

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 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, January 8, 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 George Anas

Member Richard Shin

Member Barbara Hill

Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator

Chris Beaver, Attorney

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

Kevin Hall, Inspector

Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Willenborg entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Member Anas made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Shin; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – December 11, 2025

Member Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 11, 2025, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Extension of Conditional Approvals**

- 1 **Angelikas Kitchen – Angela Funya**

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

Ms. Angela Funya appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Funya stated that the patio was laid yesterday and she is waiting for fence posts to be delivered. She said that should be the last thing needed before they are able to open their business. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Shin; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Applications:**

- 1 Corner Liquors

- Application of Alpeshkumar S. Patel & Jayantkumar S. Patel to transfer Corner Liquors (Jay Keval Krupa, LLC) Class A-1 BWL license from Alpeshkumar S. Patel, Personal Representative of the Estate of Shambhubhai Keshavial Patel & t/a Corner Liquors (Jay Keval Krupa, LLC), 46920 S. Shangri La Dr., Lexington Park, MD 20653.

Mr. Alpeshkumar Patel and Mr. Jayantkumar Patel appeared before the Board and were sworn in. They were accompanied by their attorney John Quinn. Mr. Shambhubhai Patel is Mr. Alpeshkumar Patel's father, who passed away in 2024. Mr. Shambhubhai Patel was the sole owner of the business. Mr. Alpeshkumar's son was appointed as the personal representative and has been holding the license. Mr. Alpeshkumar Patel states he has been managing the store for the last 18 years. He is familiar with business operations, purchasing inventory from wholesalers, and the laws and rules governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County. Mr. Jayantkumar Patel states he is at the store daily and is aware of the laws and rules governing the sale of alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County. They have three employees, and a point-of-sale system where they cannot sell alcohol unless the ID is scanned and the proper date is entered. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the approval of Comptroller release, U&O, Fire Marshal approval, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **FY27 Budget Approval**

Mrs. Hildebrand had presented the Board with a rough draft of the budget at the last Board meeting in December. She was waiting on the Xerox copier fees and attorney fees that were increasing. She is not increasing anything else. Member Anas made a motion to approve the FY27 Budget, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

- **Discussion: Board Member alternate**

Mrs. Hildebrand reached out to four other counties who have alternate Board members and three responded. Vice-Chair Watts asked if the alternate should have the same limitation on the number of terms served. Chairman Willenborg suggested giving it a month to see if they can get some language put together and move the discussion to another agenda to be voted on by the Board members.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of December, Deputy Myers reported:

- 22 Compliance checks, 1 suspension
- 19 DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office
- 10 DUI arrest by the Maryland State Police
- 2 stationary surveillance checks at St. Mary's Liquors and 2000 Liquors– no violations
- Park surveillance – no violations
- Sheriff's office required training

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of December, Inspector Hall reported:

- 6 inspections
- 3 Follow-ups

Mr. Hall explained he has been working on a lot of paperwork and filing since it was the end of the year.

ST MARY'S LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION

Mr. David Dent stated that Annapolis has a new speaker of the House. It is his understanding that they have formed a new committee called the Labor, Elections and Government Committee. That will be the committee that has jurisdiction over the alcohol laws for the State moving forward. Mr. Dent stated that within that committee they are going to have a subcommittee strictly for alcohol. He said there has been a lot of major changes happening on the House side. He stated that Legislative session would begin next week and he would report back to the Board on any legislation that would effect alcohol.

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Member Shin had a question about Corner Liquors family relationship. He understood that Alpeshkumar Patel was the son of the former owner but was not sure of Jayantkumar Patel's relationship with the family. Mrs. Hildebrand responded that she knew they were family but was not sure of the exact relationship.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to adjourn at 1:42 pm; seconded by Member Hill; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair