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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2026

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 Sines, Commissioners Majewski (late arrival), Walters, and Miller, Board Counsel Finneran, and GM Buchler.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the minutes for January 28; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Vice Chair Sines and was seconded to pay the following accounts payable; the vote was unanimous.

April 30		
U.S. Treasurer (4/15 & 4/29)	Withholding	6092.60
MD Comptroller (4/15 & 4/29)	Withholding	1711.53
ConnectPay (4/15 & 4/29)	Accounting	184.49
Payroll (4/15 & 4/29)	Payroll	17511.98
Maryland State Retirement (4/15 &4/29)	Retirement	1284.82
First Bankcard	Office	197.75
First Bankcard	Gas & Vehicle	81.19
First Bankcard	Gas & Vehicle	49.86
Kopin, LLC	Rent	2982.49
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2491.86
Comcast	Telephone	303.06
BGE	Utilities	400.12
T-Mobile	Telephone	152.65
Harford Bank	CD – 6 months	130000.00
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LEAF	Copier lease	615.00
Amy Finneran	Legal	1900.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Modus Solutions, LLC	Office	81.02
Chubb	Insurance	3383.00
Chesapeak Shredding	Maintenance	50.00
Metro Data, Inc.	Computer	664.00
Harford Mutual	Insurance	337.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First Time Applicant – Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County – Annual Auction 06/06 B&W

Paul North appeared as a first-time applicant on behalf of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Harford County in connection with a per diem beer and wine license application for their annual dinner and auction to be held on June 6. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Unique Food & Beverage, Inc., T/A Unique Food & Beverage – New License
Gregory Barba, President, James Morton, General Manager, Unique Food & Beverage, Inc. T/A Unique Food & Beverage, 873 Long Drive, Aberdeen, appeared in proper person in connection with a New License Application for a Stadium-BWL License. Mr. Barba holds 100% interest in the corporation. Mr. Morton is the general manager and does not hold interest in the corporation as the statute permits the Board to issue the license to the owner, lessee, or concession manager of the stadium. Both applicants have passed the licensee test, and James Morton will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Vice Chair Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated May 8 was prepared and signed by the Chair.

3) JVille Foodies, L.L.C. T/A JVille Grille – Outside Event Application
Nicole Chapel, manager at JVille Grille, appeared on behalf of the restaurant in connection with an Outside Event Application to be used on May 16 for a live music charity day benefitting two local families who have recently suffered tragic losses. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

At this time, Commissioner Majewski arrived.

4) Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower & Lounge – License Renewal
Renato Buontempo, Member/Manager, Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower & Lounge, 29 S. Main Street, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney John J. Kane, Jr., and employees Andrew J. Martino and Laura Wilson at the request of the Board in connection with the incomplete 2026-2027 Renewal Application including a tax hold, the qualifications of the license holder to obtain a license renewal (Board Rule 2:19), operational hours, and license holder's on site hours as the Responsible Operator indicating at least 30 hours per week (Board Rule 3:19).

Following lengthy discussion, the following was determined:

1. The restaurant's business hours are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. (closed Monday).
2. Mr. Buontempo's on site hours serving in his capacity as Responsible Operator are Tuesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
3. Pursuant to MD Code, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis, Section 4-705 (a) and (b), the Board may postpone the expiration of a license that the Board issues for an additional period to avoid hardship and the additional period may not exceed 20 days. Previously, the Board extended the license through May 6 which would allow an additional 14 day extension to May 20.

Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve a 14 day extension of the license for a hardship case subject to a tax release from the State Comptroller and submission of a Supplemental Application for a Responsible Operator; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits – Outside Event Application
Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on the adjacent parking lot on May 16 for their fourth-year anniversary. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) The Island at Flying Point Marina, L.L.C. T/A The Island at Flying Point Marina, L.L.C. – Season Opening
The Island at Flying Point Marina has submitted written notice that their season will open on May 1st.

3) LCFOODS2019 L.L.C. T/A Brookside Market – 60 Day Status Update
Joseph F. Snee, Jr., counsel for Brookside Market, has submitted a 60-day update. They are in the construction phase and are awaiting mechanical, electrical, and design permit approval. The landscaping is complete, and they are soliciting general contractor bids.

4) The Wargo Corporation T/A Wargo's Restaurant and Tavern – 60 Day Status Update
The Wargo Corporation has submitted a status update indicating that their electrical and plumbing is finished and has been approved, the kitchen equipment has been delivered and is being held in storage, and the HVAC units are in place.

5) Fine Paid
Mint 1, Inc. T/A The Mint Room paid a $100 alcohol awareness violation fine.

6) April's Performance Budget
April's performance budget was reviewed and discussed.

7) 2026-2027 Budget Proposal
Commissioner Walters distributed the budget proposal for 2026 – 2027 which was reviewed and discussed line by line. The budget will be voted on when all commissioners are present.

Additionally, the license fee spreadsheet indicating inflation adjusted license fees was reviewed and discussed. As a result of the structural deficit and the fact that legislators have not considered an increase in license fees in 22 years, the following processing fees were considered:

Renewal Processing Fee	$295
Per Diem Processing Fee	$ 85 for a one day event in addition to the license fee
Per Diem Processing Fee	$100 for a multi day event in addition to the license fee
Club Supplemental Application	$200
Late Fee for License Pickup	$300 on and after May 1

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the above processing fees; the vote was unanimous.

RENEWALS
Three license extensions were granted: Buontempo Corporation who picked up their license the next day; Virk's Liquor, Inc. owes a license holder signature and notarization, and Main Street Tower whose tax issues must be resolved. Two licenses were not renewed: Longobardi, L.L.C. and Bergen Unlimited, Inc.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD
Following review and discussion of the following per diem license applications, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the applications; the vote was unanimous.

1) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Twilight Tuesdays – May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 BWL
Per diem beer, wine, and liquor license application has been submitted by Emily Emerick and Erin Lyons on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for the Twilight Tuesdays events being held on May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30 at Ladew.

2) Chesapeake Feline Association – Bingo – 05/16 B&W
Per diem beer and wine license application has been submitted by Deborah Boyd and Michelle Wild on behalf of Chesapeake Feline Association for a Bingo event being held on May 16 at Fallston Volunteer Fire Company.

3) Bailey's Heart & Soul Foundation – Bull Roast - 05/16 B&W
Per diem beer and wine license application has been submitted by Patrice Bullock and Donovan Parkes on behalf of Bailey's Heart & Soul Foundation for a bull roast being held at the Havre de Grace Community Center on May 16.

4) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Member Stroll – 05/21, 06/18, 7/16, 08/20 BWL
Per diem beer, wine, and liquor license application has been submitted by Emily Emerick and Erin Lyons on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for their member stroll events being held on May 21, June 18, July 16, and August 20 at Ladew.

5) Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella – Greek Festival – May 29, 30, 31 BWL
Per diem beer, wine and liquor license application has been submitted by Peter Karas and Denny Kougionis on behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church for their Greek Festival being held on church grounds on May 29, 30, and 31.

6) Thomas Run Church Foundation – Spring Social – 06/07 BW
Per diem beer and wine license application has been submitted by Henry Bahr and Kim Driver on behalf of Thomas Run Church Foundation for their Spring Social being held on church property on June 7.

7) Luna's House – LunaPalooza Music Festival – 06/13 BWL
Per diem beer, wine and liquor license application has been submitted by Lisa Randle and Kristie Parker on behalf of Luna's House for their "LunaPalooza Music Festival" being held on June 13 at Friendship Park.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT
Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the Outside Service Area Application submitted on behalf of Unique Food & Beverage, Inc. T/A Unique Food & Beverage; the vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
At this time the Chair advised that there being no further public business, the meeting would adjourn immediately after the executive session.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded by Vice Chair Sines to close the meeting under the General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b)(1):
"To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals".

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to close the executive session and return to the open meeting; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, motion was made by Vice Chair Sines and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Wayne S. Goddard, Chair

Mary Sporre, Secretary