

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

Chairman David Willenborg called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present:

Chairman David Willenborg
Vice-Chair Richard Watts
Member Richard Shin
Member Barbara Hill
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator
Chris Beaver, Attorney
Kevin Hall, Inspector
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

Not Present:

Member George Anas
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Shin moved to approve the agenda and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Shin moved to approve the minutes for July 11, 2024 and was seconded by Vice-Chair Watts. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Extension of Conditional Approvals**

The Creek – Arthur C. Brinkley and Celeste C. Baird - Requesting 90-day extension of conditional approval of license application.

Arthur Brinkley and Celeste Baird appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Ms. Baird explained that they are requesting another 90-days extension. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the 90-day extension and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Violations**

P. Point Market – Licensee - Ernesto Feliciano Jr. Commission of acts on licensed premises contrary to State law in violation of Section 5.04(b) “Acts Contrary to Law” of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary’s County; to wit: Distribution of Tobacco Product or Paraphernalia to Minor in violation of Section 10-107 of the Criminal Law Section of the Maryland Annotated Code.

Ernesto Feliciano Jr. appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Feliciano stated that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$500.00 fine and was seconded by Chairman Willenborg. Motion carried.

Noli’s – Employee - Bambi Lee Jenner was an employee of a license holder and sold or provided alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one years in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary’s County.

Bambi Lee Jenner appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Ms. Jenner stated that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$150.00 fine and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

Licensee - Melissa Altilio - Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary’s County.

Melissa Altilio appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mrs. Altilio stated that the violation did occur. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a \$1000.00 fine, \$500.00 held in abeyance and RAST training and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

- **Applications**

T J Liquors – Taran Preet Kang - Application of Taran Preet Kang to transfer H.V. Liquors (H.V. Liquors, LLC) Class A-1 BWL license from Hira Lal Vashisht and t/a T J Liquors (T J Liquors, LLC), 22576 MacArthur Blvd., Ste. 322, California, MD 20619.

Taran Preet Kang appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Kang stated he plans to operate the business with his father and brother and have a 100% ID check policy. Vice-Chair Watts made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending the Business license, Use and Occupancy permit, Fire Marshal and Health Department and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

- **Special Privilege Applications**

Marketplace Wine and Spirits of SMC – Parth Patel - Requesting a 365-day Beer, Wine & Liquor Tasting Permit

Parth Patel appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Patel stated he recently received his liquor license and was waiting to receive the new BWL tasting permit. The Board reiterated the importance of knowing the rules of having this privilege. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the 365-day BWL Tasting Permit and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **Rules and Regulations corrective changes**

Mrs. Hildebrand stated she has six (6) changes to the rules and regulations that she would like the Board to vote on. Vice-Chair Watts moved to approve the administrative changes to the rules and regulations and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

Also Mrs. Hildebrand inquired if the Board would like to cancel the September Board meeting (September 12, 2024) as there were no applications, violations, or other business to be heard. Member Shin made a motion to cancel the September meeting and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

For the month of July, Deputy Myers reported:

- 20 Alcohol Compliance checks - 1 violations
- 16 DUI's
- 2 stationary surveillance - no violations
- Alcohol Violation Summons Served - 3
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- RAST, several In-Service trainings- Sheriff's Office

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

For the month of July, Inspector Hall reported:

- 15 inspections, 5 follow-ups
- Did 3 sit down meetings on site with Tammy
- Taught RAST
- Went with Tammy on-site to Olive Garden and taught 30-40 people RAST

BOARD MEMBERS TIME

The Board discussed the challenges that clerks and servers have with patrons who get offended when asked for their ID.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Watts made a motion to adjourn at 2:08 pm and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chairman