
MINUTES – February 18, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 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 and Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant. Board Attorney, Ramani Pillai was absent from the meeting. Also present for the meeting was Robin Summerfield.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer, wine, and liquor was approved for Robin Summerfield and Mercedes LaFemina with Savage Mountain Punk Arts. They will be holding their third annual Hunger Moon Fest on Saturday, February 28, 2026 from 3 to 10 PM at City Place, 14 South Water Street, Frostburg. Their event will host several music performances along with craft and food vendors. Minors may be present for the event as long as accompanied by a parent or guardian. Identification will be checked at the door and anyone 21 years of age and older will receive a wristband. There will be a cash bar. Proceeds from the event will be used to support local food assistance programs. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

As a follow-up to the last Board meeting, the office administrator presented the Board with new wording in regards to rule #11 in the local rules and regulations booklet in regards to minors being on licensed premises. The Board read the change. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve the change, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell. The inspector made a suggestion that we put together a mini booklet to give to one-day license holders so that they are aware of the new rules and regulations. The Board liked the idea. The administrator and inspector will begin working on a mini booklet for one day licensees.

Also, as a follow-up to the last meeting Commissioner Stafford visited the Cumberland Outdoor Club on February 11, 2026. He stated that he spoke to several members about treating the inspector with respect and dignity. He informed the members as to what the inspector was checking on during his inspections. Commissioner Stafford stated that one member stressed

concern over the list of employees with their addresses, age, and phone number. The member did not want to leave the list in the book. Commissioner Stafford told him that was fine, but they had to have a list. The inspector stated that on his last inspection at the establishment, they had started a list of employees.

There was general discussion about the comptroller tax hold list. Chairman Farrell stated that he has been in contact with Greg Thomas in regards to the old Sport license. The Sport license was forfeited at renewal time in 2025. License fees were not paid and a tax hold from the Comptroller's Office was not resolved. Chairman Farrell stated that the Board is in agreement that this alcoholic beverage license was forfeited in August of 2025.

There was an email received in the office about vaping products being used inside the Cresaptown Eagles. It was stated that vaping is considered to be similar to smoking and is not to be done inside of an establishment.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 55 routine inspections between February 4, 2026 through February 17, 2026. Commissioner Miller commented that the violation report was the "cleanest he has ever seen." He told the inspector that was because of him doing a good job and he was really impressed. The other Commissioners agreed. Commissioner Miller also stated that the inspector got negative feedback in the beginning, but the Board realized it was because the previous inspectors were not doing the job in the way it was meant to be completed.

The Board took a brief recess to reconvene at 10 AM for the meeting in regards to Comptroller Tax Holds. Establishments in attendance were Dogwood Flat Hunting and Fishing Club, Mezzo's, Cumberland Country Club, Dig Deep Brewing, JZ Pub, Grateful Brews, Liberty Liquor, and Rio Grande. At 10:00 A.M. Chairman Farrell called the meeting back to order and addressed the audience by stressing the importance of beginning to resolve comptroller tax issues now. Chairman Farrell explained that the liquor board has dates to follow by law and does not want to see anyone lose an alcoholic beverage license. He explained that all fees need to be paid before May 1, 2026. Chairman Farrell explained that last year there were too many establishments not in compliance and extra time was granted. There will be no extra time granted this year. It was explained that most of the state of Maryland is going through alcoholic beverage license renewal so it is not just Allegany County establishments trying to get into contact with the comptroller's office. Chairman Farrell asked if anyone in the audience had any questions. No one responded. Commissioner Miller made the suggestion to establishments to document every



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Vacant, Inspector
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contact made with the Comptroller's Office. Ms. Friend, with JZ's Pub, spoke up and stated that when she called the number provided and got to a person, she was told that she was calling the wrong department and had to call a different number than the one provided. The Board stated that they understood the frustration some licensees were having with the Comptroller's office, but explained that it is a required process and contact must be made. The Inspector stated that the office administrator is willing to work with establishments, but the establishments need to keep the office updated as to what is being done. Commissioner Stafford reinforced the statement of beginning to resolve these tax issues now and not waiting until the last minute. Chairman Farrell again asked if anyone had any questions or would like to say anything to the Board. No one had any questions or comments. The Board thanked all the establishments for attending the meeting.

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, March 4, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman

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Date