

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 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 Vice Chair Majewski, Commissioners Sines, Walters, and Miller, GM Crabbs, and Board Counsel Finneran.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the minutes for August 13, 2025; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to pay the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3219.29
State Comptroller	Withholding	825.59
ConnectPay	Accounting	100.00
Payroll	Payroll	8943.89
State Retirement	Retirement	589.72
Amy Finneran	Legal	3285.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Ready Refresh	Office	.98
LEAF	Computer lease	615.00
Metro Data	Computer	664.00
Metro Data	Computer	110.00
VIABIT, LLC	Computer	180.00
Elaine Baxter	CareFirst MLR rebate	39.30
Mary Sporre	CareFirst MLR rebate	39.30

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-time Applicants - Hickory Fountain Green Rec Council - 10/24 B&W

First-time applicants Warren Lookingland and Mark Cooper appeared on behalf of Hickory Fountain Green Recreation Council in connection with a per diem beer and wine application for a bull roast to be held on October 24 at Jarrettsville Gardens. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First Watch Restaurant, Inc. T/A First Watch - New License

Jay Wolszczak, CLO & Secretary, Christopher Tomasso, CEO & President, Jennifer Hanna, Compliance Officer, First Watch Restaurants, Inc. T/A First Watch, 605 Bel Air Road, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Leanne Schrecengost, in connection with an Application for a new BNR-BWL-On Sale Only license. Mr. Wolszczak and Mr. Tomasso each hold .50% interest, and as a publicly traded company, Ms. Hanna is not required to hold interest. Jennifer Hanna will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Pock Enterprises, L.L.C. T/A Kooper's Saloon - New License (Tentative Approval)

Samantha Hofherr, Member, Kathleeen Russell, Member, Patrick Russell, Member, Pock Enterprises, L.L.C. T/A Kooper's Saloon, 209 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, appeared along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with an Application for tentative approval for a new BNR-BWL-On Sale Only license. Ms. Hofherr holds 19% in the L.L.C., Ms. Russell holds 41%, and Mr. Russell holds 40%. Ms. Hofherr will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the Application for tentative approval; the vote was unanimous.

4) Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Springhill Suites by Marriott - New License (Final Approval) (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

5) Watchtower Brewing, L.L.C. T/A Watchtower Brewing Company – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge

Renato Buontempo, Member/Manager, Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, 29 S. Main Street, Bel Air, appeared in proper person along with manager Andrew J. Martino in connection with violation of the following:

Charge 1:

A license holder shall operate the licensed premises in a manner as to avoid disturbing peace, health, safety, and welfare of the community per Md. Code Ann., ABCA § 4-210; ABCA §4-604; and Board Rule 3:10

Charge 2:

License holders and their agents and employees shall 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 per Board Rule 3:02 (a).

Following testimony from Chief Inspector Daniel Buchler, Bel Air Chief of Police Charles Moore, and the License Holder, motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to convene to executive session under the General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; the vote was unanimous. On return to open session and 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 Chief Moore's and 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 Sines and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to suspend the alcoholic beverage license from 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. for thirty (30) days beginning October 9; the vote was unanimous.

On Charge 2, 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 \$2,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Bel Air Kay Cee Club, Inc. T/A Bel Air Kay Cee Club – Supplemental Application

Bel Air Kay Cee Club, Inc. T/A Bel Air Kay Cee Club, 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, has submitted a Supplemental Application for change of officers. Stephen F. Michael will replace John Knapstein as Vice President, and Mr. Michael will serve as the Responsible Operator. Robert E. Knorr, President, and Albert J. DiCocco, Treasurer, will remain on the license. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Battery Island Brewing Company, L.L.C. T/A Battery Island Brewing Company – Outside Event Applications (2)

Battery Island Brewing Company, L.L.C. T/A Battery Island Brewing Company, 101 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, has submitted two Outside Event Applications to be used on October 23 and October 25. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the applications; the vote was unanimous.

3) September Performance Budget

The September performance budget was reviewed.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the following five per diem license applications; the vote was unanimous:

1) Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council #6188 – Crab Feast & Bull Roast – 10/11 B&W

Issued to Earle Prior and Thomas O'Hara on behalf of Knights of Columbus Corpus Christi Council #6188 for a crab feast and bull roast being held October 11 at Holy Spirit Church in Joppatowne.

2) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Garden Glow – October 15 to 18 – BWL

Issued to Emily Emerick and Erin Lyons on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for their Garden Glow event being held October 15, 16, 17, and 18.

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

Issued to Steven Herpel and Phillip Pfarr, III, on behalf of St. Francis de Sales Church for their spaghetti dinner being held on October 18 in the parish hall.

4) Friendship Park – A Mom's Mini Market – 10/19 BWL

Issued to Sara Scheuerman and Sheila Scheuerman on behalf of Friendship Park for a backyard fundraising event being held on October 19.

5) Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella – Bingo – 10/24 B&W

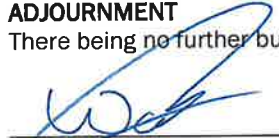
Issued to Peter Karas and Denny Kougionous on behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella for a bingo to be held on October 24 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Chief Inspector Buchler advised that Gil Sadler is being investigated by the Harford County Sheriff's Office in connection with the unlicensed "Jamaican Me Crazy" party at his home that in previous years applied for a per diem license. St. Jude's Children's Hospital confirmed that Mr. Sadler makes nominal donations.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair

Mary Sporre, Secretary