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**MINUTES – May 6, 2026**

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The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 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 Charles Jones II, Alan Whitworth, Brandon Butler, Andrea Kraft, Jill Snider, and Sharon Kyle.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board was emailed a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve the April 15, 2026 minutes as written, 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 Jeremy Jack, Charles Jones II, and Krista Johnson with the Bowman’s Addition Volunteer Fire Department. They will be holding their annual cash bash on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Fire Department located at 11710 Boardwalk Avenue, Cumberland from 12 to 6 PM. Ticket fee to attend the event is \$20 which includes the cost of alcohol. Identification will be checked at the door and anyone 21 years of age or older will receive a wristband. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase fire equipment. The event will be policed by fire company trustees. 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 Sharon Kyle with Western Maryland Philanthropies Inc. Western Maryland Philanthropies Inc will be holding a celebration of the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States on Saturday, July 4, 2026 from 5 to 11 PM at Hoffman Hollow Park, 11298-11200 Hoffman Hollow Road, Frostburg. There will be several bands playing along with two food trucks. Private security will be policing the event. This is a free event to attend. There will be a cash bar. Identification will be checked and a wristband given to 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 Sharon Kyle with Western Maryland Philanthropies Inc. On Saturday, June 20, 2026 they will be holding a fundraiser at City Place, 14 South Water Street, Frostburg. They have partnered with “In Between Café” to raise money for Georges Creek and Beall Elementary Schools for field trips. The event is from 5:30 to 9:30 PM. The event will be policed by private security. There is a ticket fee of \$75 which includes the meal and 2 beverages. There will be a cash bar. There is expected to be no minors on premises. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

Two One-day special class “C” licenses for beer and wine were approved for Juli McCoy and Jeremy Irons with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. They will be holding their monthly After-Hours events on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 and Wednesday, July 15, 2026. The June 17 event will take place at State Farm Agent Julie McBee, 1700 Garden View Drive, Cumberland. The July 15<sup>th</sup> event will take place at Lifetime Eyecare, 2 Frederick Street, Cumberland. Both events will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. There is a ticket fee to attend the event which covers the cost of alcohol. The ticket fee is \$5 for members and \$15 for non-members. Both events will be policed by Chamber of Commerce staff. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was a hearing for a per diem entertainment license for Robin Summerfield and Brandon Butler with Delfest LLC. They will be holding their yearly roots music festival at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland beginning on Thursday, May 21, 2026 through Sunday, May 24, 2026. There will be beer trucks on the premises. Ticket fee to attend the music festival does not include the cost of alcohol. There will be 5 bar areas set up for alcohol sales. A portion of the beverage sale proceeds go to the Delfest Foundation and the remainder goes to Delfest LLC. This event is policed by a private security vendor called Rhino Sports and Entertainment Service LLC. Wantz is the distributing partner for Delfest and beverage sales are managed by paid staff and volunteers. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

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.

An update was provided to the board in regards to alcoholic beverage license renewal pickup. There are still five licenses in the office which are Belle Grove Grocery, VanMeter's Gas & Grocery, Wills Hotel, Devlin's Pub, and Yamato. Three have comptroller tax holds that are in the process of being resolved. One is currently working on a transfer and one just has not been in to pay or pick up.

Mr. Alan Whitworth with Dry Bones, 10700 Kreighbaum Road, Corriganville attended the public meeting. The Board asked if Mr. Whitworth would like to speak. Mr. Whitworth stated that he would like to address a few of his concerns. Mr. Whitworth asked for clarification on the date the alcoholic beverage license expired. He said that he spoke with people in Annapolis that stated current license didn't expire until midnight on May 1. Chairman Farrell stated that he believed the current license expired at midnight on April 30 and to operate on May 1 you would need to have your new alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Whitworth also expressed concern for the validity of the notice posted on his premises. He stated that no where did the notice state who posted it. Mr. Whitworth explained that he has video taped footage of the Inspector going to the establishment and posting the notices and the notices should have the liquor board seal on them. Mr. Whitworth said that he would expect more courtesy as the property owner such as a hello or at least state what you are doing there. The Board agreed with Mr. Whitworth on the notice and told him that the necessary changes would be made to the notice. Mr. Whitworth explained to the Board that he came into the office to get his alcoholic beverage license around 11:30 AM. When he arrived at the office, he was asked for a copy of the trader's license. He did not have a copy. He was told that the office needed a copy before the alcoholic beverage license could be issued. Mr. Whitworth left the office. He returned around 1:30 with a copy of the trader's license in hand. At that visit he stated he noticed a picture of his establishment on a computer and asked why it was there for everyone to see. The office administrator explained that the inspectors report probably just came through and was in the process of printing it when he came by the office. He mentioned that Flintstone Volunteer Fire Department was also in the office at this time and they were attempting to get a copy of the trader's license sent to them electronically. Mr. Whitworth stated this was not offered to him. The Board explained that the office just needs a copy. The trader's license can be issued electronically and some establishments just forward a copy to the office. He can send a copy of the trader's license electronically to avoid the issue in the future,

but it must be received before the alcoholic beverage license is issued. Mr. Whitworth requested a courtesy call from the Board Attorney to clarify expiration dates. Mr. Whitworth also stated that he may address the County Council tomorrow night because he did talk to two lawyers about the handbook. Mr. Whitworth stated that he is only open on Fridays and Saturdays and him having to deal with picking up the alcoholic beverage license at the office cost him business on Friday, May 1. Chairman Farrell suggested not to wait until the last minute to pick up the alcoholic beverage license. Mr. Whitworth stated that he may be back on May 20<sup>th</sup> with video footage of the incident. Chairman Farrell apologized on behalf of the board. Mr. Whitworth stated that he would just like clarification so he can understand policy and does not want this to negatively affect him or his business in the future. The Board and Mr. Whitworth were thanked for their time.

The Board took a brief recess to seek legal guidance. At the recall to order, Chairman Farrell stated that per the Annotated Code of Maryland “§ 4-211 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a license issued by a local licensing board shall be dated as of the date of issue and shall expire on the next April 30 after its issuance.” He stated that the Board believes all alcoholic beverage licenses expire on midnight on April 30 and new licenses take effect on May 1 at 12:01 AM. “§ 4-408 (b) All renewed licenses shall be dated May 1.” The Board stated that the notices must be updated with the Liquor Board seal for any and all future instances.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 81 routine inspections between April 15, 2026 through May 5, 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, May 20, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 230 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

  
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Thomas Farrell, Chairman

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