

**SPECIAL LICENSING AUTHORITY
MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2026**

Chair Kelli Narde called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were: Chair Kelli Narde, Vice-Chair Philip LaBella, Tim Perkins, Tiffany Howell, and RD Kuhns. Also present was alternate member Brian Wieneke. Staff present were: Town Clerk Chris Vanderpool, Deputy Town Clerk Susan Irvine, Town Prosecutor Christy Ausmus, Authority Attorney Katie Vera, and Detective Wil Plienis.

Chair Narde led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes - March 19, 2026

B. Approval of Stipulation Agreement Removal for Tailgate Tavern & Grill

Tiffany Howell moved and Tim Perkins seconded to approve the consent items 3A and 3B.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
Philip LaBella - yes
Kelli Narde - yes
Tiffany Howell - yes
RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF LOCATION

Applicant: Magan, LLC
d/b/a Bruin Spirits
Current Location: 11177 S. Dransfeldt Road, Suite 139
New Location: 11120 Twenty Mile Road, Suite 157
Type of License: Retail Liquor Store

Chair Kelli Narde opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

The Applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on April 6, 2026. Publication was made in The Douglas County News Press on April 2, 2026. The Notice of Public Hearing was also posted to the Town's website on March 24, 2026.

Bruin Spirits manager, Ashish Tyagi, was sworn in by the Town Clerk. Mr. Tyagi advised that the new location is 3/10 of a mile from the existing location, and they are seeking approval for this relocation.

Public Comments: None

Chair Kelli Narde closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Tim Perkins moved and Philip LaBella seconded to approve the change in location for Magan, LLC, d/b/a Bruin Spirits from 11177 S. Dransfeldt Road, Suite 139, to 11120 Twenty Mile Road, Suite 157.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
 Philip LaBella - yes
 Kelli Narde - yes
 Tiffany Howell - yes
 RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

B. NEW RETAIL LIQUOR STORE LIQUOR LICENSE

Applicant: Patel Liquor Wine and Spirits, LLC
 d/b/a Maikhana House of Spirits
Location: 18442 Pony Express Drive, Unit 140

Chair Kelli Narde opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

The Applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on April 6, 2026. Publication was made in The Douglas County News Press on April 2, 2026. The Notice of Public Hearing was also posted to the Town's website on March 24, 2026.

Owner Ruchi Patel, petitioner Eva Garretson, and Attorney Vince Linden were present. Ruchi Patel and Eva Garretson were sworn in by the Town Clerk. Eva Garreston gave a brief background on their company and reviewed the petitioning results, which were as follows:

- 77 Eligible Signatures Favoring (Residential – 37; Business – 40)
- 2 Eligible Signatures Opposing (Residential – 2; Business – 0)
- 79 Eligible Signatures.

Mr. Linden and Ruchi Patel reviewed the ownership structure for the company and stated that the current owners do not currently have ownership interest in any liquor licenses, have had no liquor license violations, and have clean criminal records. Ms. Patel is a Canadian citizen who has lawful status to work in the United States and is currently employed in the Denver office of Plante Moran.

There will be no commingling of transactions between the liquor store and the convenience store with one-way entrance into the liquor store. The point of sale system for liquor transactions will have an identification scanner, and all alcohol sales will be subject to scanning of ID's. All employees will

undergo responsible vendor training through LiquorPros. The store hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., seven days a week. Security cameras will be installed throughout the store and the footage will be maintained for 45 days.

The floor plan was reviewed in detail, and will be modified to reflect that the second-story chocolate store is not included in the licensed premises. Mr. Linden will submit a modified diagram to the Town Clerk's Office showing this update. There will be numerous signs indicating where alcohol is not allowed in the building, and liquor store staff will be responsible for ensuring that this is enforced. There is no public access to the basement where liquor will be stored, and the managers will be the only staff members with access to this area.

Public Comments: None

Chair Kelli Narde closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m., reopened it at 7:15 p.m., and closed it again at 7:20 p.m.

Philip LaBella moved and Tim Perkins seconded to approve the application for a new Retail Liquor Store Liquor License for Patel Liquor Wine and Spirits, LLC, d/b/a Maikhana House of Spirits, at 18442 Pony Express Drive, Unit 140.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
 Philip LaBella - yes
 Kelli Narde - yes
 Tiffany Howell - no
 RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved on a 4-1 vote with Tiffany Howell opposing.

C. HEARING ON RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

Licensee:	B&B Holding Company, Inc. FuNuGyz Sports Tavern
Location:	17900-04 Cottonwood Drive
License Type:	Hotel & Restaurant

Chair Kelli Narde opened the public hearing at 7:21 p.m.

The Applicant had a Notice of Public Hearing posted on this matter on April 6, 2026.

FuNuGyz Sports Tavern manager, Schyler Ransom, was sworn in by the Town Clerk. Town Prosecutor, Christy Ausmus, advised that new information had come to light earlier in the day, and she needs more time to investigate. She requested that this hearing be continued until May 21. Schuyler Ransom advised that they are not available on that date, and asked if this could be continued until the June meeting of the Special Licensing Authority.

Chair Kelli Narde closed the public hearing at 7:24 p.m.

Tiffany Howell moved and RD Kuhns to continue the renewal hearing until June 18, 2026.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
 Philip LaBella - yes
 Kelli Narde - yes
 Tiffany Howell - yes
 RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

A. License Type: Hotel & Restaurant
Licensee: Mata Properties, LLC
d/b/a El Huerto
Location: 16522 Keystone Blvd., Suite A
Department: Attorney Katie Vera

Chair Kelli Narde opened the show cause hearing at 7:26 p.m. Town Prosecutor, Christy Ausmus, advised that the licensee is represented by Erika Kaiser. Ms. Kaiser was not in attendance at the hearing and gave Ms. Ausmus written permission to deal directly with the manager, Rafael Castillo regarding this matter. Ms. Ausmus has reached a stipulation agreement with Ms. Kaiser, and the client was fully informed of the conditions of the stipulation. Since this is the first violation, the conditions of the stipulation include a written warning and a requirement that all employees complete responsible vendor training by July 13, 2026. If the certificates for this training are not received by the Town Clerk's Office by July 13, the licensee shall serve a mandatory 5-day suspension beginning at 12:00 a.m. on July 22, 2026 and concluding at 11:59 p.m. on July 26, 2026.

Chair Kelli Narde closed the show cause hearing at 7:29 p.m.

Tiffany Howell moved and Philip LaBella seconded to approve the stipulation agreement as presented.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
 Philip LaBella - yes
 Kelli Narde - yes
 Tiffany Howell - yes
 RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

B. License Type: Hotel & Restaurant
Licensee: Chipotle Mexican Grill, Inc.
d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill
Location: 18400 Cottonwood Drive, Suite 101
Department: Attorney Katie Vera

Town Prosecutor, Christy Ausmus, advised that there was an unopposed motion to vacate the show cause hearing. She requested that this be approved and stated she would provide an update to the Authority at the May 21 meeting.

Philip LaBella moved and Tim Perkins seconded to vacate the show cause hearing.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
Philip LaBella - yes
Kelli Narde - yes
Tiffany Howell - yes
RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS

Licensee: Spruce Mountain Management, LLC
d/b/a 20 Mile Tap House
Location: 12543 N. Hwy 83, Unit 202
License Type: Hotel & Restaurant

Manager Bobbie Gietzen was present and gave information on the incidents from the police reports. Tiffany Howell disclosed that she knows the manager from an unrelated business where Ms. Howell works and the manager is a client. Chair Kelli Narde thanked Ms. Howell for the disclosure.

Philip LaBella moved and Tim Perkins seconded to approve the renewal application for the Hotel & Restaurant liquor license for Spruce Mountain Management, LLC, d/b/a 20 Mile Tap House, 12543 N. Hwy. 83, Unit 202.

A roll call vote was taken:

Tim Perkins - yes
Philip LaBella - yes
Kelli Narde - yes
Tiffany Howell - yes
RD Kuhns - yes

The motion was approved unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Kelli Narde informed the Authority that Alternate Jerry Elmblade had resigned from the Authority effective immediately. Chair Narde asked if the Police had given consideration to enforcement actions at Special Events, and Detective Plienis replied that it would be challenging due to manpower issues. Detective Plienis advised that the police are hoping to complete two underage compliance checks during 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kelli Narde adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.



Susan L. Irvine, Deputy Town Clerk



Kelli Narde, Chair