
MINUTES – November 19, 2025

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The meeting was conducted at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. Present for the meeting were Chairman – Tom Farrell, Commissioner – Jim Stafford, Commissioner – Ron Miller, Office Administrator – Brandy Gordon, Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant, and Board Attorney – Ramani Pillai. Also present for the meeting were Megan Holly and Jennifer Slider.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the November 5, 2025 meeting minutes.

There were no hearings for one day alcoholic beverage licenses scheduled.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” Beer and Light Wine alcoholic beverage license. The license is currently held by Teresa Cisneros with El Canelo LLC. Application has been made to transfer the license to Jennifer Slider with J2 Adventures LLC, trading as Main Street Pub, located at 167 East Main Street, Frostburg. All the necessary paperwork was submitted back at the July 16, 2025 meeting. The transfer was approved pending transfer of the Main Street Pub class D – beer, wine, and liquor license. In July, the Board was awaiting paperwork from Caleb Grabenstein with the Pour Pony LLC. Chairman Farrell explained to Ms. Slider that she would need to pay the \$200 transfer fee, \$500 special pouring permit fee, and \$250 for Sunday Sales. Ms. Slider stated that she assumed that would be credited to her from the old license. It was explained to her that the permits go with the license. She stated that she would be back in to the office to pick the license up. The Board stated that was fine.

Robert Boyle, licensee of Queen City Cravings, was requested to attend today’s meeting. Mr. Boyle is currently in the hospital and sent Megan Holly to the meeting to represent him. Mr. Boyle was requested to attend the meeting because his alcoholic beverage license has been inactive for 323 days. The Board explained to Ms. Holly that per alcoholic beverage law a licensee may apply for a hardship of 180 days and the Board may grant an additional 180 days. The maximum amount of time an alcoholic beverage license is to be inactive is 360 days. Chairman Farrell asked Ms. Holly why the Board was never contacted. Ms. Holly stated that she believes it was because they were hoping for another business to move into the building a lot sooner. They have a potential business that is interested in the space at 108 Harrison Street, but would not be utilizing the alcoholic beverage license. Ms. Holly stated that they would hope to

transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Dave Love. Chairman Farrell stated that they only had 37 days left of the 360 days something needed to be done. Ms. Holly stated that she understood.

Glenn Hall with the Beach Club, 202 Centre Street, Frostburg provided an email update in regards to his security from the last meeting. Chairman Farrell read the email that stated an ex-employee of the Beach Club may have been responsible for allowing the underage individual into the establishment and serving spirits straight from bottle to mouth. Mr. Hall stated that he had no video footage because he didn't have new cameras installed until October 4, 2025. The incidents that were reported were from before that time. Mr. Hall will be having all his bartenders TIPs certified on Friday, November 21, 2025 at 5 PM. The Office Administrator told the Board that Mr. Hall had called into the office on Monday to let us know that he had a bomb thrown at his place on Saturday. By lunch time he was calling back to say that they had caught the person responsible. Mr. Hall stated that he put out notice of a \$5,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and all police agencies were involved – Frostburg City, FBI, State, etc. Commissioner Miller asked if we have received any copies of police reports in regards to the incident. Nothing has been received. The Board Attorney stated that he would put a call out to Nick Costello with Frostburg City Police to see if he could verify the incident.

The Liquor Board had requested financial reports from some of the one-day events held. The reports have begun to come in. They were provided with reports from Bedford Road Cash Bash, Bishop Walsh Cash Bash, and Western Maryland Jaycees Wing-Off. The reports still outstanding are the animal shelter Food Truck Festival, Salvation Army Red Shield Club Rock the Mountains, LaVale Athletic Association Summer Night Out, Sons of American Legion Post 13 Monster Bash, and Savage Mountain Punk Arts Punktoberfest.

There was general discussion among the Board in regards to meeting dates in December. There are not many requests for one-day alcoholic beverage licenses. Commissioner Miller made the suggestion to only meet one time during the month of December and to hold the Christmas luncheon after that meeting. Commissioner Miller made a motion to only meet on December 17, 2025, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was general discussion in regards to the Open Meetings Act. County Attorney, Mr. Lee Beeman, addressed the Board to explain policies and procedures in regards to the Act. Mr. Beeman stated the requirements for holding a meeting. He explained that the meetings could be livestreamed if the Board chose to do that. The Board was able to ask questions for a better

understanding. Mr. Beeman informed the Board that there will be training sessions set up and he strongly encouraged the Board to attend one of those sessions. Chairman Farrell asked the question to the Attorneys present about husband-and-wife ownership if that portrays a financial interest. Mr. Beeman explained that if the Board wanted clarification on the issue, they could request a legislative change to clarify the issue. Commissioner Stafford stated that he did not really see an issue and did not want to create an issue if there didn't need to be. Commissioner Miller stated if clarification was added he would like to see it be effective statewide, not just in Allegany County. The Board agreed to table the idea. Commissioner Miller asked Mr. Beeman about a law that took effect in Anne Arundel County allowing for two licenses to be issued to the same address. Mr. Beeman explained that alcoholic beverage laws are county specific and that there was probably a reason behind why the law is now worded in that way. Commissioner Miller stated that if this was something that was allowed it may be a way to create more revenue within the county.

The Liquor Board requested licensee Jason Niner, with Niner's Canal Pub, and licensee Brian Dillon, with Uncle Jack's Pizzeria and Pub to attend a 10 AM meeting to discuss public safety issues within Merchant's Alley area. Neither party showed up to the meeting. City of Cumberland police was represented by Chief of Police, James Pyles and the City of Cumberland was represented by City Administrator, Jeffrey Silka. The Liquor Board asked Mr. Silka what needed to be done to have the tables removed from the area. Mr. Silka explained that the Liquor Board could submit a letter to request the permit not be renewed or revoked and list the reasons as to why. The Liquor Board stated that a letter would be sent. The Liquor Board members stated that they would like to make the recommendations to the licensees that all tables and chairs of the Merchant's Alley area are removed. They would like to see an exit only door placed at the back of Niner's Canal Pub. The Board stated that notification would be sent to the two licensees requiring them to attend the next Liquor Board meeting on December 17, 2025 or fines may be imposed. Representation from City of Cumberland and Cumberland Police Department requested to be a part of that meeting as well.

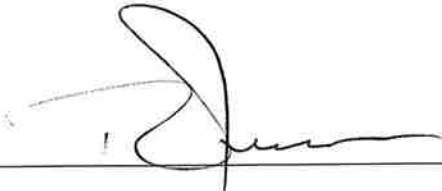
The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 64 routine inspections between November 5, 2025 through November 18, 2025.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.



Thomas E. Farrell, Chairman
Charles R. Miller, Commissioner
James Stafford Jr., Commissioner
Keith Bageant, Chief Inspector
Vacant, Inspector
Brandy Gordon, Office Administrator

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman

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