
MINUTES – July 15, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, July 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, Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant, and Board Attorney - Ramani Pillai. Also present for the meeting were Michael Price, Blair Fike, Lisa Keppel, Courtney McKay, Pamela Pyles, Joshua Hausrath, Daniel Bowser, Andrea Kraft, Stacey Friend, James Zaliewski, Bette Cage, and Emily Haworth.

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 July 1, 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 Juli McCoy and Jeremy Irons with the Allegany County Chamber of Commerce. They will be holding their annual Crab Feast on Friday, August 7, 2026 at the Ali Ghan Shrine Club Picnic Grounds from 5:30 to 9:30 PM. The ticket fee of \$65 to attend the event includes the cost of alcohol. There will be no minors present during this event. Proceeds will benefit the 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 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 at 60 Pershing Street, Cumberland on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This is a networking event for the Chamber. The ticket fee to attend the event covers the cost of alcohol. There will be no minors present for the event. 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 was approved for Pamela Pyles, Leslie Reed, and Michael Yonker with the Orleans Volunteer Fire Company. They will be holding their yearly cash bash at the firehall located at 12210 Orleans Road NE, Little Orleans on Saturday, July 18, 2026. The event will be held from 11 AM until 6:30 PM. There is a ticket fee of \$30 to attend the event which includes the cost of alcohol. There will be minors on the premises. Adults 21 years of age

and older will be given wristbands. Proceeds from the event will go to the Orleans Volunteer Fire Company. 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 was approved for David Reusing and Lisa Keppel with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. They will be selling beer at the overlook across from Town Hall B & B, 31101 National Pike NE, Little Orleans on Thursday, August 6, Friday, August 7, and Saturday, August 8 from 11 AM to 5 PM during the East Coast Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. All proceeds will go to the Juvenile diabetes Research Foundation. 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 Jeanne Seifarth, Jennifer Flinn, and Elizabeth Cage with Bishop Walsh Alumni & Athletic Associations. They will be holding their annual cash bash at Bishop Walsh School, 700 Bishop Walsh Rd, Cumberland, on Saturday, August 1, 2026. The event will be held from 1 to 5 PM. There will be no minors on the premises. The ticket fee of \$40 to attend the event includes the cost of alcohol. 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 issuance of a new Class “C” beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverage license. Application was submitted by Courtney McKay and Angela Leasure with the Cumberland Cultural Foundation, dba C. William Gilchrist Museum of the Arts for a club license for 104 Washington Street, Cumberland. Commissioner Stafford asked why they were seeking a yearly license as opposed to the one-day license. Mr. Hausrath responded that they were trying to expand the club and offer more to members. The current board thought that acquiring an alcoholic beverage license would help expand the culture and arts that the museum brings to the County. Chairman Farrell read the requirements of a Class “C” Club license to the those in attendance. Ms. McKay stated that she understood those requirements and felt as though the organization met those requirements. The museum is open regular business hours on Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4 PM. Ms. McKay also stated that they were applying for the class “C” license because they were told they didn’t meet the requirements of a class “B-T/M” license because they did not have a ballroom. Ms. McKay stated that there would be an isolated area not open to the public that was just for Members and guests and would be marked with appropriate signage. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the license pending receipt of a release

from the Comptroller's office stating all Maryland Sales and Use tax is paid, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

There was a violation hearing for JZ's Pub LLC located at 49-59 N Centre Street, Cumberland. On Thursday, May 14, 2026 ATCC Field Agent, Clark Warnick performed a routine alcohol inspection after receiving a complaint through the ATCC TIPs hotline that JZ's Pub was purchasing alcoholic beverages from other retailers. JZ's Pub was in violation of AB 6-311(B)(1) Purchasing/keeping an alcoholic beverage on licensed premises which was purchased from other than a licensed wholesaler; and AB 408 Records; did unlawfully fail to keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages. In this case Mr. Daniel Bowser was charged with being a licensed retail establishment and selling/delivering alcoholic beverages to another licensed retail dealer (Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis 6-311). As a result of the inspection, Mr. Warnick confiscated 8 bottles of liquor which consisted of: One opened 750mL J. Wray Jamaica Rum, one opened 1.75L Viadimir Vodka, one opened 1.75L Seagrams 7 Whiskey, one opened 1.75L E & J Brandy, one sealed 1.75L Bacardi Superior Rum, one sealed 750 mL Ole Smokey Cinnamon Whiskey, one sealed 1.75L Pink Whitney Pink Lemonade Vodka, and one sealed 1L Cruzan Black Cherry Rum. One sealed 750mL bottle of Cooper and Thief Red Wine was also confiscated. Ms. Friend pleaded guilty to the charges. She explained that her businesses sometimes runs out of certain bottles of liquor and it is easier to purchase from another retailer than a distributor. She stated that her business has difficulty meeting the minimum order requirement for liquor deliveries. Stated that the distributors also charge a 7.00 delivery fee and a \$2.50 fee per bottle if you don't order a case of bottles. She stated that she needed to purchase the product retail because she would not have had that specific product to serve due to distributor issues. Mr. Bowser with Mezzo's also stated that his bar was having difficulty meeting the minimum order requirements. He stated that if things continue the way they are he will not be able to remain in business. Commissioner Miller stated that he believed the burden of proof to be met and made a motion that JZ's Pub is guilty, but waives any fines due to the difficulties the business is currently having. Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell. All confiscated alcoholic beverages will be forfeited to the State of Maryland.

There was a violation hearing for Queen's Point VFW located at 21406 Queens Point Road, McCoolle. On Thursday, June 11, 2026 ATCC Field Agent Warnick performed a routine alcohol inspection. He found receipts from K & S Liquor for liquor purchases. Queens Point VFW appeared to be in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article 6-311(b)(a) – Purchasing or

possessing alcoholic beverages on licensed premises that were obtained from a source other than a licensed wholesaler and Alcoholic Beverages Article 1-408 (a)(1) – Failure to maintain complete and accurate records of alcoholic beverages. Agent Warnick confiscated 10 unopened bottles of liquor consisting of 2 1.75L Jack Daniels #7, 1.75 L Jameson Irish Whiskey, 1.75L Bacardi Superior, 1.75L Smirnoff #21 Vodka, 1.75L Malibu Original White Rum, 2 1.75L Gilbey's London Dry Gin, 1.75L Crown Royal Fine Deluxe, and 1.75L Southern Comfort. Mr. Michael Price with the VFW plead guilty to the charges. He stated to the board that the club was having difficulty meeting the minimum order requirements imposed by liquor distributors. Commissioner Miller made a motion that the burden of proof had been met, but waived any fines or financial penalty onto the VFW, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

Chairman Farrell asked Mr. Price if another issue could be discussed about the Queen's Point VFW. Mr. Price agreed. The Board received a video from a grand-daughter of a regular patron at the VFW. The Board asked why this patron was being assisted into his vehicle. Mr. Price stated that he would like to share a statement from the bartender who was working that day. Mr. Price stated that the bartender only served the patron 2 beers, but the patron fell on the way out. When the bartender tried to assist the patron and/or call for medical assistance she was told "NO" by the patron. Mr. Price explained that this patron was in the establishment every day. On this particular day the patron did not have a cane that he typically brought with him. Mr. Price stated that the patron was having some health issues and was 85 years old. Mr. Price stated that he heard the following day there was an ambulance call to the patron's house where the patron fell on his porch and was transported to Potomac Valley Hospital for treatment. Mr. Price stated that if the grand-daughter was concerned about the patron why didn't she stop recording and assist? The Board agreed. The Board reminded Mr. Price about the importance of not over-serving patrons at the establishment. Mr. Price agreed with the Board and commented on the professionalism of the inspectors during the whole process.

There was a letter read by Chairman Farrell from the Good Will Fire Company requesting to move their license to Iron Furnace Park for the day to support Party in the Park. It would be for Saturday, July 18, 2026 and the Fire Department would be closed during this time. Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve, Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

The District 16 Volunteer Fire Department requested to move their alcoholic beverage license to the Promised Land MX, 25800 Everhart Ln SE, Oldtown from Monday, August 3, 2026 through

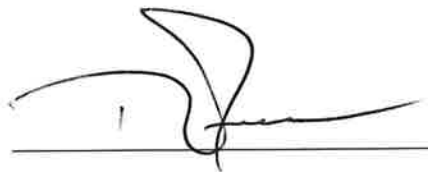
Sunday, August 9, 2026. This would be for the East Coast Sturgis Bike Rally. The Fire Department would be closed during this time. Commissioner Miller made a motion to approve, Commissioner Stafford seconded the motion, and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was general discussion in regards to Compliance Checks. The Liquor Board is still waiting to hear back from the Sheriff's Department with dates and times of each inspection. Attorney Pillai spoke with Matt Gilmore and he didn't think that Allegany College would want to get involved with compliance checks because of liability issues. Commissioner Miller asked to be excused from the next meeting due to family vacation arrangements. There was also discussion on how to resolve the current issues taking place within Allegany County in regards to distributors and the minimum order requirement. Commissioner Miller asked the inspector about the Beach Club. The inspector stated that the establishment was closed during his last visit to Frostburg. Commissioner Miller made the recommendation that the Beach Club be called into the next meeting for an inactive license, Commissioner Stafford agreed along with Chairman Farrell. The Beach Club will be asked to attend the next meeting on August 5, 2026

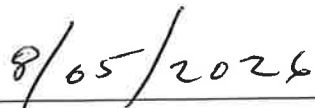
The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 60 routine inspections between July 1, 2026 and July 14, 2026.

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, August 5, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman



Date