



**LIQUOR & MARIJUANA AUTHORITY MEETING
PUEBLO MUNICIPAL JUSTICE CENTER
200 SOUTH MAIN ST
FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026 - 1:30 PM
MINUTES**

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL - 1:30 PM

Judge Nelson Dunford, Deputy City Clerk Vincent Petkosek, and Taylor Cornwell, Senior Office Assistant.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek informed Judge Dunford of a new diagram from the Sangre de Cristo Art Center submitted for this hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the amended Agenda.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D1 Reading and Approval of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority hearing July 17, 2026, at distributed.

Judge Dunford approved the minutes from the July 17, 2026, hearing of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority as posted.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

**E1 Modification of Premises - Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Retailer
Liquor License - Change of Trade Name - Mini Mart Inc, DBA: Loaf n Jug
#750028; New Trade Name: Cumberland Farms #750028, 120 S. Santa Fe.**

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek read the Consent Agenda for the record.

E2 Approval of the Consent Agenda as read

Judge Dunford approved the Consent Agenda as read.

F. REGULAR AGENDA

**F1 Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor - HARP, 130
Riverwalk Place, Event Dates: August 21st, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Event Manager:**

Shayla Keys

Shayla Keys, HARP Event Manger

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required timeframe.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke about the inspection of the location.

Judge Dunford swore in Ms. Keys.

Ms. Keys answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one, Judge Dunford closed the hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor - HARP, 130 Riverwalk Place, Event Dates: August 21st, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. Event Manager: Shayla Keys

F2 Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor -Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center Gala, 210 N. Santa Fe Event, Dates: August 14th, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Event Manager: Cathrine Magby

Cathrine Magby, Event Manger
Andy Sanchez, CEO

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required timeframe.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke about the inspection of the location.

Judge Dunford swore in Ms. Magby and Mr Sanchez.

Ms. Magby and Mr Sanchez answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one, Judge Dunford closed the hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor -Sangre de Cristo Arts & Conference Center Gala, 210 N. Santa Fe Event, Dates: August 14th, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m. Event Manager: Cathrine Magby

F3 Retail Establishment Permit - Pueblo Performing Art Guild, dba: Pueblo Arts Alliance, 107 S. Grand Ave, Permit Manager: Christina McCann, Event dates: 8/07/26 (5pm-9pm), 9/04/26 (5pm-9pm), 10/02/26 (5pm-9pm),10/10/26 (1pm - 5 pm) 11/06/26 (5pm-9pm), 12/04/26(5pm-9pm), 01/08/27 (5pm-9pm), 02/05/27 (5pm-9pm), 03/05/27 (5pm-9pm), 04/02/27 (5pm-9pm), 05/07/27 (5pm-9pm), 06/04/27 (5pm-9pm), 07/02/27 (5pm-9pm)

Christina McCann, Pueblo Arts Alliance

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required timeframe.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke about the inspection of the location.

Judge Dunford swore in Ms. McCann.

Ms. McCann answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one, Judge Dunford closed the hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the Retail Establishment Permit - Pueblo Performing Art Guild, dba: Pueblo Arts Alliance, 107 S. Grand Ave, Permit Manager: Chrintina McCann, Event dates: 8/07/26 (5pm-9pm), 9/04/26 (5pm-9pm), 10/02/26 (5pm-9pm), 10/10/26 (1pm - 5 pm) 11/06/26 (5pm-9pm), 12/04/26(5pm-9pm), 01/08/27 (5pm-9pm), 02/05/27 (5pm-9pm), 03/05/27 (5pm-9pm), 04/02/27 (5pm-9pm), 05/07/27 (5pm-9pm), 06/04/27 (5pm-9pm), 07/02/27 (5pm-9pm)

F4 Modification of Premises - Manager Change - FMB&WR Liquor License - Dillon Companies LLC, dba: King Soopers #43, 102 W. 29th Street. New Manager: Steffi Abeyta.

Steffi Abeyta, King Soopers
Adam Stapen, Dill & Dill Attorneys

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required timeframe.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke about the inspection of the location.

Judge Dunford swore in Ms. Abeyta and Mr. Stapen.

Abeyta and Mr. Stapen answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one, Judge Dunford closed the hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the Modification of Premises - Manager Change - FMB&WR Liquor License - Dillon Companies LLC, dba: King Soopers #43, 102 W. 29th Street. New Manager: Steffi Abeyta.

F5 Modification of Premises - FMB&WR Liquor License - Dillon Companies LLC, dba: King Soopers #12, 3050 W. Northern Ave.

Robert Miller King Soopers
Adam Stapen, Dill & Dill Attorneys

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required

timeframe.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke about the inspection of the location.

Judge Dunford swore in Mr. Miller and Mr. Stapen.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Stapen answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one, Judge Dunford closed the hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the Modification of Premises - FMB&WR Liquor License - Dillon Companies LLC, dba: King Soopers #12, 3050 W. Northern Ave.

G. ADJOURN

Judge Dunford adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.



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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Judge Dunford called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL - 1:30 PM

Judge Neslon Dunford, and Deputy City Clerk Vincent Petkosek, and Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Sexton-Drake, Taylor Cornwell City Clerks Office.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Judge Dunford approved the agenda as distributed.

D. READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D1 Reading and Approval of the Minutes from the June 26, 2026, meeting of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority.

Judge Dunford approved the agenda as posted.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

E1 Special Event Application - Beer, Wine & Spiritious Liquor - St. Leander Catholic Parish, 1402 E. 7th, Event Dates: August 8th / 3 p.m. - 10 p.m., August 9th, 2026 / 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., 2026.

Claudia Tafoya appeared in person and spoke about this church festival.

Ms. Tafoya answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

E2 Modification of Premises - Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Retailer Liquor License - Change of Trade Name - Mini Mart Inc, DBA: Loaf n Jug #750037, New Trade Name: Cumberland Farms #750037, 3980 Ivywood Ln.

E3 Modification of Premises - Fermented Malt Beverage & Wine Retailer Liquor License - Change of Trade Name - Mini Mart Inc, DBA: Loaf n Jug #750014, New Trade Name: Cumberland Farms #750014, 1201 S. Pueblo Blvd.

E4 Reading and Approval of the Consent Agenda for July 17, 2026

Judge Dunford approved the Minutes from the July 17, 2026, meeting of the Pueblo Liquor and Marijuana Authority.

F. REGULAR AGENDA

F1 Transfer of Ownership - Continuance - Flame Liquor - Retail Liquor License - Samir Investments LLC, dba: Flame Liquor, 2225 Lake Ave, Owner: Luwam Dawit, 3425 Bella Luna Drive, Pueblo, CO 81001.

Dawit Luwam, Owner
Kris Hoeltgen, Attorney
Sara Woldemariam Interpreter

Judge Dunford called this items. The interpreter was having technical problems and the judge called the next item.

Judge Dunford swore in Ms. Luwam, Ms. Hoeltgen, Mr. Mehari and Ms. Woldemariam.

Ms. Luwam, Ms. Hoeltgen, answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Assistant City Attorney Sexton informed the court of a possible liquor violation. The City Clerks office received information that the clerk of Flame liquor was consuming alcohol while on duty.

The judge was not satisfied with the answer provided by the defendant.

Judge Dunford continued the transfer of ownership for Samir Investments LLC, dba: Flame Liquor, 2225 Lake Ave until August 14, 2026, to allow a Show Cause Notice to be issued.

F2 Hearing - New Beer & Wine Liquor License - Chipotle Mexician Grill Inc, dba: Chipotle Mexican Grill # 5646, 2065 W. Pueblo Blvd, John Hartung, President, Adam Rymer, CFO/Treasurer, Helen Kaminski, Secretary.

Brian Profit, Attorney
Priscila Escobar - Chipotle Mexican Grill
Eve Garrison, Liquorpro

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required time frame.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek said that the location is not complete, and no inspection has taken place.

Judge Dunford swore in Mr. Profit, Ms. Garrison and Ms. Escobar.

The presenter answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Judge Dunford closed the public hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the new Beer & Wine Liquor License for Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc, dba: Chipotle Mexican Grill #5646, 2065 W. Pueblo Blvd.

Judge Dunford read the Findings and Order for the record.

F3 Hearing - New Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License - RARE Hospitality International Inc, dba: Longhorn Steakhouse #5725, 5770 N. Elizabeth Street, GMRI Inc, Parent Co, Angela Simmons, President, Lindsay Koren, Vice President, Colleen Lyons, Assistant Secretary.

Brian Profit, Attorney
Destinee Carucci, Longhorn Steakhouse.
Eve Garrison, Liquorpro

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek confirmed the Public Notice was posted in the required time frame.

Deputy City Clerk Petkosek spoke that the location is not complete, and no inspection has taken place.

Mr. Profit, Ms. Carucci, and Ms. Garrison were sworn in by Judge Dunford.

Mr. Profit, Ms. Carucci, and Ms. Garrison answered questions and addressed comments made by Judge Dunford.

Public Hearing

Seeing no one wishing to speak, Judge Dunford closed the public hearing.

Judge Dunford approved the new Hotel & Restaurant Liquor License for RARE Hospitality International Inc, dba: Longhorn Steakhouse #5725, 5770 N. Elizabeth Street.

Judge Dunford read the Findings and Order for the record.

G. ADJOURN

Judge Dunford adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.