

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 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, February 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg  
Vice-Chair Richard Watts  
Member George Anas  
Member Richard Shin  
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator  
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary  
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not present:

Member Barbara Hill  
Chris Beaver, Attorney  
Kevin Hall, Inspector

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairman Willenborg entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Member Shin moved to approve the agenda as amended to remove the Legislative Proposal, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – January 8, 2026**

Member Anas made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 8, 2026, seconded by Member Shin; 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

Ms. Celeste Baird appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Arthur Brinkley submitted a letter to Mrs. Hildebrand to waive his right to appear due to being ill. Ms. Baird stated that she is requesting a 90-day extension due to the grease trap still not being installed. Due to the weather the grease trap is now frozen in the ground. She stated that

she will need the fire sprinklers re-done as they are not in the correct spot over the fryers and ovens. Member Anas made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, seconded by Member Shin; motion carried.

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

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

Mr. Thomas McKay appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. McKay stated that the landlord received their finalization for the shell of the building in December and Mr. McKay received the permit to do the interior build out on Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. He explained that the interior build out includes the electrical, plumbing, the walls, HVAC and flooring. Once that is finished, he will move onto the equipment. Mr. McKay stated that he was not ready to set an opening date yet but hopes he will be ready to go in April. Member Anas made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Applications:**

**1 Courtney's Restaurant & Seafood**

- Application of Julie G. Courtney & Katherine Tayman to transfer Courtney's Restaurant & Seafood, Class B (Restaurant) BWL license from Julie G. Courtney, Personal Representative for the Estate of Thomas L. Courtney & t/a Courtney's Restaurant & Seafood, LLC, 48290 Wynne Rd., Ridge, MD 20680

Mrs. Julie Courtney and Ms. Katherine Tayman appeared before the Board and were sworn in. They were accompanied by Attorney John Pleisse, who was standing in for Attorney Dan Slade who represents the Courtney's. Mr. Thomas Courtney held the license but passed away last year. His wife, Mrs. Julie Courtney and daughter, Ms. Katherine Tayman will be the new license holders. Ms. Tayman stated that there would be no changes to the restaurant. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the business license, seconded by Member Shin; motion carried.

**2 Nolis**

- Application for Brenda K. Moschell & Richard E. Myers to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Nolis (Noli's 01, LLC), 26005 Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for extension of premises for outdoor seating.

Ms. Brenda Moschell and Mr. Richard Myers appeared before the Board and were sworn in. They stated when they heard Noli's was closing they decided to reach out to purchase the business. Mr. Myers stated that they will be keeping the restaurant exactly as it is, except for extending the dining area. He said that the previous owners will be working as employees for the next four months to ensure there is a smooth transition between owners. At this time Mr. Myers stated he does not know if they will be using the outdoor seating area. Member Anas made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval and permission for extension of premise for outdoor seating pending the approval of Health Department, U&O, Fire Marshal approval, Business License and updated drawing of the premise, seconded by Member Shin; motion carried.

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

- 1 Anderson's Bar**

- Adding Virginia M. Pierce

Member Anas made a motion to add Virginia M. Pierce and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

- 2 International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers**

- Removing Mary McHugh & adding Julie Fritchen

Member Shin made a motion to delete Mary McHugh and add Julie Fritchen and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that it is renewal season. There are 168 businesses in total and have only received 34 renewals so far with only 13 days left.

## **ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

For the month of January, Deputy Myers reported:

- 0 Compliance checks due to inclement weather
- Went to 12 locations and did administrative checks, made them aware of shoulder tap enforcements and what they should do with licenses and things of that nature
- 8 DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office
- 17 DUI arrest by the Maryland State Police
- 2 stationary surveillance checks at St. Mary's Vape and Tobacco and St. Mary's Liquors— no violations
- Park surveillance – no violations
- MALA meeting

## **BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Kevin Hall was not present and will give his inspection report next month.

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

Mr. David Dent stated that House Bill 92 is a prohibition on beverage containers with plastic rings. He states you would not be able to use plastic rings on any type of beverage can, including beer and soda cans. Mr. Dent said that House Bill 201 is mirroring the federal change for no tax on tips received. Mr. Dent mentioned another program called the Beverage Container Recycle Program, which is a program that has been talked about for a few years. He is keeping an eye on House Bill SB 75, which is a Class A license for food retailers that allows grocery stores and other food retailers to sell beer and wine.

## **BOARD MEMBERS TIME**

Member Shin asked if there was anything administrative wise that could be done for businesses who must keep coming in for the same conditional approval without the licensee having to be present for the Board meeting. He stated that for a business owner, having to take off work to attend the Board meeting is not trivial.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Anas made a motion to adjourn at 1:47 pm; seconded by Member Shin; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

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David Willenborg, Chair