

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 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, May 14, 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.

Chairman David Willenborg welcomed new member Mary Elizabeth Ostrow.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg
Member Richard Shin
Member Barbara Hill
Member George Anas
Member Mary Elizabeth Ostrow
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary
Kevin Hall, Inspector
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not present:

Chris Beaver, Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE – Richard Watts

Chairman Willenborg thanked Richard Watts for his dedicated service as Member and Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – April 9, 2026

Member Shin made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 9, 2026, seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Willenborg asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. Member Shin nominated Member Anas and Chairman Willenborg nominated Member Hill. Member Shin stated that he thought Member Hill's term was about to expire and that is the reason why he

did not nominate her. Member Anas stated that he would like to retract his nomination and support Member Hill's nomination. Chairman Willenborg called for a vote to approve Member Hill as Vice-Chair; unanimous vote of approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Extension of Conditional Approvals:

The Creek – Arthur C. Brinkley & Celeste C. Baird

Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application

Mrs. Celeste C. Baird appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Arthur C. Brinkley waived his right to appear due to being ill. Mrs. Baird stated that in the second week of June the old grease trap will be removed and the new one will be installed. Member Anas made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

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 they are hoping to open in June and the hold-up has been the new construction. Member Shin made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that this is the time where everyone should be thinking about submitting legislation. She said that adding an alternate board member is already on the list to be added.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of April, Deputy Myers reported:

- 20 Tobacco Compliance checks – 1 Violation, that does not hold an alcohol license
- 15 DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office
- 9 DUI arrest by the Maryland State Police
- Stationary surveillance checks at Anderson's Bar and Atrium Spirits.
- Park surveillance – no violations
- Posted 12 notices for those who did not pick up their new license and posted 2 closures.
- MALA and RAST training

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of April, Inspector Hall reported:

- 12 Inspections
- 3 follow-ups

- Posted 13 notices for those who did not pick up their new license.

Mr. Hall also made 8 phone calls to remind businesses to pick up their license. On May 1st for those who did not renew or did not have their license he went to their business to make sure they were not selling any alcohol.

ST MARY'S LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION

No one was present from the Licensed Beverage Association.

CANNABIS & ALCOHOL COALITION

Mr. Theron Hudson was present from the Health Department. Mr. Hudson stated that the Cannabis & Alcohol Coalition is growing. He is trying to get more information about cannabis and alcohol available to the youth. Chairman Willenborg asked Mr. Hudson if there were any statistics on how many people have been arrested in the county for being under the influence of marijuana. Deputy Myers stated that the specific data would take some time due to needing to get results from the hospital and then would take about six months to get the data back.

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Member Shin stated he thinks it would be beneficial for the Board to include some education for new members on tobacco violations. He also mentioned that maybe the 90-day extension be increased to 120-days, so the business does not have to keep coming back so quickly.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Shin made a motion to adjourn at 1:35 pm; seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair