing the department has not received any letters of support or opposition to this application. Chitnapha Somboohomee, Owner, was present to represent Malione, LLC dba Nalu Thai Fusion. She received a copy of the Investigator's report and had no changes to the investigators report. No one was in objection or in favor of the application. Chair Leland Kahawai closed the Public Hearing for Application No. 2027-002 and called for a motion.	<u>Motion</u>: Commissioner Matsunaga moved that Application No.2027-002 be approved. Commissioner Endo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion passed 5:0.
Executive Session	Under Hawai'i Revised Statutes §§ 92-4, 92-5 (a) (2), and (4), the purpose of this executive session is for the Commission to consult with its attorney on questions and issues related to the Commission's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities as they may pertain to the following items below. Pursuant to HRS §92-7(a), the Commission may, when deemed necessary, hold an executive session on any agenda item without written public notice if the executive session was not anticipated in advance. Any such executive session shall be held pursuant to H.R.S. §92-4 and shall be limited to those items described in HRS §92-5(a).	NONE

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Adjournment		Commissioner Matsunaga moved to adjourn the Commission Meeting of September 23, 2026. Commissioner Endo seconded the motion. Hearing no objections the motion passed 5:0. At 1:36 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: _____
Malialani TM Kelekoma, Private Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by: _____

(X) Approved as circulated.

() Approved with amendments. See minutes of _____ meeting.