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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 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 Vice Chair Sines at the Board's office. In attendance were Commissioners Majewski, Walters, and Miller, GM Buchler and Board counsel Amy Finneran. Chair Goddard was previously excused.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3829.70
MD Comptroller	Withholding	1027.62
ConnectPay	Accounting	104.42
Payroll	Payroll	12148.07
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	642.41
Amy Finneran	Legal	1900.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
LEAF	Copier Lease	615.00
Primo Brands	Office	11.99
Chesapeak Shedding	Office	50.00
Metro Data, Inc.	Computer	664.00
VIABIt, LLC	Computer	180.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Event – "Shelly Strong Shindig" – 08/01 B&W

Previous applicants Ruby Comer and Robert Peck appeared in connection with a beer and wine per diem application submitted on behalf of their fundraising event "Shelly Strong Shindig" benefitting a community member with cancer. The event will be held at Jarrettsville Gardens on August 1 from 12 p.m. until 4 p.m. Commissioner Majewski announced that he is a sponsor of this event. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicant - Kayshav, L.L.C. T/A Smitty's Fine Wine & Spirits – Outside Event Application

Konark Ghandi, license holder at Smitty's Fine Wine & Spirits, and manager John Holley, appeared in connection with an Outside Event Application that was submitted to be used on July 18 for their 10th Anniversary Party to be held on the adjacent parking lot. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. – Supplemental

Renato Buontempo, Member, Karen Hado, Member, Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C., 29 South Main Street, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, John J. Kane, Jr., in connection with a supplemental application for this Class B-BW On/Off-L On Sale Only License. The purpose of the application is to add Karen Hado to the license holding 10% interest in the L.L.C. and to appoint her as the Responsible Operator whose hours would be 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. four days a week. Based on testimony and licensing history, the Board found that Ms. Hado's schedule does not provide for at least 30 hours per week as required; as a bookkeeper she does not qualify as a manager or supervisor; and because of previous safety concerns, the responsible operator must be on site during evening and night time hours. Additionally, Mr. Buontempo and Ms. Hado cannot "share" the responsible operator hours. Mr. Kane agreed that they will return on July 22 or August 12 with a viable plan to fulfill the responsible operator's obligations.

4) Butcher on the Bay, L.L.C., T/A Butcher on the Bay – New License
Robert Windsor, Managing Member, Philip Palmere, Member, Butcher on the Bay, L.L.C., T/A Butcher on the Bay, 226 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, appeared along with their attorney, Tyler J. Nowicki, in connection with an application for a new Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. Mr. Windsor holds 85% interest in the L.L.C. while Mr. Palmere holds 15% interest. Both applicants have passed the licensee test, and Mr. Palmere will serve as the Responsible Operator. Temporary Health Department has been received. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application contingent on final Health Department approval and the Board granted a 2:00 p.m. opening; the vote was unanimous. A license dated July 10, 2026, was prepared and signed by Vice Chair Sines.

5) RASS, L.L.C., T/A Edgewood Gas & Convenience – New License (Class A-1) **(POSTPONED)**
The hearing will be rescheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS
1) Fine Paid
Pick 6, L.L.C. T/A Buffalo Wild Wings has paid the $500 fine imposed by the Board for a sale to the underage cadet.

2) Performance Budget
The performance budget was reviewed.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT
Mr. Buchler advised that House Bill 821 passed and was effective 7/1/2026. Currently, alcohol service must stop at 9:00 p.m. under the Health Club License. This legislation allows service until 11:00 p.m. A license dated July 8, 2026, was prepared and signed by Vice Chair Sines.

Mrs. Baxter advised that the audit field work was completed last week.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business, Commissioner Walters made a motion and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Steven Sines, Vice Chair

Mary Sporre, Secretary