

**MINUTES
LICENSE COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 8, 2026**

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Revere License Commission was called to order by Chair Robert Selevitch at 11:00 a.m. on June 8, 2026. Commissioner Daniel Occena, Commissioner Liliana Monroy, Police Chief Maria LaVita, and Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary, present. Police Lt. Glenn Malley, Liaison with the Revere License Commission, absent.

Salute to the Flag by the members of the Revere License Commission and those in attendance.

Board Discussion: Board discussion concerning accommodations for World Cup soccer viewing.

Chairman Selevitch opened the meeting to address the question of whether Revere should accept the provisions of proposed legislation allowing businesses to stay open until 3 a.m. for World Cup Soccer viewing and allowing businesses to sell alcohol for consumption in designated social consumption districts in public spaces. The Commission first asked to hear any views on the subject.

Rose Burns, Mayor Keefe's aid, spoke against accepting both provisions. The Mayor's office considered that the short notice of the proposed legislation does not allow adequate time for a comprehensive plan to allow these changes without compromising public safety. Local businesses had expressed limited interest in adopting these proposed changes.

Captain Thomas Malone from the Revere Police Department spoke in opposition to accepting the provisions. He pointed out that neighboring cities and towns only allow liquor licenses to remain open until 1 a.m., and that if they don't adopt a 3 a.m. closing, residents from abutting cities and towns will flood into the city for two extra hours of drinking. Revere Police have an "overlap shift" to address issues that arise with 2 a.m. closing, and those officers go home at 3 a.m.; if the Commission allows 3 a.m. closing, there will be insufficient officers to manage both the increased public safety needs that come at night, and the closing of bars and restaurants at 3 a.m. Once the increase of tourists and World Cup visitors is factored in, the matter becomes even more precarious, and with the usual summer events, and major roadway projects, the department is already stretched very thin. He added that designated social consumption districts are nearly unenforceable at locations in Revere.

Chief LaVita asked Capt. Malone about the timelines to plan for the new proposed provisions. Capt. Malone reported that the police have been planning for the World Cup since the first of the year and have already assigned their limited resources as effectively as possible. There would not be anything close to enough time to change the existing arrangements to cover the proposed changes to closing hours and outdoor drinking.

Captain Mark Wolfgang from the Revere Fire Department spoke in opposition to accepting the provisions. The Fire Department believes that the provisions would cause an exponential increase in calls for service between midnight and four a.m. for medical aid, assaults, and serious motor vehicle accidents.

The Commission discussed the matter. Commissioner Occena, having read the legislation that passed through the House, considered that the city is not presently prepared to take on the proposed changes; social consumption districts seem logistically unfeasible and since most matches will end by midnight, he saw no reason to allow closing hours to increase to 3 a.m. He was opposed to the acceptance of either provision.

Upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Occena and seconded by Commissioner Monroy, it was VOTED unanimously not to allow social consumption districts or 3 a.m. closing.

Commissioner Selevitch then raised the question of extending hours to 1 a.m. or 2 a.m. for businesses that don't currently have late closing hours. Commissioner Occena suggested allowing a blanket 1 a.m. closing for bars and restaurants. The Commission asked to hear from the police and fire departments about that idea. Capt. Malone said that he would prefer time to consider the matter properly, but his first thoughts were that this would exacerbate the existing problems of businesses that don't close when they should or don't handle late closures well and would probably further stress their already expended resources.

Commissioner Selevitch proposed keeping hours as they are. Commissioner Occena seconded the motion, and it was VOTED to leave all licenses as currently posted.

Following the foregoing, there being no further business to come before the Board upon Motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 p.m.

Robert Selevitch, Chairman

Maggie Haney, Recording Secretary

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