

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg
Vice-Chair Barbara Hill
Member George Anas
Member James Hiles
Member Mary Elizabeth Ostrow
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator
Kevin Hall, Inspector

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Willenborg entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Member Anas made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – August 13, 2026

Member Hiles made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 13, 2026, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Applications:**

- 1 Boone's Bagels**

- Application for David R. Boone to purchase a Class B-BW license & t/a Boone's Bagels (Boone's Bagels, LLC), 41654 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for extension of premises for outdoor seating.

Mr. David Boone appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Boone stated he has never had an alcohol license before but will set up detailed training for his employees. He would like to extend their business hours on certain days and extend their menu. Mr. Boone states he is aware that if a customer leaves his premise with

alcohol that he is in violation. He will do 100% ID checks. Member Anas made a motion of a 30-day conditional approval, pending the business license, seconded by Member Hill; 4:0 Member Hiles recused; motion carried.

2 The Fenwick Inn

- Application of Trisha L. Simpson & Daniel E. Simpson to transfer The Fenwick Inn (The Fenwick Inn, LLC) Class D-BWL license from Daniel James O'Connor & Donna Lee O'Connor & t/a The Fenwick Inn (The Fenwick Inn, LLC), 41685 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for extension of premises & extra serving counter for outdoor seating.

Mrs. Trisha Simpson and Mr. Daniel Simpson appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mrs. Simpkins states that she has been working at the business for the past two years. They state that the goal is to keep everything as is. Member Hiles made a motion of a 30-day conditional approval pending the closing of the business tomorrow 9/11/26, seconded by Member Ostrow; motion carried.

- **Premise changes:**

- 1 **Elks Lodge #2092** – Robert Broom, Michael Palmer, & Richard Manson

- Requesting temporary extension of premises for Membership Drive Car Show on September 26, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Request includes permission for a rain date of October 3, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Mr. Robert Broom appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mrs. Hildebrand stated that she received letters from Mr. Michael Palmer, and Mr. Richard Manson waving their right to be at the Board meeting due to work travel. Mr. Broom stated that they are hoping to increase their members and will rope off and use cones around the premise. He said they will have volunteers who are members monitoring the premise. Member Anas made a motion of a conditional approval pending a comptroller hold up to October 2nd, 2026, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

- **Officer changes:**

- 1 **Moose Lodge 495**

- Removing Thomas W. Maddox; adding Joseph F. Stone

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Hiles; motion carried.

- **Violations:**

- 1 **Rod'N Reel** – Shahid Mahmood & Samina Saeed

- Commission of acts on licensed premises contrary to State law in violation of Section 5.04(b) "Acts Contrary to Law" of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County; to wit: Distribution of Tobacco Product or Paraphernalia to Minor in violation of Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Section of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Mr. Shahid Mahmood and Ms. Samina Saeed appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Mahmood admitted the violation did occur with one of his employees, Mr. James

Hall. He stated that when his employees are hired, they are told not to sell to anyone under 21 years old and to do 100% ID check. He said his employee made a mistake. Member Anas made a motion for a \$500 fine, seconded by Member Hill. During discussion, Member Ostrow stated that she believes something should be held in abeyance so that the final fine is \$500; suggesting a higher fine of \$1250 with \$750 held in abeyance. Member Anas amended his original motion to \$1250 fine with \$750 held in abeyance, the amendment was seconded by Member Hiles; motion carried.

2 Mi Tierra Restaurant Corp – Amado A. Gonzalez & Septiembre E. Arevalo Matute

- Employee: Julio Paiz

- a. The above individual, Julio Paiz, was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Mr. Julio Paiz appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mrs. Septiembre Arevalo Matute who is the owner of the business, acted as Mr. Paiz's translator. Mr. Paiz admitted that the violation did occur. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's office received a tip that Mi Tierra Restaurant has been selling alcohol to minors which prompted a compliance check of the business. He said he was filling in for another employee that did not show up to work and had no training with alcohol. Mr. Paiz stated that he was employed for six months and only works in the kitchen and does not talk to customers. Member Ostrow made a motion for a \$50 fine, second by Member Hiles; 4:1 motion carried, Chairman Willenborg opposed.

Member Anas had a scheduling conflict and at this time needed to excuse himself from the meeting.

- Licensee(s): Amado A. Gonzalez & Septiembre E. Arevalo Matute

- a. Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Mr. Amado Gonzalez and Mrs. Septiembre Arevalo Matute appeared before the Board and were sworn in. They admitted that the violation did occur. The St. Mary's County Sheriff's office received a tip that Mi Tierra Restaurant has been selling alcohol to minors which prompted a compliance check of the business. Mrs. Matute stated that Mr. Paiz had been working by himself at that time since another employee called out of work. When asked about her policy when someone calls out, she said it has rarely happened but in the future they will close. Mrs. Matute stated they had been closed because they do not have enough employees and were supposed to re-open the business last Friday, but she is unable to find people to work. Chairman Willenborg made a motion for a \$2,500 fine with \$1,500 held in abeyance and suspending their business for 7 days, seconded by Member Hill. During discussion, Member Hiles inquired if this suspension was just for the alcohol service, Chairman Willenborg explained that it is the shutdown of the whole

business, so they have time to train their employees. Member Ostrow suggested a \$1,250 fine with \$750 held in abeyance along with the suspension. Chairman Willenborg amended his motion for a \$1250 fine, with \$750 held in abeyance and 7 days suspension, seconded by Member Hiles; motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that MALA meetings will resume tomorrow. She also said that the legislative proposal has been submitted to the proper channels. If Board members would like, she can get them the dates for the meetings in case they would like to attend.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of August, Deputy Myers reported:

- Beginning of August- 41 Tobacco compliance checks completed – 3 Violations- not alcohol.
- End of August- 43 Tobacco compliance checks completed – 1 violation – not alcohol.
- 13 DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office
- 9 DUI arrest by the Maryland State Police
- Stationary surveillance checks at the Moose Lodge and PALS Liquor and Gas.
- Park surveillance – no violations
- Served 5 summonses.
- Tyler refresher training

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of August, Inspector Hall reported:

- 9 Inspections
- 3 Follow-ups

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

No discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to adjourn at 2:37 pm; seconded by Member Hiles; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair