
MINUTES – May 20, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The meeting was conducted at 9:00 A.M. in Room 230 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 was Derek Miller.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board was emailed a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the May 6, 2026 minutes as written, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There were no hearings scheduled for one-day alcoholic beverage licenses.

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. Allegany County resident, Derek Miller was present for the hearing. Mr. Miller stated that he made an agreement with Mr. Luke Wishmyer in order to keep the establishment operational. He stated that he wishes he never made that mistake because he is learning how much of a con artist Mr. Wishmyer is. He stated that about a week and a half ago to two weeks he quit hearing from Mr. Wishmyer. He stated that Mr. Wishmyer has made it so that orders can’t be made with distributors due to not being able to log into certain computer applications. Mr. Miller was not sure why Mr. Wishmyer never showed for the transfer hearings. Mr. Miller stated that he was unaware of the transfer hearings although postings were placed on the front door of the establishment. Mr. Miller stated that under the circumstances he would like to have his name removed from the alcoholic beverage license. He requested that the Board would allow for the establishment to operate through the end of the month of May. He stated that he already had a few bands scheduled to perform and would like the opportunity to be open to make money to pay performers so that he don’t lose personal money he has tied to the establishment. The Board stated that the hearing for the transfer has been scheduled on three separate occasions and Mr. Wishmyer has been a no show. The Board agreed to allow Dante’s to remain open until Tuesday, May 26, 2026. On this day Mr. Derek Miller will bring the alcoholic beverage license to the

office and postings will be posted to cease alcoholic beverage sales at this establishment that the license has been suspended until further notice. Mr. Miller agreed and thanked the Board for their time and apologized for the current situation of Dante's. The Board thanked Mr. Miller for coming in and clarifying the situation.

Board member, Jim Stafford, received a phone call from Jake Wilhelm, with the Barrelville Outdoor Club in regards to conditions of coolers. The alcoholic beverage inspector has been making notes of establishments that have cleanliness issues with coolers. The Board discussed the topic as to how far they were going to force the issue of clean coolers. Board member, Ron Miller, stated that he believed this to be a health department issue. He questioned why the Liquor Board that deals with the sale/service of alcoholic beverages is dealing with the cleanliness of coolers. He feels that the liquor board should make the proper notations on our violation forms and pass along the information to the Health Department to see if the Health Department will follow-up with the issues. It was mentioned that the Liquor Board has started checking coolers because the Health Department only does inspections once a year or every 18 months were as the alcoholic beverage inspector does inspections monthly. The inspector stated that most establishments have shown much improvement in the cleanliness of their freezers/coolers. The Board agreed that we would set up a meeting with the Health Department to discuss our concerns.

An update was provided to the board in regards to alcoholic beverage license renewal pickup. Devlin's Pub, 14811 Broadway Street, Midland has not paid license fees, submitted a letter of hardship or been in contact with the office. Chairman Farrell made a motion that we send a certified letter stating the alcoholic beverage license has been forfeited. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Miller. The office received a renewal application for Queen City Cravings under Good Morning Downtown. The office was notified that the lease agreement had been voided therefore the license would have no address. At that time all parties were informed that a new renewal application must be in the office before May 1, 2026. No new renewal application was received. Chairman Farrell made a motion that we send certified letter stating the alcoholic beverage license was forfeited. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Miller.

There was general discussion about advertisements being seen on social media from Clubs, Class "C" license holders, not including "members and guests" on their advertising. This is a violation. The Board agreed to send notification to Cresaptown Eagles, Haystack Mountain Sportsman



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Charles R. Miller, Commissioner
James Stafford Jr., Commissioner
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Vacant, Inspector
Brandy Snyder, Office Administrator

Club, and the Cumberland Outdoor Club in regards to this being their third and final warning that all violations from this point will have a monetary fine.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 69 routine inspections between May 6, 2026 through May 19, 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, June 3, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

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

Thomas Farrell, Chairman

6-3-2026

Date