



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-1296)

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Present: President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell,
Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

Absent: Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (15-1128)

President Vasquez called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. Vice President Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Vasquez introduced and welcomed Commissioner Genevieve Morrill; Commissioner Morrill will be representing the Third District.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of February 11, 2015. (15-1129)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Lee, and duly carried by the following vote, this item was approved.

Ayes: 3 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Shan Lee

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General W/Dance & Annual Dance, Business License ID# 141718, to issue a new license to Heidi's World, LLC/ DBA Swiss Park Banquet Center, Heidi B. Pianelli, Owner, located at 1905 Workman Mill Road, Whittier, CA 90601 in the First District. (15-1130)

Heidi B. Pianelli, owner of Swiss Park Banquet Center, provided a brief overview of the business. In response to questions posed by Secretary Lee, Ms. Pianelli indicated that she is the new owner; however, the business has been in existence since 1987; Ms. Pianelli confirmed that the venue is solely used for weddings and receptions. Hours of operation are Fridays and Saturdays, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Ms. Pianelli indicated that neighboring properties consist of a river bed, a vacant home and a sanitation facility; no reports of noise disturbances have been made.

Secretary Lee clarified that Ms. Pianelli must be present when providing entertainment; in her absence, the manager present must also be licensed.

Secretary Lee expressed concern regarding the comments on the approval by Regional Planning the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) was missing and requested clarification. Alice Wong, Regional Planning, indicated that a records search will be conducted; she will contact Building and Safety to confirm if they have a copy on file. In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Wong indicated that the CUP was issued to the land after 1985 and is applicable to the current business owner.

In response to questions posed by Commissioner Morrill, Ms. Pianelli confirmed that independent promoters and party planners are not utilized, staff coordinates all events.

In response to Vice President Campbell, Ms. Pianelli confirmed that condominiums are adjacent to the property; however, the entertainment takes place behind the property and away from the condominiums. Amplified music will be utilized indoors; the site does not include an outdoor patio.

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for Entertainment General with Dance and Annual Dance. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

On motion of Secretary Lee, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following condition:

1. Comply with the existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP)

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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4. Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 141942, to issue a new license to Josie T. Saik, of the Bishop Amat High School, located at 14301 Fairgrove Avenue, La Puente, CA 91746 in the First District. (15-1131)

Agenda Item Nos. 4, 5 and 6 were discussed jointly.

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applications are for Bingo Manager. The applicants have obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the licenses.

Deborah R. Oswald representative for Bishop Amat High School provided a brief overview of the bingo operations. Ms. Oswald indicated that the school is a private catholic school located in the City of La Puente. Bingo games are conducted every Sunday and she is the primary Bingo Manager.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Oswald confirmed that bingo games are open to the public; however, most players are from the local community. Hours of operation are Sundays, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with approximately 90-100 players. Cash prizes consist of \$250.00 per game; prizes are awarded by the school via check. Ms. Oswald confirmed that she is familiar with the bingo rules and regulations. Ms. Oswald indicated that the games are conducted electronically, with various styles and patterns used. Ms. Oswald confirmed that they do not utilize remote caller bingo; bingo games are conducted in the school gymnasium. The school is a private non-profit organization.

On motion of President Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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5. Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 141941, to issue a new license to Nora G. Marino, of the Bishop Amat High School, located at 14301 Fairgrove Avenue, La Puente, CA 91746 in the First District. (15-1132)

This item was discussed with Agenda Item No. 4.

After discussion, on motion of President Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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6. Hearing on application for Bingo Manager, Business License ID# 141940, to issue a new license to Deborah R. Oswald, of the Bishop Amat High School, located at 14301 Fairgrove Avenue, La Puente, CA 91746 in the First District. (15-1133)

This item was discussed with Agenda Item No. 4.

After discussion, on motion of President Vasquez, seconded by Vice President Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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7. Hearing on application for Annual Dance/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 141524 to Pamela Johnston, owner of Pamela Johnston's Dance Studio, located at 17716 Sierra Highway, Santa Clarita, CA 91351 in the Fifth District. (15-1134)

Eric Barnes, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Annual Dance business license and the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Pamela Johnston, owner of Pamela Johnston's Dance Studio, provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Johnston indicated that the studio offers dance lessons such as ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary and Irish to patrons two years of age to adult. Ms. Johnston has been teaching dance for approximately 35 years and has worked with celebrities such as Gene Kelly and Pat Boone. The studio hosts annual dance shows at local high schools, churches and other organizations and she also teaches at various locations. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and occasionally on Saturdays. In response to Vice President Campbell, Ms. Johnston confirmed that the studio conducts an annual dance recital and various holiday events; private dance lessons are offered upon request.

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by Secretary Lee, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license:

Ayes: 4 - President Sara Vasquez, Vice President Renée Campbell, Secretary Shan Lee and Commissioner Genevieve Morrill

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III. REPORT

8. Commissioners' Comments. (15-1136)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for March 2015 and April 2015 and agreed to cancel the following meeting dates:

March 18 and 25, 2015.

The next regular meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-1137)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

10. Adjournment for the meeting of March 11, 2015. (15-1139)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Vasquez, there being no objection, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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