

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND
16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Liquor Control Board for Harford County was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Goddard at the Board's office. In attendance were Commissioners Sines, Walters, and Miller, GM Crabbs, and Board Counsel Finneran. Vice Chair Majewski was excused.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to pay the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

Kopin, LLC	Rent	2982.49
BGE	Utilities	162.76
Comcast	Telephone	299.25
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2390.61
T-Mobile	Telephone	150.51
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
The Shred Mill	Maintenance	47.50

FINANCIAL AUDIT PRESENTATION

Christopher Lehman of SB & Company presented a clean and unmodified financial audit and noted that there was nothing negative to report for fiscal year 2024-2025.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-time Applicants – Humane Society of Harford County – 10/05 B&W

First-time applicants Amanda Hickman and Erin Long appeared on behalf of the Humane Society of Harford County in connection with a per diem beer and wine application for a "goat yoga" fundraising event to be held on October 5 in the Humane Society's barn. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-time Applicants – HDG Masonic Building Preservation Foundation – 10/11 B&W

First-time applicants Phillip Powell and Al Peteraf appeared on behalf of the HDG Masonic Building Preservation Foundation in connection with a per diem beer and wine application for the HDG Oktoberfest on October 11 at Concord Point Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) First-time Applicants – The Turntable Fund – 10/04 BWL

First-time applicants Tracey Dubree and Lacey Rives appeared on behalf of The Turntable Fund in connection with a per diem beer, wine and liquor application for a music festival fundraiser at Friendship Park on October 4. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) First-time Applicants – Cancer Can Rock – 09/28 BWL

First-time applicants Erika Loeser and Mark Bandy appeared on behalf of Cancer Can Rock in connection with a per diem beer, wine, and liquor application for a concert festival at Friendship Park on September 28. Commissioner Sines disclosed that Mr. Bandy is an acquaintance, however, that will not influence his decision. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) First-time Applicant – Bel Air Downtown Alliance – 10/10 & 11 BWL

First-time applicant Cate Chodnicki appeared along with Emma Knight on behalf of Bel Air Downtown Alliance in connection with a per diem beer, wine and liquor application that was previously approved by the Board. Paige Ward is being removed from that license and Cate Chodnicki will replace her for the First Friday events being held on October 3 and November 7. Application for beer, wine, and liquor has also been submitted for the Maryland State BBQ Bash being held on October 11 and 12. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

6) First-time Applicants – Steppingstone Farm Museum – 10/11 B&W

First-time applicants Stephanie Kennedy and Sydney Younge appeared on behalf of Steppingstone Farm Museum in connection with an application for beer and wine for their Fall Harvest Festival being held on October 11. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

7) Watchtower Brewing, L.L.C. T/A Watchtower Brewing Company – New License (Postponed)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) St. Francis de Sales Church – Spaghetti Dinner – 10/18 B&W

Steven Herpel and Phillip Pfar, III, have submitted a per diem beer and wine license application on behalf of St. Francis de Sales Church to be used for their spaghetti dinner on October 18 in the parish hall. Motion was made and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) TCL Properties, L.L.C. T/A Wine World Beer & Spirits

Carmelo Labruto, Managing Member, Viola King, Member, TCL Properties, L.L.C. T/A Wine World Beer & Spirits, 406-A Constant Friendship Blvd., Abingdon, appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Board Rule 4:01, MINORS, (a)(b) and (c) which states:

(a) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not sell or provide alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.

(b) A license holder, a proprietor, or an operator of an establishment that provides alcoholic beverages may not allow on-premises consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by an individual under the age of 21 years, regardless of who purchased or obtained the alcoholic beverages.

(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder shall be fully responsible for determining that the individual to whom alcoholic beverages is sold is over the age of 21 years; and every license holder or employee of a license holder shall have the right to refuse the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual who does not provide sufficient proof of legal age to the satisfaction of the license holder or employee of a license holder.

and

Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article § 6-304, Selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individual under the age of 21 years.

A license holder or an employee of the license holder may not sell or provide alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.

The alleged violation occurred on June 18, 2025.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Daniel Buchler), as well as applicable License Holder's

testimony and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following finding:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$500.00; the vote was unanimous.

2) Venetian Haco, L.L.C. T/A Venetian Italian Eatery

Minas Hatziminas, Member, Nick Hatzinicholas, Member, TCL Venetian Haco, L.L.C. T/A Venetian Italian Eatery, 1901 Tree Top Drive, Edgewood, appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

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(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder shall be fully responsible for determining that the individual to whom alcoholic beverages is sold is over the age of 21 years; and every license holder or employee of a license holder shall have the right to refuse the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual who does not provide sufficient proof of legal age to the satisfaction of the license holder or employee of a license holder.

and

Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article § 6-304, Selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individual under the age of 21 years.

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On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

3) Burgology of Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Sol Oaxaca

Robert F. Dubell, III, Member, Burgology of Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Sol Oaxaca, 16-A Bel Air South Parkway, Bel Air, appeared in proper person along with manager Thomas Doxanas, in connection with violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Failure to comply with Alcohol Awareness certification requirement, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article, Sections 4-505(f) and 22-1903 ("Code") and Board Rule ("BR") 3:14 (a)(c).

The alleged violation occurred on June 12, 2025.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Daniel Buchler), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following finding:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$100.00; the vote was unanimous. Additionally, as license holder Robert Frankis, Member, failed to appear for the hearing, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$250.00; the vote was unanimous.

4) QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House

Daniel Santoro, President, QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House, 3720 Churchville Road, Building B, Aberdeen, appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

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(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder shall be fully responsible for determining that the individual to whom alcoholic beverages is sold is over the age of 21 years; and every license holder or employee of a license holder shall have the right to refuse the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual who does not provide sufficient proof of legal age to the satisfaction of the license holder or employee of a license holder.

and

Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article § 6-304, Selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individual under the age of 21 years.

A license holder or an employee of the license holder may not sell or provide alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.

The alleged violation occurred on June 18, 2025.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Daniel Buchler), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following finding:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

5) Chile Fiesta, Inc. T/A La Tolteca

This hearing will be rescheduled; Alfonso Martinez appeared, however, three other license holders did not appear for the hearing.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Paper Shredding Vendor

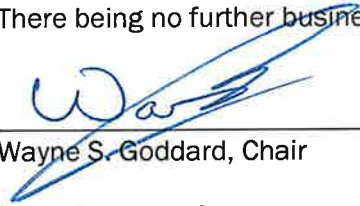
The administrative staff reports that the Board has employed three paper shredding vendors over the years, and only one vendor has performed satisfactorily. The commissioners agreed to return to Chesapeake Shredding for shredding needs.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Mike Scheuerman, license holder at Friendship Wine & Liquor, reported on the various obstacles dealing with the County zoning and permitting process for Friendship Park.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary