

Liquor Control Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the July 15, 2026, meeting

Motion to approve: Brekke

Second: Doyle

Motion carried.

2. Liquor License Applications

A. Anand LLC – Anand Indian Cuisine

Location: 1109 38th Street South

Original Request: Class F license

Updated Request: Class GH (beer and wine only)

Staff report from Angie Bear noted:

- GH license permits beer and wine only; F license includes spirits.
- Applicant does not wish to serve spirits now or in the future.
- Restaurant without a bar; food sales must exceed alcohol sales.
- Restaurant offers lunch buffet and evening full-service dining.
- Background check revealed no issues.

Motion to approve: Nelson

Second: Hackman

Motion carried.

Application will advance to the City Commission.

B. Fly Rail LLC – Fly Rail

Location: 1531 University Drive South, Unit D

Request: Class GH (beer and wine only)

Staff report from Angie Bear noted:

- Establishment will offer snacks, food, and gaming.
- No physical bar; located in Southwest Shopping Center near Luna and Bernie's.
- Background check revealed no issues.

Board Discussion:

- Concerns raised about an emerging trend of establishments emphasizing gaming rather than food/beverage service.
- Questions about long-term implications for Fargo if gaming-centered venues increase.

- Clarification requested on whether the establishment has a kitchen; packet shows a service counter with sinks, fridge, and alcohol storage.
- Broader concern noted regarding charities purchasing bars and expanding gaming presence statewide.

Applicant Statement:

Rick Lewis, owner/operator, spoke:

- Intends to operate a neighborhood-friendly bistro with paninis, teas, and light snacks.
- Gaming intended as supplemental income, not the primary business.
- Business plan is viable with or without gaming.
- Goal is to create a space for community gathering.

Motion to approve: Hackman

Second: Brekke

Motion carried.

3. Police Department Monthly Report – Captain Moser

Highlights:

- New liquor establishment reporting form is proving beneficial for detailed incident tracking.
- No major concerns identified from recent incidents; several related to compliance checks.
- From May through current date, police allocated 1,244 additional hours to downtown late-night coverage.
- Activity statistics between 11 p.m.–3 a.m. Fri/Sat:
 - 152 citations
 - 41 arrests
 - 439 calls for service
- Continued issues with crowd “swarming behavior.”
- Plans for expanded detail as college students return.
- Amplified noise enforcement:
 - All establishments informed of permit requirements.
 - One verbal warning allowed; subsequent violations result in infraction citations.
 - Amplified noise must end at 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Questions addressed regarding staffing, overtime, and grant funding.

4. Board Discussion – Future Agenda Items

- Board will coordinate with legal staff to review potential city-level policy options related to gaming trends and liquor licensing intersections.

- State discussions on gaming policy may influence next steps; report to be prepared for upcoming meeting.
- Concern raised about timing of fine considerations bypassing Liquor Control Committee; suggestion to explore statutory changes so fine reviews may return to committee.
- Members encouraged to communicate with commissioners when relevant issues arise.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2026.