
MINUTES – March 4, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, March 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 Jim Stafford, Office Administrator – Brandy Snyder, Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant, and Board Attorney – Ramani Pillai. Commissioner Miller was absent from the meeting due to illness. Also present for the meeting were Shannon Adams, Matt Gilmore, and Mike Llewellyn.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the February 18, 2026 meeting minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer was approved for Steven Adams, Shannon Adams, and Nicholas Crawford with the Bowling Green Volunteer Fire Department. They will be holding their annual Cash Bash at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11490 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, on Saturday, March 21, 2026 from 11 AM to 5 PM. There is a \$30 ticket fee to attend the event which covers food and alcoholic beverages. There may be minors on the premises. Identification will be checked and anyone under the age of 21 will receive a fluorescent-colored wristband. Members of the fire department 21 years of age and older will be serving the alcohol. Proceeds from the event will be used to support the equipment fund for the fire department. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

The Wills Hotel was requested to attend today’s meeting to provide the Liquor Board with an update. Mike Llewellyn and Matt Gilmore were attendance. Mr. Gilmore stated that currently the Wills Hotel is accepting reservations for the month of June 2026. They hope to be up and running before Delfest. They have their health department inspection on April 1, 2026. It was explained to the Board that they would like to transfer the license back from Café Mark, but made it clear to the Board that the alcoholic beverage license may not be used for 4 to 6 weeks during the transition period. The Board understood. Mr. Gilmore stated that the Wills Hotel came about because of three guys riding bikes on the trail. Parking for the hotel was also discussed. The Board thanked the gentleman for their time and attending the meeting today.

At the last Liquor board meeting it was discussed about creating a booklet of rules and regulations for one day alcoholic beverage license holders. A rules and regulation booklet was

presented to the Board. The Board will review the information and discuss any changes at the next meeting in March.

The Liquor Board signed a letter to go out to Break Thru Beverage in regards to their minimum purchase order requirement. Several businesses have reached out stating that they can't make the \$500 minimum order requirement but don't want to illegally purchase from a retailer. An initial letter was sent back in October with no response from the Distributor.

District 16 Volunteer Fire Department submitted a letter to request the transfer of their annual alcoholic beverage license for one day on Saturday, March 14, 2026 to the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11490 Moss Avenue, Cumberland. The District 16 VFD located at 12100 N Branch Road SE, Cumberland, will be closed on this day. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve the one-day transfer, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was discussion on the gift basket permit (9-1001.2). The office received questions from a local flower shop in regards to the permit. There currently is not a specific application for this type of permit in office. The Board agreed that if she receives the permit, she will not be able to do the B.Y.O.B. at her venue. The office administrator will reach out to the business owner to explain the permit and follow-up with any other questions, if necessary.

The Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission Tip line forwarded some complaints that were received. One complaint was for the Beach Club serving underage individuals. Another complaint was for the Deep End serving underage and being open past 2 AM. It is the understanding of the office that the Deep End is closed. In the complaints the Deep End is referred to as Dante's. This address, 16 W Main Street, was previously known as the Deep End. We will reach out to state inspector for assistance with ongoing issue at the Beach Club. Mr. Stafford stated that he would speak to Frostburg City Police about the issues.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 59 routine inspections between February 18, 2026 through March 3, 2026. The inspector was reminded that both the pub crawls would be coming up.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn, 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 Snyder, Office Administrator

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Farrell", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Farrell, Chairman

A handwritten date "3-18-2026" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date

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