

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 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 office. In attendance were Vice Chair Majewski, Commissioners Walters, Sines and Miller, GM Crabbs, and Board Counsel Finneran.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the accounts payable; the vote was unanimous.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	2984.05
State Comptroller	Withholding	771.65
ConnectPay	Accounting	90.00
Payroll	Payroll	7105.14
State Retirement	Retirement	589.72
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	47.64
The Shed Mill	Maintenance	47.50
Modus Solutions	Office	93.41
First Bankcard	Office	601.37
First Bankcard	Gas & Vehicle	183.86
BG&E	Utilities	203.75
Comcast	Telephone	298.96
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2390.61
T-Mobile	Telephone	150.41
NSF-Check	License fee	90.00
Bank Service Charge	Office	10.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Matthews L3 Pizzeria, L.L.C. T/A Matthews L3 Pizzeria – New License

Christopher Maler, Member, Henry Tiburzi, Member, Matthews L3 Pizzeria, L.L.C. T/A Matthews L3 Pizzeria, 1517 Rock Spring Road, Suite B, Forest Hill, appeared in proper person, in connection with an Application for a new Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. Mr. Tiburzi holds 50% interest in the L.L.C. and Mr. Maler holds 50% interest. Mr. Maler has passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. There was a protest lodged in writing concerning the use of the business/trade name, however, no one appeared in person. Chair Goddard went through the statutory requirements for issuance of a license and the Board found no reason to not issue the license. The response on page 2 #13b of the Application needs to be revised to “no”. The outstanding items include Health Department approval and the Certificate of Occupancy. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the license contingent on Health Department approval and the Certificate of Occupancy. Chair Goddard articulated the factors for the Board to consider and determine as suitable for license issuance: is there a need and desire for the license; the number and location of existing licenses; the potential impact on existing license holders, the potential commonality or uniqueness of services or products offered by the applicant; and any negative impact on the health, safety, and welfare of the community. The vote to approve the application was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Freebooting Friar, Inc. T/A Vagabond Sandwich Company – Outside Event Application

Freebooting Friar, Inc. T/A Vagabond Sandwich Company, 111 Thomas Street, Bel Air, has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on September 6 for “Sandwich Stock 25” on the parking lot next to his restaurant. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Fines Paid

The following fines were received for the sale to underage violations: Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge \$600; Bel Air Investments, L.L.C. T/A Barrett’s on the Pike - \$1000.

3) June Performance Budget

Commissioner Walters suggested that Mrs. Baxter obtain CD rates for 1, 3, and 6 months.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Andre Johnson – Beer n’ Brats Fundraiser – 08/09 B&W

Andre Johnson has submitted a per diem beer and wine application to be used for his political fundraiser on August 9 at Friendship Park. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / BOARD COMMENT / PUBLIC COMMENT

Per GM Crabbs and Mrs. Powell, the following concerning hearing notices will be posted on the Board’s website:

Effective immediately, the Harford County Liquor Control Board will no longer publish notices for application hearings in the local newspaper regarding all new, transfer or changes of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses pursuant to House Bill 754 with new amendments regarding Section 4-208 and 22-1505 (a)(1-2) and (c)(1) of the Annotated Code of Maryland Alcoholic Beverages Article which took effect July 1.

All notices for hearings will be posted on the Board of Liquor License Commissioners web page under “Postings & Events – License Activity”.

In addition, we will continue to post a notice of hearings in a conspicuous place at the location described in the application for at least 20 days before holding a public hearing on the application as required by ABCA § 22-1505, ABCA § 22-1702, and Board Rule 2:10.

New part-time inspector Rick Harding has started; he will be in attendance for this afternoon’s session. He has started inspections on his own.

Mrs. Baxter will soon have the audit in draft form for review.

Mrs. Powell reported that the Rules and Regulations have been formatted and after discussion, it was determined that the Rules will have an effective date of September 1, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

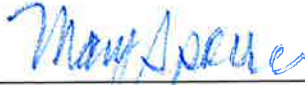
Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to move into executive session under the provision of the General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Following discussion of legal strategies for this afternoon, motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to close the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for the morning, motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary

THE BOARD RECONVENED AT 3:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 3:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chair Goddard at the Board office. In attendance were Vice Chair Majewski, Commissioners Walters, Sines, and Miller, GM Crabbs, and Board Counsel Finneran.

1) Explore Jerky, Inc. T/A Fallston Barrel House

William G. Grose, President/Treasurer, Explore Jerky, Inc. T/A Fallston Barrel House, 2403 Belair Road, Fallston, appeared along with their attorney, Tyler J. Nowicki, in connection with violation of the following:

Charge 1) Failure to contract to provide both food and alcoholic beverages for a catered event in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 22-1201(f) and Board Rule 5:06(d)(1).

Charge 2) Failure to cooperate with all representatives of any governmental agencies; including, but not limited to, the Board, the Harford County Health Department, the State Fire Marshal's Office, Harford County Government, and any municipal governments; whenever such persons are engaged in official business, in violation of Board Rule 3:02.

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

Charge 4) Every license holder or applicant (other than clubs) shall be the actual owner and operator of the business conducted on the licensed premises, in violation of Board Rule 3:01(a). The identity of any person (not a license holder) with any financial interest in the business which holds that license must be disclosed to the Board in writing, in violation of Board Rule 3:01(b).

Charge 5) License holder did not keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts, expenditures, and invoices in the form that the Board requires; and procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and other items bought for sale ("Records"), in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 22-1904 and Board Rule 3:06.

Charge 6) An applicant or license holder may not make any false statements in any application or associated documents; or in any written or oral statement to the Board or its representatives, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Sections 6-330; 4-210; and 4-606 and Board Rule 4:20 (a) and (b)(1)(2)(i)(ii)(iii).

Charge 7) No license holder shall directly or indirectly commit or allow the commission on the licensed premises of any act which is:

- (1) Contrary to any applicable federal, state, or local, statute, law, or ordinance; or
- (2) Against the public peace, safety, health, welfare, quiet, or morals, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 4-604 and Board Rule 4:25

Charge 8) A license holder may store or keep alcoholic beverages only:

- (1) On the premises covered by the license; or
- (2) At a public warehouse, government-controlled warehouse, or individual warehouse for which a permit has been issued by the State of Maryland (per AB § 2-113 – Individual Storage Permit), in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 4-502 and Board Rule 4:26.

The alleged violations occurred July 5, 2025.

Wyatt G. Mackie, Vice President/Secretary, was not present at the hearing.

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, motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski to convene to executive session under the provision of the General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. On return to open session, motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to move back into public session.

On return to open session, the Board made the following findings:

Charge 7) No license holder shall directly or indirectly commit or allow the commission on the licensed premises of any act which is:

- 1) Contrary to any applicable federal, state, or local, statute, law, or ordinance; or
- 2) Against the public peace, safety, health, welfare, quiet, or morals, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 4-604 and Board Rule 4:25

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find license holder not in violation; the vote was unanimous.

Charge 8) A license holder may store or keep alcoholic beverages only:

- 1) On the premises covered by the license; or
- 2) At a public warehouse, government-controlled warehouse, or individual warehouse for which a permit has been issued by the State of Maryland (per AB § 2-113 – Individual Storage Permit), in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 4-502 and Board Rule 4:26.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find license holder in violation. Chair Goddard remarked that the license holder admitted to this violation by indicating that he did maintain the inventory in the cold box as well as the locked storage units and he maintained the only set of keys. Effectively he was controlling the storage of alcohol at an address that was not on his liquor license. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

Charge 6) An applicant or license holder may not make any false statements in any application or associated documents; or in any written or oral statement to the Board or its representatives, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Sections 6-330; 4-210; and 4-606 and Board Rule 4:20 (a) and (b)(1)(2)(i)(ii)(iii).

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find license holder in violation. Chair Goddard remarked that the Board did not find the testimony of Mr. Grose to be credible and it appeared that many of the documents were highly manipulated and in some instances just outright fabricated in an attempt to extricate himself from the situation that he created. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$2,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

Charge 4) Every license holder or applicant (other than clubs) shall be the actual owner and operator of the business conducted on the licensed premises, in violation of Board Rule 3:01(a).

The identity of any person (not a license holder) with any financial interest in the business which holds that license must be disclosed to the Board in writing, in violation of Board Rule 3:01(b).

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find license holder in violation. Chair Goddard remarked that the license holder all but admitted that Mr. Battaglia was sharing in the profits of this very, very well conceived venture that should have been disclosed to the Board. If this venture were to have been undertaken properly, a request for an opinion from the Board should have been requested and we would have promptly told you that you can't do what you are going to do or at the very least told you the guidelines by which you would have to do it so that you would be fairly competing with all the other people competing like The Flying Point Marina and Otter Point Yacht Club and all the other people that have these dock bars that work so hard to get these licenses that you were disrespecting. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$2,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

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

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find license holder in violation. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$100.00; the vote was unanimous.

Charge 2) Failure to cooperate with all representatives of any governmental agencies; including, but not limited to, the Board, the Harford County Health Department, the State Fire Marshal's Office, Harford County Government, and any municipal governments; whenever such persons are engaged in official business, in violation of Board Rule 3:02.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find the license holder in violation. Chair Goddard remarked that the lack of cooperation was basically predicated on us asking for a catering license five times; when we ask for these records you have to provide it. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$2,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

Charge 1) Failure to contract to provide both food and alcoholic beverages for a catered event in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 22-1201(f) and Board Rule 5:06(d)(1).

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find license holder in violation. Chair Goddard remarked that the Board does not believe that Mr. Grose was not operating on the Fourth of July weekend. We do believe that Mr. Battaglia had your implied and express authorization to use his license that day which was why he utilized it. We do not believe the testimony that there was another caterer there. What we believe is that you comported your conduct in the most minimal of ways by bringing your food truck on site after you were tipped off that this could be a violation because you weren't providing food and beverages. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine of \$2,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

Chair Goddard stated that he does not think that Mr. Grose had read the local rules or the statute that deals with a failure to maintain records; because had you read it you would have realized that it really ties our hands.

Chair Goddard read Charge 5: License holder did not keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts, expenditures, and invoices in the form that the Board requires. Chair Goddard went on to say that license holder all but admitted that this was a loosey goosey business relationship. The problem with that is a record keeping violation is one of the most serious ones that you can have. Board Rule 3:06 states that if the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board shall revoke the license holder's license immediately. Our Maryland legislature was a little bit more merciful at Section 22-1904(c)(1) it provides "if a report is required by the Board as part of an investigation, if you don't have these records, and the violation is sustained by the Board, the Board shall impose a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,000 and

may suspend or revoke the license holder's license immediately. We are not going to revoke the license but we have to at least suspend the license until at least October 26, 2025

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find the license holder in violation of Charge 5; the vote was unanimous. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a penalty of a 90-day license suspension and a \$2,000.00 fine. Roll call was taken:

	Aye	Nay
Commissioner Walters	X	
Commissioner Sines	X	
Vice Chair Majewski	X	
Commissioner Miller	X	
Chair Goddard	X	

Chair Goddard indicated to Mr. Nowicki that he is willing to entertain a reasonable deferral of the start date of the suspension so that the employees can make arrangements, but if there is anymore catering at the Shipwrecked Dock Bar an injunction will be filed tomorrow. Mr. Nowicki asked the Board to consider 30 days and Chair Goddard thought that was reasonable with the caveat that absolutely no catering and no off sales of alcohol at the Shipwrecked Dock Bar. The Board determined that the suspension will begin August 31, 2025.

There being no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary