

**THE ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, August 13, 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 Barbara Hill
Member James Hiles
Member Mary Elizabeth Ostrow
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator
Kevin Hall, Inspector

Not present:

Member George Anas

ROLL CALL – Welcome new member James Hiles

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Willenborg entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Member Ostrow; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – July 9, 2026

Member Ostrow made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 9, 2026, seconded by Member Hiles; 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 waived his right to appear due to being sick. Ms. Baird stated that due to Mr. Brinkley being sick they have not had time to work on the business but thinks she only needs a

few weeks of work to get the interior complete. She said that she has reached out to the company who is dealing with the grease trap, but they have not returned her phone calls. Ms. Baird said that she was able to extend her building permit and it will not expire until March 2027. Member Ostrow made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, seconded by Member Hiles; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Applications:**

- 1 Davidus Cigars Leonardtown**

- Application of Stephen J. Castro & Jacki L. Wobser to transfer Leonardtown Cigars (Leonardtown Cigars, LLC) Class D (On-Sale Only) BWL license from Jacki L. Wobser & t/a Davidus Cigars Leonardtown (Davidus Cigars Leonardtown, LLC), 40955 Merchants Lane, Ste. 14, Leonardtown, MD 20650.

Mr. Stephen J. Castro and Ms. Jacki L. Wobser appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Castro stated that the business will be run the same way with the focus on premium cigars. He said that he owns multiple other cigar lounges in Maryland, but they do not sell alcohol. Member Hiles made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Ostrow; motion carried.

- 2 Leonardtown Fine, Wine and Spirits**

- Application for Jignesh R. Patel & Bryan O'Neal Yates to purchase a Class A-1 BWL license & t/a Leonardtown Fine, Wine and Spirits (Luxury Liquors, LLC), 25470 Point Lookout Rd., Unit B Leonardtown, MD 20650. And permission for a 365-day Beer, Wine, & Liquor Tasting permit.

Mr. Jignesh R. Patel and Mr. Bryan O'Neal Yates appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Their attorney John Quinn accompanied them. Mr. Patel stated that he has 15 years' experience working in liquor stores in Maryland. He states that they will have a point-of-sale system and will do 100% ID checks. Mr. Yates states that he has no experience in retail but does have experience in customer service serving alcohol. Mr. Patel said that he would like the tasting permit because he thinks it would increase the sales of fine wine and spirits. He said he will not be keeping any employees of the old Leonardtown Wine and Spirits business, and he will be working in the store and will train new employees. Member Ostrow made a motion of a 90-day conditional approval, pending the approval of business license, U&O and Fire marshal approval, seconded by Vice-Chair Hill; motion carried.

- **Special Privilege Applications:**

- 1 McKay's grapes, grains & gatherings – Thomas McKay**

- Requesting 365-day Beer, Wine & Liquor Tasting permit

Mr. Thomas McKay appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. McKay stated that he had always envisioned a tasting bar. He would like the tasting permit so customers can try products from other places. He also stated that the tastings will always be paired with cheeses or other items that go well with different beverages. Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Chairman Willenborg; motion carried.

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

- 1 **Red Robin Gourmet Burgers & Brews**

- Removing Todd Wilson; adding Jesse Griffith

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Ostrow; motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **2027 Legislative proposals:**

- 1 Addition of a substitute member

Mrs. Hildebrand received submission forms for proposed legislation. Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to approve, seconded by Member Ostrow; motion carried.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of July, Deputy Myers reported:

- Beginning of July- 44 Compliance checks completed – 0 Violations.
- End of July- 60 Compliance checks completed – 3 violations. Deputy Myers stated that the violations were vape stores that do not sell alcohol.
- 13 DUI arrest by the Sheriff's Office
- 13 DUI arrest by the Maryland State Police
- Stationary surveillance checks at Capt. Sams and Jughead Liquors.
- Park surveillance – no violations
- Sheriffs' office training, Tyler refresher course and RAST training.

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of July, Inspector Hall reported:

- 17 Inspections
- Went to Applebee's in California, MD to make sure all alcohol was removed from the business since the business had closed.
- RAST training

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

Attorney Beaver stated that Deputy Myers compliance check report was very impressive that there were no alcohol violations.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Hill made a motion to adjourn at 1:47 pm; seconded by Member Hiles; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Hanson, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chair