
MINUTES – March 18, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, March 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, Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant, and Board Attorney - Ramani Pillai. Also present for the meeting were Roger Bennett, Craig Kenney, and Andrea Kraft.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the March 4, 2026 meeting minutes and violation hearing minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Juli McCoy and Jeremy Irons with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. They will be holding their monthly After-Hours event on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad, 13 Canal Street, Cumberland. There will be no minors present for the event. The cost of alcohol is covered in the ticket fee to attend the event. Western Maryland Scenic Railroad staff will be responsible for serving the alcoholic beverages. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. 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 Samantha Bennett, Andrea Gibbner, and Denzil Halbritter with Shaft Volunteer Fire Department. They will be holding their annual Spring Cash Bash at Shaft Fire Department, 19303 Shaft Road, Frostburg, on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 11:30 A.M. to 6 P.M. There is a ticket fee to attend the event which includes the cost of alcohol. There may be minors on the premises accompanied by an adult. Identification will be checked at the door and anyone 21 years of age and older will receive a wristband. There will be members of the Shaft Volunteer Fire Department monitoring the beer truck and checking identification as necessary. It was explained to Mr. Bennett that no patron may bring in outside alcohol. All alcohol on the premises must be provided by the fire department. He stated that he understood. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

Commissioner Stafford apologized for not making to speak with Frostburg City Police Department since our last meeting. He stated that he would be stopping by in the upcoming days.

The Allegany County Historical Society submitted a letter requesting to transfer their yearly license for one-day to 632 Washington Street for their Gatsby Gala Fundraising Event. They would not be selling or serving at the 218 Washington Street address on that day. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

Craig Kenney with the Frostburg K of C Columbian Club 1442 requested to speak to the Board in regards to being charged a \$50 late fee for submitting the renewal application late. Mr. Kenney explained to the Board that he received nothing in the mail which may have been affected by the snow storm back in January. He stated that he was unaware of the dates that the application was due. The Board verified that we now have an email address for the establishment. Commissioner Miller made a motion to waive the late fee, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

Chris Howell with Howell's Sunoco had requested to speak to the Board in regards to legislation. He was not in attendance at the meeting. The inspector stated that he had spoke with Mr. Howell during the Hooley Pub Crawl and the licensee wanted the Board to know that he was opposed to legislation allowing for grocery and/or chain stores to acquire an alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Howell also wanted to ask if anything could be done to upgrade his license or give him the ability to sell liquor. The Board stated that if we change the licenses that are currently in existence then that would be similar to issuing a new license and feels like at this time, we would be prohibited from doing this.

Mr. Pillai stated that moving forward any alcoholic beverage license that may be in jeopardy shall be sent a certified letter, to the address on record, notifying the licensee.

There was general discussion in regards to Lashbaugh's switching the alcoholic beverage licenses between Cresaptown and Frostburg. If Mr. Lashbaugh wishes to do so, then he would have to go through the transfer process for each license.

The Office Administrator informed the Board that they were invited to the Wantz Trade Show on Monday, April 27, 2026 from 12 to 5 P.M. The Board agreed that the office would be closed in the afternoon so that we could attend and do some networking.



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

The Board was requested to approve the Sheriff's Department Compliance Checks. There was discussion on the bill being \$11,526.90. The Board discussed if these types of checks were mandatory and where it stated that these are to be covered out of the Liquor Board budget.

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 board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 41 routine inspections between March 4, 2026 through March 17, 2026. The inspector stated that things ran smoothly for the Hooley Pub Crawl in Cumberland on Saturday, March 14, 2026. The inspector will also be working the Shamrock Shuffle in Frostburg on Saturday, March 21, 2026.

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

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

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Thomas Farrell, Chairman

A handwritten date "4/1/2026" in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

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