

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 @ 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, August 14, 2025, 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 Richard Watts  
Member Barbara Hill  
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator  
Chris Beaver, Attorney  
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Hall, Inspector

**Not present:**

Member George Anas  
Member Richard Shin  
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – July 10, 2025**

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 10, 2025, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Extension of Conditional Approvals:**

- 1 **The Creek** – Arthur C. Brinkley & Celeste C. Baird

- Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application

Mr. Arthur Brinkley and Ms. Celeste Baird appeared before the Board and were sworn in. They finally received the permit to complete the work. Vice Chair Watts made a motion to approve the 90-day extension of the conditional approval, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

**2 McKays grapes, grains, & gatherings – Thomas F. McKay**

- Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application

Mr. McKay appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. McKay explained the landlord is expecting to open the grocery store next week, therefore they should be done within the 90 days. Vice Chair Watts made a motion to approve the 90-day extension of the conditional approval, seconded by Member Hill.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Violations:**

- 1 The Front Porch**

- **Employee:** Taylor Kathleen Staley
    - a. The above individual, Taylor Kathleen Staley, 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.

Ms. Taylor Staley waived her right to appear before the Board. Attorney Beaver read the facts into the record. Vice Chair Watts made a motion for a fine of \$500, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

**2 New Market Spirits – Frinso Padavil & Amanda Shirley**

- 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. Frinso Padavil and Ms. Amanda Shirley appeared before the board and were sworn in. Mr. Padavil admitted that the violation did occur. Attorney Beaver read the facts into the record. Mr. Padavil stated that the clerk who made the underage sale thought she recognized the informant and that is the reason why she did not ask for an ID. Vice Chair Watts made a motion for a fine of \$500, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

- **Applications:**

- 1 Smash House**

- Application for Johnathan M. Arakelian to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Smash House (Smash House, LLC), 41656 Fenwick St., Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for extension of premises for outdoor seating.

Johnathan Arakelian appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Arakelian currently has an existing business and is moving to a new location. Chairman Willenborg

asked Mr. Arakelian if he had ever been found guilty of any charges. Mr. Arakelian admitted that he was found guilty of serving a minor 3 years ago at a different establishment. Mr. Arakelian stated that he would have 100% ID checks and training sessions for all new employees at his new establishment. Board expressed concerns over the outdoor seating area and the cooler location outside of the establishment. Mr. Arakelian was not sure if the cooler would have an interior door and did not know if it would be approved. Vice Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, pending the approval from the Health Department, Fire Marshal, U&O and an updated business license and finalized drawing, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade Name changes:**

- 1 International Beverage Cadillac Jack**

- Removing Paul Choporis

Vice Chair Watts made a motion to delete Paul Choporis, seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

- 2 LongHorn Steakhouse**

- Removing Clintina B. Watts; Adding Lyndon E. Carter

Vice Chair Watts made a motion to delete Clintina B. Watts and add Lyndon E. Carter and was seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- **Proposed amendments to The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County Rules and Regulations per 2025 Legislative Session bills signed into law:**

- 1 HB 574: §2.08 – allowing interest in more than one Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor Restaurant license**

Attorney Beaver is still consulting with other resources to ensure our regulations do not conflict with our new law.

## **ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

Deputy Meyers was not present.

## **BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT**

For the month of July, Inspector Hall reported:

- 31 inspections
- 6-7 follow ups
- RAST training class
- Met with ATTC Inspector at the new brewery in Leonardtown

## **ST MARY'S LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Guy Combs stated the Association did not have anything to report on at this time and just wanted to thank the Board for their time.

## **BOARD MEMBERS TIME**

No discussion

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Barbara Hill made a motion to adjourn at 1:53 pm, seconded by Vice Chair Richard Watts; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

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David Willenborg, Chair