
MINUTES – July 1, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, July 1, 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 were Garrett Shingler, Craig Drennen, Emily Bladen, Hadrian Zbarcea, Kim Folk, Angela Harris, and Steven Hansrote.

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 June 17, 2026 minutes as written, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer was approved for J. Craig Drennen, David Goad, and Nick Mazzone with the FOP Lodge #90. They will be holding their 13th annual Crab Feast at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club Picnic Grounds on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Tickets to attend the event are \$65 with crabs and \$35 without crabs. The ticket fee includes the cost of the alcohol. The event will be from 2 to 10 PM and will be policed by the FOP members. 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 Steven Hansrote and Ashley Martin with the Mountain Ridge Band Parents Association Inc. They will be holding the 6th annual Food Truck Festival at Hoffman Hollow Park, 11298-11200 Hoffman Hollow Rd SW, Frostburg, on Saturday, July 11, 2026. The event will be held from 12 to 8 PM. There will be a cash bar and Charis Winery and Dig Deep Brewery will be selling/serving alcohol and checking identification. 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 Theodore Abe III with the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. This is an event for the 250th celebration of America. This event will be held at Canal Place, 13 Canal Street on Saturday, July 4, 2026 from 2 to 10 PM. Canal Place Preservation and Development Authority staff and Board of Directors will be selling/serving the alcohol. Wristbands will be given to anyone 21 years of age and older. The event is free to attend. There will be a cash bar with proceeds going to the Canal Place

Preservation and Development Authority. There being no questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford 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. The license is currently held by Angela Harris with Majestic Dawn LLC doing business as Dawn 2 Dusk located at 16 Valley Street, Cumberland. Application was submitted to transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Garrett Shingler with The Pour House Candle Bar and Lounge LLC located at 13 West Main Street, Frostburg. The Comptroller of Maryland has a hold on the transfer of the alcoholic beverage license until the buyer corrects the corporate name and address and opens a SUT account. The seller needs to verify all Maryland sales and use tax fees are paid. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the transfer once the release is received from 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. Currently, the license is held by Miguel Aguirre and Colby Lutz with Rio Grande Inc located at 1217 National Highway, LaVale. Application was submitted to transfer the alcoholic beverage license to Colby Lutz with El Rio Grande Inc to continue business at the same address. All required paperwork has been received by the office. The Comptroller of Maryland has placed a hold on the transfer request payment of the Maryland Withholding tax. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the transfer once the release is received from the Comptroller’s Office, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

Hadrian Zbarcea with JZ’s Pub LLC attended the meeting to discuss with the Board about extending the address for this location. Currently the license is issued for 49 -51 N. Centre Street, Cumberland. An application was submitted to extend the address to 49 – 59 N. Centre Street, Cumberland. The alcoholic beverage inspector visited the establishment to verify that the addresses are all connected. Pictures were provided to the Board. There is a stairway that connects the addresses. JZ’s Pub LLC plans on placing a pool table and other video games in the space along with extra tables and seating. Mr. Zbarcea provided the Board with blueprints of the building. Mr. Miller asked the Board Attorney if the address extension was okay to be approved. The attorney stated that the building was all connected and there is no issue. There being no further questions, Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve the address extension, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer was approved for Mark Bittinger, David Goad, and Ember Fadley with Friends Aware Inc. They will be holding their annual Baskets and Brews Fundraiser. In years past they have had the event at 1812 Brewery, but have outgrown the facility. This year it will be held at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club Picnic Grounds on Sunday, September 27, 2026 from 4 to 9 PM. There will be no minors present during this event. Must be 21 years of age to attend. There will be a cash bar where staff of Friends Aware Inc will be selling/serving alcohol. All proceeds from this event will go to Friends Aware Inc. 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 One-day special class “C” license scheduled for the Orleans Volunteer Fire Company. No one showed up for the hearing. They will be notified to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026.

The Sheriff’s Department sent a bill for approval in the amount of \$8,422.36 for compliance checks performed. Commissioner Miller stated he would like to see a detailed report stating what establishments were visited and when. Commissioner Stafford and Chairman Farrell agreed. This issue was tabled until the next meeting. The Board would like to request this information from the Sheriff’s Department before approving the bill. There was discussion that only one compliance check would be performed per year moving forward. There was discussion on if the Liquor Board would be able to use an individual from the college to assist with in office compliance checks. The Board Attorney was to look into insurance liability and continue discussion at the next meeting.

There was general discussion in regards to Dante’s. The inspector has been in contact with the City of Frostburg. The City of Frostburg has removed the trash from the premises and has had no contact with the building owners, the Wishmyer’s. Commissioner Miller stated he would like contact be made with the Frostburg Police to see what the hours of the Beach Club in Frostburg are. It is unsure at this time if the establishment is open with college being out for the summer. There was discussion in regards to Health Department violations. It was again discussed that the Liquor Board will not be enforcing Health Department issues. After the Liquor Board Inspector has found the same violation at an establishment three times, the reports will be forwarded to the Health Department for further action.



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

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 12 routine inspections between June 17, 2026 and June 30, 2026. The inspector has also been assisting with office coverage.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn at 10:41 AM, seconded by Commissioner Miller and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.

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

Thomas Farrell, Chairman

A handwritten date "7-15-2026" in blue ink, written over a horizontal line.

Date