

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 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, June 11, 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.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg
Vice-Chair Barbara Hill
Member George Anas
Member Mary Elizabeth Ostrow
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary
Kevin Hall, Inspector

Not present:

Member Richard Shin
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 Ostrow; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – May 14, 2026

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 14, 2026, seconded by Member Ostrow; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

• **Violations:**

- 1 **Murphy's Town & Country** – Lilaben Patel
 - **Employee:** Mariann Elizabeth Simmons
 - a. The above individual, Mariann Elizabeth Simmons, 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. Mariann Simmons appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Simmons admitted that the violation did occur. She stated that it was an honest mistake and she was having a bad day. She said she has been working at Murphy's Town and Country for one year and received training on ID checks when she first started. Ms. Simmons did take RAST training after the violation. Member Anas made a motion for a \$125 fine, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

- **Licensee(s):** Lilaben Patel
 - a. Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) 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. Lilaben Patel and Mr. Nilesh Patel appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Nilesh Patel was sworn in as a witness and acted as Ms. Lilaben Patel's interpreter. They admitted that the violation did occur. This is the business's second offense. Mr. Patel stated that they have six employees in the store who sell alcohol and their policy is to do 100% ID checks. Member Anas made a motion for a \$500 fine, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; 3:1 motion carried, Chairman Willenborg opposed.

- **Applications:**

- 1 **Cole's Point Tavern**

- Application of Duncan May V, James Stacey Walsh, & Michael D. Rowzee to transfer Coles Point Tavern (AC Tavern, LLC) Class D (Tavern) BWL license from Michael V. Davis & Ann Rest Hyder & t/a Cole's Point Tavern (Coles Point Tavern, LLC), 850 Salisbury Park Rd, Hague, VA 22469. And permission for extension of premise for outdoor deck.

Mr. Duncan May V, James Stacey Walsh and Michael D. Rowzee appeared before the Board and were sworn in. They had stated that they have been renting the Tavern out to the outgoing business owners for ten years and are now looking to take over. They stated that the business operation will remain the same, but they will have new staff. All licensees are signed up for RAST in July 2026. Member Anas made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the approval of business license, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

- 2 **Kneaded Baking Company**

- Application for Kelly Davin to purchase a Class B (Restaurant) BWL license & t/a Kneaded Baking Co (Mint Made Baking Company, LLC), 22675 Washington St., Unit 102, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Ms. Kelly Davin appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Davin stated that she would like to sell alcohol so when customers come in the evening, they can also have an alcoholic drink. She said she has been working in restaurants since she was fourteen years old. She will be requiring 100% ID checks. Member Anas made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval pending the approval of personal property tax clearance, Health

Department approval, Fire Marshal approval and business license, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

- **Officer/Member changes:**

- 1 Back Road Inn**

- Removing James K. Cryer, Personal Representative for the Estate of James B. Cryer

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to delete James K. Cryer; seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that at the bi-weekly MALA meeting, the ATCC stated they are reviewing statewide legislation and plan to discuss off site permits for manufacturers with the local licensing boards. Mrs. Hildebrand said this is more for the small manufacturers: wineries, breweries and distilleries. She said the laws were loosened during covid but are now causing issues with use of permits on licensed retailer's premises. She has asked for guidance from the ATCC and asked for some type of operating procedure in writing. She states that the ATCC said they should have something by August or September.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Deputy Myers was not present at the Board meeting.

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of May, Inspector Hall reported:

- 15 Inspections
- 3-4 follow-ups
- CAC meeting
- MALA meeting
- RAST

ST MARY'S LICENSED BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION – David Dent

Mr. David Dent wanted to discuss the Three-Tier Alcohol Distribution System. He said that the three-tier system regulates the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages. The system separates alcohol producers, distributors and retailers into distinct business tiers. He states that the structure was designed to improve regulatory oversight and facilitate tax collection. He explained that tier 1 is manufacturers, tier 2 is wholesalers and distributors and tier 3 is retailers. He also explained why the system was created, how Maryland collects alcohol taxes and the responsibility between the ATCC and the county alcohol boards.

CANNABIS & ALCOHOL COALITION – Theron Hudson

Mr. Theron Hudson was not present at the Board meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Nothing was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to adjourn at 2:01 pm; seconded by Member Anas; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair