
MINUTES – August 5, 2026

The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners held a meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 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 - Jim Stafford, Office Administrator – Brandy Snyder, Chief Inspector – Keith Bageant. Board Attorney - Ramani Pillai was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Miller was excused from the meeting. Also present for the meeting were Joe Amoruso, Liz Rhodes, Pam Pyles, Jason Niner, Julien Amoruso, Robin Summerfield, Jeff Leaf, Jimmy Crawford, Patrick Leedy, and Andy Tichnell.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Farrell. The Board was emailed a copy of the minutes from the last meeting. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the July 15, 2026 minutes as written and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer was approved for Pamela Pyles, David Yonker, Michael Yonker with the Orleans Volunteer Fire Company. They will be holding a memorial reunion for Kenny Appel at Twin Oaks Outdoor, 31307 Orleans Oldtown Road SE, Little Orleans on Friday, August 7, 2026. There will be a memorial ride and then a band playing at 5 PM. There will be no camping permitted at this event. Identification will be checked and anyone 21 years of age or older will receive a wristband. There being no questions Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer, wine, and liquor was approved for David Mathews, Elizabeth Rhodes, Kim Leonard with the Western Maryland Health System Foundation for a pre golf tournament dinner. The dinner will take place at the UPMC of Western Maryland Hospital, 12500 Willowbrook Road, Cumberland in the dining room and auditorium. The ticket fee of \$80 to attend the event includes the cost of alcohol. There will be no minors present for the event. There being no questions Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Robin Summerfield and Jeffrey Leaf with the Cumberland Masonic Temple. They will be holding a Cash Bash on Saturday, August 15, 2026 from 1 to 5 PM. The event will take place at the Lodge, 15 Greene Street, Cumberland. The ticket fee to attend the event covers the cost of alcohol. There will be no minors on the premises for the event. There being no questions; Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

A One-day special class “C” license for beer and wine was approved for Andrew Tichnell and Patrick Leedy with the Salvation Army Red Shield Club. They will be holding Rock the Mountains at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11490 Moss Avenue, Cumberland beginning on Thursday, August 20, 2026 through Sunday, August 23, 2026. Alcoholic beverages will be sold/served from 11 AM to 11 PM. The event will be policed by Allegany County Sheriff’s department and private security. Proceeds from the event will go to the Salvation Army Red Shield Club. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was a hearing on the transfer of a yearly Class “D” beer, wine, and liquor alcoholic beverage license. This license is currently held by Jason Niner with Niner’s Canal Pub LLC located at 2-4-6 Pershing Street, Cumberland. Application was submitted for transfer by Joseph Amoruso and Julien Amoruso with Elvies Inc. They would like to open business at 155 Washington Street, Westernport. All necessary paperwork has been received from Elvies Inc. The State of Maryland Comptroller has placed a hold due to two corporations being open for the same entity. Chairman Farrell stated that this issue would need to be resolved before the license could be issued. Mr. Amoruso stated that it would take about six months to get the work completed on the building to open and operate. Chairman Farrell made a motion to approve the transfer pending receipt of release from the Comptroller’s Office and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

The Pour Pony Candle Bar and Lounge has requested to add Sunday sales to the existing class “D” beer and light wine license with a special pouring permit. The need for Sunday sales was so that the business could adjust operating hours to coincide with the days and times the scenic train was operating. There being no questions, Commissioner Stafford made a motion to approve adding Sunday sales and unanimously approved by Chairman Farrell.

There was discussion about the Liquor Board being able to perform random compliance checks on establishments. The inspector wanted to confirm that we were still moving forward with the idea. Chairman Farrell stated that it was taking a little longer than anticipated, but the issue was still being pursued. Mr. Stafford suggested to speak with some people from Allegany College.

The Office was informed that the current TIPs books in the office will expire at the end of September 2026. Crystal Chamberlain stated that she would donate her time to teach a “free” class. The Board made a motion to hold a one-time class offered on a first come first serve basis for free to use the booklets before they become obsolete. The administrator will be in contact



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Keith Bageant, Chief Inspector
Vacant, Inspector
Brandy Snyder, Office Administrator

with Crystal to arrange a day and time and an email will be sent out to all establishments informing them about the class.

The Liquor Board was requested to attend the County Commissioners meeting on Thursday, August 7, 2026 to present information on the reclassification of the Chief Liquor Board Inspector job position.

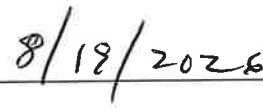
The office administrator informed the Board that questionnaires regarding distributors were mailed to all licensees last week. The office has received 6 responses so far.

The board reviewed the inspector violation sheets. The Inspector reported on 71 routine inspections between July 15, 2026 and August 4, 2026.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Farrell made a motion to adjourn and unanimously approved by Commissioner Stafford.

The next regular meeting of the Board of License Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in Room 100 of the Allegany County Office Complex. The violation hearings are scheduled for 10 A.M.



Thomas Farrell, Chairman

Date