

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, MARCH 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, March 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
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary
Kevin Hall, Inspector
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not present:

Member Richard Shin
Member Barbara Hill

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 Watts; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – February 12, 2026

Member Anas made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 12, 2026, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Violations:**

1 Mac's Tap & Table

- **Employee:** Hanah Marie Davis

- a. The above individual, Hanah Marie Davis, 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. Hanah Marie Davis appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Davis admitted that the violation did occur. Attorney Beaver read the facts into the record. Ms. Davis

stated it was an honest mistake, and she was being negligent. She said the business has a 100% ID check policy and reminds the employees frequently about doing ID checks. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$150 fine, no second; motion failed. Member Anas made a motion for a fine of \$100, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; 2:1 motion carried, Chairman Willenborg opposed.

- **Applications:**

- 1 Kings Liquor**

- Application of Raghu Kalia & Tajinder Singh Kang to transfer T J Liquors (T J Liquors, LLC) Class A-1 BWL license from TaranPreet Kang & t/a Kings Liquor (TK716, LLC), 22576 MacArthur Blvd., Ste 322, California, MD 20619.

Mr. Raghu Kalia and Tajinder Singh Kang appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Kalia states that he will do 100% ID checks and will follow all St. Mary's County's rules and regulations. He said he has worked for a liquor store in the past and has over 20 years of customer service experience. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the approval of final U&O and business license, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

- 2 Potomac Garden**

- Application of Angela Wathen to transfer Potomac Garden (Potomac Garden, LLC) Class D-BWL license from Angela Wathen & t/a Potomac Garden (Potomac Garden, LLC), 20254 Colton Point Rd., Colton's Point, MD 20626. And permission for extension of premises for outdoor service.

Ms. Angela Wathen appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Wathen stated that she and Sean Earley are no longer business partners and he was removed from the business. She stated that everything within the business will remain the same, the only thing that changed was the percentage of ownership and she now owns 100% of the business. She said she just needed to transfer the liquor license in her name. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the approval of Fire Marshal and Comptroller, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

- **Premise changes:**

- 1 Southern Trail Distillery – Richard Copsey**

- Requesting temporary extension of premises into the normal parking area and field and portable outdoor serving counter for three (3) special events: Spring Shine Festival, May 9, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Fall Market, October 3, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Winter Market, December 5, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Mr. Richard Copsey and Mrs. Rachel Copsey appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mrs. Copsey stated that this is their seventh year doing the different markets. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the Land Use Special Event Permit, seconded by member Anas; motion carried.

- 2 Southern Trail Distillery – Richard Copsey**

- Requesting temporary extension of premises and extra serving counter for Bats & Boos event on October 24, 2026, from 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

Mr. Richard Copsey and Mrs. Rachel Copsey appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mrs. Copsey stated that this is their fifth year doing the Halloween event. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the Land Use Special Event Permit, seconded by member Anas; motion carried.

- **Officer/Member Changes:**

- 1 Patuxent Lodge 2393**

- Removing Melvin C. Swartz, Jr.; adding Charles B. Mattingly

Member Anas made a motion to delete Melvin C. Swartz and add Charles B. Mattingly and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

- 2 Breton Bay Golf & Country Club**

- Removing David D. Darden; adding Shannon O. Rowland

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to delete David D. Darden and add Shannon O. Rowland and was seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

- 3 North End Gallery**

- Removing Barbara B. Rushworth; adding Alison H. Barry

Member Anas made a motion to delete Barbara B. Rushworth and add Alison H. Barry and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

- 4 Ledo Pizza**

- Removing Larry D. Glaubitz; adding Lindsey M. Pitonyak

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to delete Larry D. Glaubitz and add Lindsey M. Pitonyak and was seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

- 5 S-Kape**

- Adding Morgan B. Ruoff

Member Anas made a motion to add Morgan B. Ruoff and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

- 6 The Newtowne Players**

- Removing Stacy Park & Shawn Davidson; adding Beth L. Sanford & Kristina M. Faison

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to delete Stacy Park and Shawn Davidson and add Beth L. Sanford and Kristina M. Faison and was seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

- **2026 Renewals 2.11(g)(2): Discretionary Action by Board requested:**

- 1 Call Signs – Sahil & Danielle Malhotra**

- Licensed business failed to meet the food/alcohol ratio requirements of a Class B restaurant license, as per §1.06(bb). Requests to appeal to the Board to remain a Class B restaurant license.

Mr. Sahil Malhotra appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mrs. Danielle Malhotra submitted a letter to Mrs. Hildebrand to waive her right to appear at the Board meeting. Mr. Malhotra stated that he would like a chance to make changes to his business before having to convert to a Class D bar license. He stated he plans on changing the buffet option that was five days a week to only one day a week. He wants to open earlier and have the option for sandwiches and salads for lunch in hopes to get his food sales up. He

stated that with this change he will be able to expand the lunch menu. He also stated that if he converts to a Class D bar license, he would lose his catering license also. Mrs. Hildebrand states that in the past when businesses have submitted their annual ratio report, and have failed, they were able to submit a ratio report quarterly or monthly so the Alcohol Board can monitor to see if the changes within the business are working. Member Anas made a motion to approve a twelve-month period of a quarterly review of the ratio report to establish trends that the restaurant is moving in the proper direction between food and alcohol sales, seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

- **2026 Renewals for Approval**

Vice- Chair Watts made a motion to approve the Alcohol License renewals for 2026, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hildebrand stated there are two licenses who are not renewing by their choice.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of February, Deputy Myers reported:

- 13 Compliance checks – 1 Violation
- 19 DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office
- 16 DUI arrest by the Maryland State Police
- 2 stationary surveillance checks – no violations
- Park surveillance – no violations
- 3 summonses served
- Sheriff's office required training and MALA meeting

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of February, Inspector Hall reported:

- 13 Inspections
- MALA meeting
- LBA meeting

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Mr. David Dent could not attend.

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Vice-Chair Watts stated that this may or may not be his last Board meeting due to his term limit being reached. He said they are waiting to swear in the new Board member they found in his district that will be taking his spot on the Board. Chairman Willenborg stated he would like Mrs. Hildebrand to explain to the public what happened with Call Signs. Mrs. Hildebrand stated that Call Signs failed the food ratio report, meaning that the restaurant sold more alcohol than food. If a business sells more alcohol than food, then the business would fall under a Class D Bar license and not a Class B restaurant. If Call Signs was to convert to a Class D bar license he would lose his catering license also. Chairman Willenborg asked Deputy Myers if there were any updates about the incident that took place at Action Lounge. Deputy Myers stated that the owners have changed their entertainment and have not had any calls for service since then.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Anas made a motion to adjourn at 2:05 pm; seconded by Vice-Chair Watts; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair