
MINUTES – April 15, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 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 were Marcus Rowley, Blake Rowley, Randy Cunningham, Taryn Campbell, Charles Koelker, Sheryl Brown, David Love, Emily Haworth, Mary Shrout, Andrea Kraft, and Robin Summerfield.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board approved the April 1, 2026 meeting minutes.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Amy Moyer and Charles Koelker with the Western Maryland Food Bank. They will be holding their annual Chefs of Steel Competition at the Culinaire Café, 110 Baltimore Street, Cumberland, on Monday, April 27, 2026 from 6 to 9 PM. Tickets to attend the event are \$50 and the ticket fee does include the cost of alcoholic beverages. Proceeds from the event will go to the Western Maryland Food Bank. Identification will be checked and a wristband placed on anyone 21 years of age and older. 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 Juli McCoy and Jeremy Irons with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. They will be holding their monthly After-Hours event on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at First United Bank, 115 W Harrison 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. First United 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 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, wine, and liquor was approved for Robin Summerfield, Gerard Lafemina, and Mercedes Lafemina with Savage Mountain Punk Arts Inc. They will be holding their annual Punk Rock Picnic at Hoffman Hollow Park, 11298-11200

Hoffman Hollow Road, Frostburg, on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from noon to 8 P.M. At this event there will be 8 bands performing, food vendors, and craft vendors. There will be a cash bar where identification will be checked and anyone 21 years of age or older will be given a wristband. Proceeds from the event will be used to pay performers and other event expenses. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Chairman Farrell seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” Beer and light wine alcoholic beverage license with special pouring permit and Sunday sales. The license is currently held by Jody Malamis, Brian Gilbride, Gregory Gerba, and Michael Llewellyn with Proverbs 3:27 LLC. Application has been made to transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Brian Gilbride, Gregory Gerba, and Michael Llewellyn with The Wills Hotel LLC. The licensed address would move from 37 Baltimore Street to 69 Baltimore Street, Cumberland. The target opening date for the Wills Hotel is May 12, 2026. The Comptroller’s Office is currently stating that Proverbs 3:27 LLC is delinquent in payment of Maryland sales and use tax. Chairman Farrell stated that the alcoholic beverage license could not be transferred until this issue was resolved. Chairman Farrell made a motion to transfer the license once the release was resolved with the Comptroller’s Office, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “D” Beer and light wine alcoholic beverage license with special pouring permit and Sunday sales. The license is currently held by Robert Boyle with New Creamery LLC. Application has been made to transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Randing Cunningham and Taryn Campbell with Good Morning Downtown. The licensed address would transfer from 108 W Harrison Street to 37 North Centre Street, Cumberland. The Comptroller’s Office is currently stating that New Creamery LLC is delinquent in payment of Maryland sales and use tax and Maryland withholding tax. The Comptroller’s office is also requesting the CR number for Good Morning Downtown. Chairman Farrell asked Mr. Cunningham if he was aware that the alcoholic beverage license could not be used with a food truck. Mr. Cunningham explained that yes, he understood, he had a food truck and they are not expanding to a physical location. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the transfer once all Comptroller issues are cleared up, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class “L” beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverage license. The license is currently held by Robert Detinburn with Dig Deep Brewing LLC.

Application has been made to transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Marcus Rowley with Dig Deep Brewery LLC. The licensed address would remain at 2 Howard Street Suite B, Cumberland. The Comptroller's Office is currently stating that Dig Deep Brewing LLC is delinquent in payment of Maryland sales and use tax and Maryland withholding tax. The Comptroller's Office is also requesting the CR number for Dig Deep Brewery LLC. Mr. Rowley explained to the Board that payment was made yesterday and he is waiting for the system to update, but he is working to resolve the issues. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the transfer once all issues with Comptroller have been resolved, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a Class "D" beer and light wine alcoholic beverage license with special pouring permit and Sunday sales. The license is currently held by Erin Dettinburn and Jennifer Wishmyer with Grateful Brews LLC. Application has been made to transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Derek Miller and Jennifer Wishmyer with Dante's LLC. The licensed address is and would continue to be 16-18 West Main Street, Frostburg. There was no one present for the hearing.

There was a hearing on issuance of a new alcoholic beverage license for the Woman's Civic Club of Cumberland. The Woman's Civic Club currently holds a class "C" beer and wine alcoholic beverage license for 515 Washington Street, Cumberland. They would like to surrender that license. Application has been made for a Class "C" beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverage license. Licensees would be Mary Shrout and Sheryl Brown. The Board reviewed all required paperwork. There being no questions, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the new license, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

The Corner Tavern located at 171 North Centre Street sent an email to explain to the Board their situation with the current Comptroller tax hold. The hold is for the previous business owners. In 2025 payment arrangements were made between the Comptroller and old ownership. It seems that old ownership did not follow through with payment arrangements and there is again a tax hold. New ownership does not want to be responsible for tax debt belonging to a different entity. The Board discussed the issue and agreed that they don't want to hold anyone's business up in being able to make money. The requested to reach out for legal advice to see what, if any, steps may be taken.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 43 routine inspections between April 1, 2026 through April 14, 2026.

There was general discussion about compliance checks. The board would like to only complete one compliance check per year. It was suggested that we reach out to Frostburg State University and Allegany College to see if they would be interested in assisting or possibly developing a program that allows us to use a student as a confidential source. It was discussed about the number of hours it should take to complete compliance checks on all licensed establishments. Legal representation was not present at the meeting to provide answers to liability questions that arose from the discussion. The Board would like a legal written response about liabilities and responsibilities of compliance checks. The decision was tabled until the next meeting.

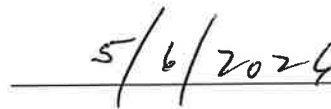
There was also discussion in regards to the Beach Club. The Frostburg City Police in conversation with Commissioner Stafford said that they have been called to the establishment many times. Inspector Bageant stated that he would like to establish a relationship with the Frostburg City Police so that they can work together to resolve issues with the serving underage complaints.

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, May 6, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date