
MINUTES – February 4, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. 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 – Ron Miller, Commissioner Jim Stafford, Office Administrator – Brandy Snyder, Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant and Board Attorney, Ramani Pillai. Also present for the meeting were Kememi Rujemikemtk, Vivek Purohit, Minakshiben Patel, Rebecca Ruppert, Rick Collins, Robin Summerfield, Joe Metzner Jr, Debra Imler, Megan Holly, Terry Snider, Jason Niner, Brian Dillon, and Wayne Heavener.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the January 21, 2026 meeting minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Rebecca Ruppert, Jenna Burkett, and Anna Saweikis with the Allegany Community College Foundation Inc. They will be holding a continuing education course at the Culinaire Café, 110 Baltimore Street, Cumberland. The dates of the course are Tuesday, February 10, 2026, Thursday, March 5, 2026, Wednesday, March 18, 2026, Wednesday, April 15, 2026, and Wednesday, May 6, 2026. The courses will take place from 5 to 7 PM. There is a tuition fee to attend the class and the cost of alcohol is included into that fee. There will be no minors attending these events. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer, wine, and liquor was approved for Robin Summerfield and Jamey Hill with the Cumberland Masonic Temple Inc. They will be holding their annual Robert Burns Night on Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 5 to 9:30 PM. This is a fundraiser for the Children’s League. There will be a cash bar at the event. Minors may be in attendance, but accompanied by an adult. The Cumberland Masonic Temple Inc will be holding their annual Star Gala on Saturday, February 14, 2026. This is an in-house awards banquet. There will be a cash bar. This event will also take place from 5 to 9:30 PM. Minors may be present with adult supervision. Both events will take place at 15 Greene Street, Cumberland. Profits raised from the event will go to support the charitable and philanthropic activities of the Cumberland Masonic Temple Inc. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Richard Collins and John Sangiovanni with the Wamba Caravan #89. They will be hosting a Chamber After Hours event on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 13515 Atkins Lane SW, Cumberland. The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be no minors on the premises. Chairman Farrell made an announcement that all three board members are also members of the Wamba Caravan #89. He asked if anyone objected to the license being issued. No one responded. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Terry Snider, Stephen Penrod, and John Sangiovanni with the Wamba Caravan #89. They will be holding the annual Hooley Plunge on Saturday, March 7, 2026 from 8 AM to 4 PM. There will be a beer truck with a cash bar on the premises. Identification will be checked and anyone 21 years of age and older will receive a wristband. Profits from the event will go to the Special Olympics of Allegany County along with other intellectually challenged programs in Allegany County. Chairman Farrell reminded everyone that all three members of the Board were members of the Wamba Caravan and asked if anyone objected. No one objected. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the license and if the event date changes due to weather that the one-day license would still be valid, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” beer and wine alcoholic beverage license. The license is currently held by John and Doreen Emerick. Application has been made to transfer the license to Joseph Metzner Jr, James Leo Emerick, and John and Doreen Emerick with the Ellerslie Tavern LLC, located at 14400 Schellsburg Road, Ellerslie. All necessary documentation has been received by the office. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverage license. The license is currently held by Jagruti Purohit and Mike Harman with Purohit LLC. Application has been made to transfer the license to Minakshiben Patel and Vivek Purohit with One Stop Liquor LLC. Business would resume at One Stop Liquor located at 16119 McMullen Highway SW, Cumberland. There is currently a comptroller hold on this alcoholic beverage license. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve pending

receiving the release from the Comptroller's Office, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

Megan Holly with Queen City Cravings asked the Board if everything was received for Queen City Cravings. At the present time, the board has all necessary paperwork. Ms. Holly explained that currently 108 Harrison Street is being used by Streetside Sizzle.

The Board was asked about clarifying the local rules and regulations in regards to minors being permitted on a licensed premise. Current wording states that, "minors from the age 18 to 21 can be on the premises without a parent or legal guardian only under the following conditions..." The suggestion was made to remove the words "from the age 18 to 21." After brief discussion Commissioner Miller made a motion to remove those words from the local rules and regulations, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell. Liquor board attorney was to see if § 9-1903. Underage individuals at functions held on Class C or Class D licensed premises from the Annotated Code Maryland. The Board attorney mentioned that he had been in contact with the Cresaptown Eagles in regards to this issue and explained to them that the Board was currently revamping rules and regulations that they as a club could establish rules and regulations in regards to minors being on the premises.

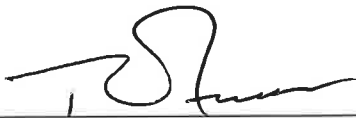
The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 53 routine inspections between January 21, 2026 through February 3, 2026. In review of the inspection sheets, it was mentioned that the Cumberland Outdoor Club has had multiple warnings about not having addresses listed for employees which is a requirement in the local rules and regulations. Commissioner Stafford made a recommendation to stop in the Outdoor Club and speak to someone about maintaining this requirement. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

The Board took a brief recess to reconvene at 10 AM for the meeting in regards to Merchant's Alley. Chairman Farrell opened the meeting back up and stated that he is impressed with the improvements being made within the Merchant's Alley area. The City of Cumberland was requested to attend today's meeting and Mr. Raymond Morriss and Mr. Jeffrey Silka confirmed attendance and failed to appear. Police Chief Pyles was in attendance. The confirmation email is attached to these minutes. Attorney, Mr. Wayne Heavener, representing Uncle Jack's addressed the Board. He stated that he was hoping to have a conversation with the City of Cumberland, but he stressed to the Board that the Dillon's have installed lights within Merchant's Alley along with a surveillance system. Jason Niner with Niner's Canal Pub stated that he had installed a fire door

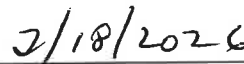
at the back door leading into the alleyway making it an exit only and patrons can't re-enter from this door. Mr. Niner also stated that he will be closing Niner's Canal Pub before August 2026. Mr. Niner also brought to the Boards attention that last weekend when the temperature outside was about zero, at about 2:45 AM, when all the bars are closed, there was a husband and wife outside. The husband was trying to get the wife in the car to get her home. She was refusing to get into the vehicle a police officer stopped to verify everything was okay and in a matter of minutes about eight patrol cars pulled up. He wanted to make sure the Board was aware that some of the police calls were not necessary. Chief Pyles stated that he appreciates what the business owners have done to take responsibility for Merchant's Alley. All parties agreed that we have taken the necessary steps to address the security issues within Merchant's Alley.

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.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date