

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Russ Johnson, Commissioner
Keith Baynes, County Attorney
Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Sandra Cumm, Administrative Assistant
Kayla Maldeis, Paralegal
Rita Buckland, Paralegal

Chairman Miller: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to welcome you all and call to order, The Cecil County Board of Licensed Commissioners. Today is Wednesday, May 28, 2025. Would you all stand for the pledge of allegiance?

Chairman Miller: Asked for everyone that was to testify at today's hearing to stand, raise their right hand and be sworn in.

Administrative Assistant: Sworn in Earl Bradford and audience members who were going to testify today.

Chairman Miller: Our 1st order of business is a discussion concerning unruly activity Class B, BWL License # **B-139**, Raymond Walters, President, Valerie Walters, Vice President, Sara Cox, Board Member/Cecil County Resident, Walts Tavern, LLC. **T/A Walts Tavern**, 307 Augustine Herman Highway, Suite 103, Elkton, MD 21921. Please come forward and identify yourselves.

Walt's Tavern Members: I'm Courtney Douglas, Sarah Cox, Ray Walters, Janet Cox.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Earl, who's going to be our 1st witness.

Chief Bradford: I can start.

Chairman Miller: That would be great sounds good.

Chief Bradford: And again, this is just a general discussion. Hopefully, we can put some ideas/plans in order to prevent any future activity, unruly activity from occurring at Walts. To say that I read about some incidents in the Whig would probably be a good start involving a couple shootings in the general area, if not in in the parking area of Walts, and in or about the area of Walts that led us to look into things a little bit deeper. We contacted the Elkton Police Department, who provided us with a number of reports, some of these are just firearms routine checks, but we got a number of reports since January 1st. The ones I have highlighted, which are 7, indicate or allege some type of fight or disturbances. And we can talk about those a little bit more in detail, and we also have a representative here from the Elkton Police Department to speak about these incidents. And if it's okay with the board, we would ask if Lieutenant Odom would come forward and join our discussion.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, sir, for coming.

Lieutenant Odom: There's 2 main ones that I know off the top of my head. The 1st one that happened since January was a major incident out in the parking lot that involved a stabbing and a shooting. An individual was stabbed. Multiple times in the course of a fistfight with some people, one guy ended up in a fight with 2 people. A friend of his got involved and ended up stabbing this fella, somebody displayed a firearm. That firearm was actually taken from the guy who displayed it by the suspect who stabbed one of the other gentlemen, and when they were leaving the parking lot, the guy actually fired shots at the car that the victims were fleeing in luckily for us. Some of the patrons there knew who the suspect was and was able to give us some information that led to him. Come to find out the guy was wearing an ankle monitor at the time, because he was on some kind of parole or probation

through PNJ. And we were able to locate him and make an arrest. In that case, thankfully. You know, that was able to occur. We did not recover the stolen firearm. He wouldn't tell us what he did with it. We think he ditched it somewhere. But yeah, we were we. Still, we weren't able to find it, you know, despite trying. The second incident happened relatively recently, within the last 4 to 6 weeks. Another altercation within the bar led outside, and the guy left. I don't believe it quite turned physical. Inside. He ended up leaving on his motorcycle, and then the people that he had the altercation with followed him out on the Whitehall road and fired multiple shots at him, and struck him 2 or 3 times in the back as he left on his motorcycle. You know we're still actively investigating that case, in order to identify who the suspect or suspects were. Those are the 2 big ones that my investigators are had been involved with since the beginning of the year. I'm actually in charge of our criminal Investigation unit and our street crimes unit, which we only investigate major crimes involving persons, sometimes property depending on what the value is. But that's just a few basic fistfights. Things like that we don't get involved in. That's just strictly our patrol division. They handle that if the parties want to prosecute and file charges against each other and things like that. But we have had a number of reports there since the beginning of January. I forget how many pages I actually had sent to you. Since January. And it ranges everything from a fistfight to stolen property to and at car accidents out in the parking lot. Simple, you know. Exchange of information, type, vehicle accidents. No, major like personal injury type stuff.

Commissioner Johnson: Lieutenant, on the 1st incident you mentioned, were you able to determine that the folks involved had been in Walt's tavern and came out and brought it outside?

Lieutenant Odem: I don't know if they quite knew each other. But there was some kind of verbal altercation that took place, and it just spilled out into the parking lot, and once that happened, the one fellow stay actually was still inside the bar, or just outside the door. He actually ended up being our suspect. The guy that he came to the bar with, was walking back to his car when that verbal altercation continued with 2 people. Those 2 people. One

of them ended up getting in a fistfight with the guy, and then the other one got involved, and they kind of, you know, were ganging up on him. And then the other Guy, his friend, came over and tried to intervene. The problem is that during the course of his intervention he produced a knife and stabbed one of these other fellas. Several times he could have killed him because of how many times he stabbed him. And then that Guy, because he had been stabbed, went to his truck, grabbing his gun from. He was from Pennsylvania. Why, he had a gun down here in his vehicle I have no idea. But at that point he displayed this firearm, and then the suspect who stabbed him ended up taking it from him. you know, and then that's when they jumped in the car trying to flee, and they fired shots at the car as they were fleeing the parking lot out onto Augustine Herman Highway.

Chairman Miller: Thank you. Mr. Johnson, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Johnson: No.

Chairman Miller: Go ahead, Mr. Hill.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: The majority of your incidents that you described have been since the beginning of January and thank you for that. Has there been any notable incidents in the past year as well that you can remember.

Lieutenant Odem: If you look at all our call sheets, we're there on a pretty consistent basis.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: What's that mean consistent basis.

Lieutenant Odem: Once a week, I would say, at least every month. We're there for some at least once a month, you know it sometimes it fluctuates, depending on whether the stars align for us. It could be a full moon, you know. We always joke about those kind of things, but it's a pretty regular occurrence. If you go back and look through these, it's consistently, monthly at least, if not more than that sometimes weekly.

Chairman Miller: Thank you. Sure. Ms. Ortt?

Chief Inspector Bradford: Let me just talk about the few that I have highlighted here.

Chairman Miller: Please do. Okay, Mr. Bradford.

Chief Inspector Bradford: This one occurred on 2-25 at 2:26 a.m. a Physical disturbance, Maryland State Police has one at the Commissioners that should be clearing. We'll send them over, multiple persons involved. And then at 3 o'clock the area was cleared by Elkton Police Department and for the record.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: What are you reading from?

Chief Inspector Bradford: These are reports from the police department.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: All right. Thank you.

Chief Inspector Bradford: 7-25 at 2:03 a.m. Physical disturbance and product progress. Second caller on second call on Scene 20. People involved no medical needed. and then Police believes that some of the people involved have left the area that was at 2:08 a.m. And that was on 2-7- 25. This occurred on 2-16-25 huge brawl out front, at least 15 to 20 people involved. Elkton Police Department responded. And actually this was at 38 min after 12 they had cleared the area. This one just was a large number of people outside at least 20 people. The Elkton Police department officer was there, and he indicated he was going to stay until the crowd left the area. So those are just a few more examples. things that the Elkton Police department heard a recap.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: Do you want the board to see those chairman? I understand this isn't a hearing, but I think it would be appropriate to at least put that document into the record.

Chairman Miller: I believe you're correct. Yeah.

Chief Inspector Bradford: I'll pass it down. If any of the Board members want to see it exhibit one.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ort, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Ortt: I guess my only question would be, do you notice this? Many calls for police activity at any other establishment in the area, or is this just recent?

Lieutenant Odem: Will have not like that. No.

Commissioner Ortt: So, this receives kind of a more of an a visible amount of calls than other places.

Lieutenant Odem: Yes,

Commissioner Ortt: That's all for now.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Walters. I just want to say I've been on the Liquor board 8 years now and I don't recall this many incidents at any location in the county that we let people license Okay; I'm going to let you guys have your chance. Don't get me wrong. I'm just telling you with this what's been going on in the 8 years I've been here with you. I think you've been very fortunate so far. So with that being said, I want you guys to go ahead and have your say okay about what's going on. This is just a discussion. We're not here to make any decisions about anything. Today, we're trying to solve a problem. Okay?

Chief Inspector Bradford: I was actually there on 5-11-25. That was a Saturday night into a Sunday morning again. There's a lot of cars coming in after one o'clock. A lot of people going into the bar after one o'clock once. Friday night. I'm sorry. Saturday night into Sunday morning. That was also there on 5-16-25. That was a Thursday night until Friday morning. And at one o'clock nobody was allowed back in. There were a lot of people turned away. Oh, just my personal opinion. I don't know why you don't do that every night. Oh, again, just my personal opinion. If it if it seems to be working on Thursday night. I'm not sure of the nights all these incidents occurred, but they all probably weren't. On Thursday night. Some had to be on one Tuesday and one Thursday. Okay so just a thought from my experience. If something's working on

a particular night. Maybe that'd be a step in the right direction. But then I'll turn it over.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: Chairman. Just one more question for me. 2 things, Lieutenant. Just could you state your name for the record again? I don't think we did that.

Lieutenant Odem: Yes, Lieutenant Ron Odem

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: And thank you and number 2. The majority of calls that you receive, or instances that you or your officers go out on. Is it mostly after midnight that you that this occurs? Is there a timeframe that it more likely occurs on? If your memory serves to be a fair example,

Lieutenant Odem: I would have to go through each one individually.

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: Not a problem, I understand. Okay, thank you. All right. Nothing further. Chairman.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Mr. Walters, do you want to start?

Raymond Walters: Yeah, I would like to just address that last question that you had all but one was after 2 o'clock, and to Mr. Bradford's thing, yeah, one o'clock. I don't think it's any secret that people from Delaware and Pennsylvania roll in and we have a problem with that. And we do on certain nights stop people from coming in at one o'clock. However, it doesn't really stop the problem because they hang out in the parking lot. And honestly, we're going to need to rely on our partners at EPD. Maybe for somebody to come by and help us clear the parking lot, because, particularly with the warmer weather coming, they'll come, they'll hang out there. They're from again coming down from Delaware. They're drunk, they're high. We're refusing them. And this is not just on Friday and Saturdays, but Thursdays, and apparently it's happened once on Tuesday as well. So I have gone to the EPD. To talk to an officer, and I wound up talking to. I don't know the right terminology to a patrolman.

He's a real buff guy with a fancy haircut, and you probably know what I'm talking about, you know, but I spoke to him about the problem. He was aware at one time you guys even brought 5 and 6 patrol cars out and parked in our parking lot at that time.

Chairman Miller: Have you thought about calling and making an appointment with the Chief?

Raymond Walters: I tried to, but I got put off to speak to the I went to speak to the chief. and I called and asked if the chief was in. I wanted to come, speak to the chief. When I got there the chief was tied up, and I spoke to the officer, and then we didn't have any problems for quite a while, and again, as Mr. Bradford said, we were at what we thought to be critical times. We were locked in the door at one o'clock. Now, let me add on the other side of that we do a lot of business from one to 2 o'clock when the people come down, so as a business decision or profitability, because it's small for the hospitality industry right now to make it, and, like most small businesses where we struggle at times. But with that being said to have no business as opposed to having some business. Yeah, you know that there's no decision there. But as I go back to what I was saying. Everything but one incident has happened after we close people leave. We have security there. On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. When the people leave, they go out in the parking lot, and that's why again, Lieutenant Odom. What he said is, oh, 15-20 people, because they congregate outside. And there's different groups, you know, and they kind of it gets mouthy and everything like that. So again, that's where we probably need help. You know whether we're closing at one o'clock or closing at 2 o'clock, and what we do at 1 o'clock, just to clarify Mr. Bradford said we, if you're in the bar. You can stay in the bar because you're probably a local guy. You've been there. We know what you've been drinking. We've kind of had control and sight of you. you know. But if you come walking in at one o'clock,

you know you're at the door, and honestly at one o'clock they pat people down.

Chairman Miller: Gotcha, I understand what you're saying. Anybody else who wants to talk?

Raymond Walters: At the moment. Nothing's coming to mind.

Chairman Miller: I mean your other witnesses.

Raymond Walters: Oh, yeah, I'm going to defer to them. But the other thing is when the officers do come, the patrol people, I think, as you call them when they come, and there is a fight they need to start arresting people. Because the joke is of, you know "f" them, because they're not going to do anything about it, you know. That's the mentality of a lot of the people that are there. They're not afraid of being arrested. There are no consequences for their actions, so

Chairman Miller: By the police, or by the courts?

Raymond Walters: By the police. When they, break it up. They'll come and they'll restore it, and everybody go away. But you know the instigators, the people that were fighting, you know, bloody noses and stuff like that. They don't get arrested. They just send everybody away. I don't know if it's because a lot of times they're out of state, or even if they're local. That's the 1st I heard about the guy having the ankle monitor. I didn't. Didn't know that. But you know again, you know, how does a guy like that even get there? But no, we don't even want to go there. But Janet talks about the Tuesday with the stabbing. She was the bartender and probably has all the specific facts about it. I think what Officer Lieutenant Odom is talking about is probably what people have told him. So, she was there witnessing the whole thing. So maybe you'll want to ask her some questions about it. Maybe she can answer it.

Chairman Miller: Is there anything different than what Lieutenant Odom said in his report?

Janet Cox: The only thing I would say is different is they did not interact inside at all. There was no argument with them inside. They were on opposite sides of the bar. There was no altercation that I saw they were completely separated. The guy that got hurt and his friend. They walked out prior to the other 2 walking out, and then another. The other guy left that not the one that did the shooting or anything. He walked out first, and I guess an altercation broke out outside that was completely out of my view that I couldn't see. The only reason. I even knew that there was anything going on is because the guy that did it. He ended up. He went to leave. He paid his tab. He had one twisted tee, I guess he came from another bar prior. which I later learned, but he walked to the door, and then he ran. I watched him run. And that's the only reason I knew anything even happened. But that was everything was outside, and they didn't interact at all inside.

Chairman Miller: Okay.

Raymond Walters: And then Courtney Douglas was there the night that the shooting took place. So, she can, if you need any clarity on that on Thursday night.

Courtney Douglas: I just know I heard like later in the night, when I was cleaning like almost 4 Am. An officer came and talked to me and he had asked me if there was an altercation with men that night, and I still can't think of any men that argued it was all females, so I still can't. I gave them all the information of the females who had the altercation but the men I don't know if it transpired in the parking lot, or maybe somewhere else. But there was no men involved in what happened that night so I don't know if that happened later, or when it did. But it was all female related that night.

Chairman Miller: Gotcha.

Sara Cox: To add to that, too. We were told that Thurston's, which is the bar up in the Thurston's, had a shooting that night.

Nobody got shot, and it had to do with people on a motorcycle, so I don't know if it transpired from there and then, like they saw the guy leave waltz afterwards. But they're the 3 guys that were at waltz on the bikes were all 3 of them were friends, so I don't think they were hurting each other.

Chairman Miller: Okay.

Raymond Walters: We do. I mean, there's no secret we struggle to keep order every bar that was open. Late at night, you know, to do that. I mean we have. We have, EPD police come in. We have Sheriff's people come in. We have politicians. They all come in in too. We have been to the sheriff's office, too.

Chairman Miller: I'm sorry. Have you been to the sheriff's office?

Raymond Walters: I have not, because no, I was of the impression it was all EPD, to be honest with you. But I yeah, they go to EPD, and several of those calls that I think Lieutenant was referring to are calls that we're calling, and sometimes we'll see something. The girls will see something brewing and they'll call and do that a lot of times. It's absolutely nothing. It might be somebody bumping into somebody's car.

Chairman Miller: Well, I would think, Mr. Walters, that being a former trooper, and I know how things are nowadays. Everybody's resources are stretched thin. Okay. But to put it in today's language, a police is a police and I think I would be contacting EPD and trying to get an appointment with the Chief, and ask with kindness for assistance to just make us swing through the parking lot. Once in a while I would contact the sheriff or his representative. I would contact the Maryland State police. They all drive up and down past it and to just make a swing through and say, Hey, get out of here!

Sara Cox: I will say they do like on Friday. They're there like they sit right at the bank. I have no altercations on Friday ever when they're there. We don't have altercations, I don't.

Chairman Miller: Well, that's what I'm saying, though, but they're doing it on their own.

Sara Cox: Yeah. And they are. So, they would really make the effort they do. And there's nothing ever going on Friday, like maybe once in a blue moon.

Chairman Miller: I know people that have went to the State police barracks that lived down in Chesapeake City that have asked for speed enforcement on the road. and it wasn't a day or 2 later they were down there working radar. So, it's not like you can't get cooperation, but you have to ask. They have to know. And it's not just them swinging through a parking lot. On their own. You'll get better results if, because I can guarantee you, unless things have changed, every department's got a bulletin board. And they will post a little sticker on there that says when you drive by swing through Walt's. He's having problems with crowds in the parking lot. Drunk and disorderly, and I can tell you what I will go to all 3 of those I can guarantee you, if nothing else, they'll go out and wait down the street and watch him with binoculars, and when one of them gets in his car and drives out. They're going to follow him and get him for DWI. That's yeah. I'm just telling you.

Raymond Walters: Yeah, it never occurred to me to go to the Sheriff's to go to the sheriff's office because I over the impression it was all EPD to go.

Chairman Miller: Well, it's EPD, but, as I just told you, a police is a police, and the sheriff's office can arrest them, and the State police can arrest them and EPD. Can arrest them. They all have the same power.

Raymond Walters: Okay, I do think more arrests would help us,

Chairman Miller: Let me say something. I have to say that the police have to make the determination if the people don't want to prosecute. How's that going to go over in court. And the problem you run into. They do all this paperwork, lock the guy up, process him, take him to jail, he gets out goes to court, and since he doesn't want to testify against the guy. throw the case out so he's saving a lot of effort. But there's other ways. Oh, that things can be looked at when they show up. Okay. things that are in plain sight

Sara Cox: When they park at the bank over there. We don't have problems. Yeah. Well, I'm just letting you know. When we do call, 9 times out of 10 they all flee before they hear sirens, and they get we call, and we're like, Hey, something happened. And then by the time you guys would get there, all of their cars gone the Thursday night with the, and I threatened before I call. I'm calling the cops the shooting that happened like in the neighborhood after leaving there that Thursday night when the cops came, everybody fled, and then me and a few officers sat in the parking lot for 10 min talking, and that's when they got the call for whatever happened. So, there was still 2 officers in the parking lot with me whenever they got the call to go there, so I know that whenever it happened. It was when the officers were still talking to me, because they were like, oh, we got to go. And they when they went over to whatever happened, we, of course, standing out there. We did not hear anything. I was talking to them. We didn't hear anything.

Chairman Miller: Okay, thank you. You're welcome. Is it all posted?

Raymond Walters: Yes, yes, yeah. We. We had a couple, 2, 3 years ago, when we had a lot of incidents going on. We went to the landlord and asked him, and we asked if he would help us with some security, maybe late at night, maybe some Security Patrol company driving through. They didn't do that, but they did post the signs, and over at the bank. People would park over there. So, the bank know those girls? Pretty good, too. They've posted over there as well to try and stop. But honestly, it doesn't stop it, because at one o'clock in the morning there's really nobody to.

Chairman Miller: Will they enforce that the bank?

Raymond Walters: No.

Chairman Miller: Whoever owns the shops?

Raymond Walters: I never posted it. No, not really. I think they're with so many empty spaces in there, and all like that. I don't think it is in their budget without them saying that. Okay. but they did just upgrade all their cameras. So again, Lieutenant, I don't know if you knew that, but they've really. They've been there for 4 days upgrading their cameras.

Chairman Miller: Okay, Mr. Hill. Anything else?

Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney: Yes, you know. I'm not going to speak on behalf of the Board, but I will make a couple of comments. I think the Board thinks that this situation is, is very serious. It is serious. People are getting shot. paper and stab, you know. And just to remind the license holder, this board holds the power to grant, suspend, and revoke licenses. The Board voluntarily put this on the agenda for a discussion. They don't do this often. Now I know this isn't a hearing about revoking or suspending your license. but I hope you're wise enough to understand that this is on the radar of the board. And your license. It's a privilege. It's a responsibility. We hope that you can make appropriate business decisions to help the situation. But I just want to put that out there, because I hope I understand that you're not representing here today. It's just a discussion. but I don't know what's going to happen in the future. But you know if something else happens. I don't know. I'm not going to come up with hypotheticals, and we have to be back here again. It could be something different. And you don't want to be put in that situation where you want to defend yourself. Thank you, chairman.

Chairman Miller: Yes, sir, Ms. Ortt. Anything else

Commissioner Ortt: I was going to ask about the cameras. But you clearly said that those have been updated. I mean, is there any

rhyme or reason to why this unruly element is targeting your parking lot or targeting your establishment.

Raymond Walters: I think we're the only game in town. Everyone else is closing. Yeah. Yeah. And as we said, when the other States close at one o'clock, you know. Probably the worst element, you know, comes down and try to get in. And again to **Radford's Point**. That's that. I think that's where we need to do our due diligence at that point in time to kind of do that, because just checking the people at the door, and you know we charge them at the door to come in, and everything, and they just go. Come in,

Commissioner Ortt: And what do you charge them to come in?

Raymond Walters: Ten dollars. Because there's a DJ. And there's security. And our goal is hopefully that money pays for the DJ. And you know and security on it, you know. But yeah, and again, everything seems to happen after 2 o'clock, when we chase everybody out, and I will follow up with the 3 law enforcement agencies to kind of do it. And I actually did ask EPD a long time ago, going back 3,4 years ago again, when we had some issues about, could we actually get off duty officers to do that? And I think and I'm not sure I remember, and I'll blame it on age, but I think the only ones that would do that was the State, and they were like 400 hr, and they had to have 2 officers. Well, that yeah, we're not doing 800 hr of the business in that period of time, let alone paying that kind of money. So, it was done. But okay, we recognize maybe a little too late, where the where the problem is. But to Mr. Hill's point, yeah, we recognize where we are with this.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Any statement?

Commissioner Johnson: Sure. Do you have cameras yourself within your establishment? Yes. and facing outward into the nothing into the parking lot.

Raymond Walters: The bank and the landlord have cameras out there.

Commissioner Johnson: Do you have access to that?

Raymond Walters: We have access. But whoever it is that they whose cameras they are, whoever installed the cameras for Southfield has access to them. They're not very cooperative with getting back with anything, Sarah, you probably asked more than more than anyone.

Sara Cox: They're cooperative, every time I, because I have been anytime the cops need the cameras. I know Sandy's giving them to him every time. Yeah. But the guy himself. That puts the cameras. And that's the problem. Yeah, because, I say, he was there 3 days this past week so and supposedly upgrading ours. But it hasn't happened yet. It was mentioned that when the police are in the in the parking lot or in in the bank parking lot that it certainly helps with, or there hasn't been a lot of issues with that.

Commissioner Johnson: But you know, utilizing all the resources of the police department for one establishment certainly doesn't play well with the rest of the citizens who are paying for the police department. So, we've got to look at it from the perspective that your license is tied to you, keeping order in your establishment, and you know, as Mr. Bradford pointed out, the one o'clock scenario, we're not here to tell you when to close outside of what your license allows. But the one o'clock scenario. It sounds like that. Most of the activity or the bad activity occurs after one o'clock, and you might want to consider that, you know, is your license worth closing at one versus staying open for 2, and having to deal with all of the issues. So that would be my only suggestion.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, sir.

Sara Cox: Question that we close at one like, obviously, you're going to have to switch. So, we start closing at one. Everybody still thinks we're open at 2. So, we end up with a parking lot full of people. It's happened. I've closed the Bar at one multiple times and the parking lot gets full, and they are literally out there drinking. She's been there with me, and it's nuts out there. Nobody's even been in the bar. What do we do about that? Call the police?

Raymond Walters: Well, I do think some of these reports are actually us calling the police for that. Yeah, I've done it quite a few times. Yeah, yeah.

Chairman Miller: I have to believe that they'd be pretty happy with consuming alcoholic beverages and searching a vehicle, wouldn't they?

Lieutenant Odem: Oh, yeah, if we can definitely take it that far, we certainly will. And we try those things. But yeah, sure, as you already said, sir, we're pretty taxed as it is.

Sara Cox: I understand that this is a pain in the butt with that stuff like, even when we do close a door. It's crazy.

Raymond Walters: It's so much more of a potential problem with it. And like, I say, with the weather. Once it gets nice, everybody thinks it is okay to play their music and pop the trunk up and do their own, do their own time like.

Sara Cox: We closed the bar, I think. Then it was like 12:30. I was closing the bar, and I called down there, and I was like, there are 50 people out in the parking lot, and they're just partying.

Earl Bradford: And it may take like a month of closing at one.

Courtney Douglas: Yeah, for the word to get out, yeah, I feel like Thursday's already starting to like they've starting to realize. So, it hasn't been as much. So, I feel like it's a consistent thing.

Raymond Walters: But the next the next knee-jerk reaction might be if they know that at one o'clock, they'll start heading down a quarter of one. So we have to be figure out who we should be. Quarter of one.

Sara Cox: Get a breathalyzer.

Chairman Miller: They're coming in the door, right? I'm sorry. Is that what you're saying?

Raymond Walters: If they come down quarter of saying? If they know if they're coming down now, they're coming in. When they boom close the bar at one, they're out, and they're down there about maybe a quarter after one, but if they know we close at one they'll some of them will start to. Oh, hey! It's 12:30, it's 12:45, so that that will start to coast into that. So we'll have.

Chairman Miller: But if they come in at quarter of, then wouldn't you get your cover charge?

Raymond Walters: We get our cover charge from like 12 o'clock on, I think. Well, that's what I mean.

Chairman Miller: So, if they're coming in a quarter of to beat the deadline, they're going to pay you 10 more dollars, and they either got to stay inside or get out. And you've got security inside, right?

Raymond Walters: Yes. We don't have the instances inside, because we've got security.

Chairman Miller: I know that. But I'm saying if they're paying our 10 bucks to get in, and then they get out right?

Raymond Walters: Well, yes.

Chairman Miller: Then it becomes a police problem, doesn't it?

Raymond Walters: Yes,

Chairman Miller: Okay, that's when you pick up the phone.

Raymond Walters: And if it takes a quick how many officers are on that Friday Saturday night.

Lieutenant Odem: It depends. We always have people off for training and for vacation. Right now, we're 10 officers short.

Chairman Miller: And they're not the only ones. Sheriff's office short State Police short. Everybody's trying to hire and the problem

you run into is like Delaware State Police just up their starting salary to 80,000 a year. Every department is jumping up their salaries trying to steal from other departments. I don't know what's going to solve the problem. Okay, anybody got anything else, Mr. Baines.

Attorney Baynes: No

Chairman Miller: Okay, thank you for coming in and testifying to us and having a discussion. We hope we all learned something today, or maybe some ideas at work. And you know, if there's anything we can do to help you, we want to see you succeed. But quite frankly, I'm tired of seeing you.

Raymond Walters: Well, no offense, but I feel the same way. We take all these suggestions, you know, and again, a while back we tightened up, and as everything went away, and probably need to tighten up again. You know, to do it, and I know Mr. Bradford's been out and checked on us and encouraged different things different times so.

Chairman Miller: Well, Mr. Walters, I don't think you can ever afford to loosen up again.

Raymond Walters: Yeah, I think you're right.

Chairman Miller: So have a good day.

Chairman Miller: Application for transfer update received from Joshua McCallen, Mauricio Quizhpi, Bohemia Farms, FBS, LLC. Trading as Bohemia Manor Farm, 237 Bohemia Farm Lane, Chesapeake City, Maryland, 21915. For transfer of BLX-7. Beer, Wine, Liquor, Alcohol, Beverage license from Joshua McCallen, Mark Giangiulio, Bohemia Manor Farm, FBS. Trading as Bohemia Manor Farm, 237 Bohemia Manor Farm Lane Chesapeake City, Maryland. 21915 and we also must provide an update on your kitchen renovations. Would each of you at the table identify yourself?

Attorney Mister: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board for the Record, David F. Mister, Mister. Winter, and Bartlett, LLC. Counsel for the applicants Josh McCallan, Bohemian Manor Farm, Mauricia Quizhpi, the executive chef at Canalion Resort, Brian Bobak, general manager of Bohemia Farm Wine. LLC, okay. We do the transfer first. Okay, yeah. We're here to do a change of authorized person for the existing license, and we're also here to respond to some status questions the board has, which we're prepared to do today. The previous Maryland Resident has left the company. So, we're now adding the executive chef. Mauricio, who is a Maryland resident to serve as the resident licensee. Mr. McCallan is still there, still licensed. He's the CEO and will continue in that capacity. So, with the Board's permission, I can ask them some questions.

Chairman Miller: Please do, sir.

Attorney Mister: Mr. McCallan. Tell us what the position that Mauricia, the new applicant, has with your company.

Joshua McCallan: Mauricio joined us. We were just talking about it. May 2023. We have a property in Maryland called Kent Island Resort as well, which Bohemia Manor Farm has similarities, beautiful waterfront and attachment to nature in the farming world. And here it's vineyards. Maurice has done a great job, leading dozens and dozens and dozens of staff, and led over probably 300 major events. So far as the executive chef as well as a restaurant. He also helped with the concept and created the Bohemian Manor Farm restaurant with us, that we're still finishing up. So, we love him, and he's been a great member of the executive team for a while now.

Attorney Mister: So, Mauricio is a full-time employee of the company. Is that correct?

Joshua McCallan: He is full-time.

Attorney Mister: Okay, Mauricio. You've heard what your employer has said. These facts are correct that you're the executive chef there.

Mauricio Quizhpi: Yes sir.

Attorney Mister: Both Bohemia farm as well as Kent Manor resort. Is that correct?

Mauricio Quizhpi: Yes.

Attorney Mister: And you're on the premises on a regular basis, are you not?

Mauricio Quizhpi: Yes, I am.

Attorney Mister: Okay, and you will have assistance there, obviously with a management team that will assist you in making sure that there's appropriate compliance with Maryland alcoholic beverages law as well as this Board's rules and regulations. Is that not, correct?

Mauricio Quizhpi: Yes, it's correct.

Attorney Mister: Okay, have you as yet, had any alcohol awareness training?

Mauricio Quizhpi: Yes.

Attorney Mister: Okay. Great. When did you get your certificate on that 3 months?

Mauricio Quizhpi: Oh, no. 2 years ago.

Attorney Mister: Okay, I think if we have not, yet we need to submit a copy of that to the board, and of course you'll have to refresh that periodically at the State. Does the Board have any questions of either Mr. McCallan or Mauricio?

Chairman Miller: Where do you live?

Mauricio Quizhpi: I live in Queenstown, Maryland, Queenstown.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Ortt: I have no questions at the moment.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Johnson?

Commissioner Johnson: No questions,

Chairman Miller: Mr. Hill?

Attorney Deputy Hill: No questions,.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford?

Chief Bradford:, No questions at this time.

Chairman Miller: Anybody in the room to testify against this procedure? Seeing no hands at this time, I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve the application for Transfer received from Joshua McCallen, Mauricio Quizhpi, Bohemia Farms, FBS, LLC. Trading as Bohemia Manor Farm, 237 Bohemia Farm Lane, Chesapeake City, Maryland, 21915. For transfer of BLX-7. Beer, Wine, Liquor, Alcohol, Beverage license from Joshua McCallen, Mark Giangiulio, Bohemia Manor Farm, FBS., Trading as Bohemia Manor Farm, 237 Bohemia Manor Farm Lane Chesapeake City, Maryland. 21915

Chairman Miller: Having a motion, do I have a second?

Commissioner Johnson: Second.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion by Ms. Ortt, and a second by Mr. Johnson, all in favor, say aye.

Board: Aye.

Chairman Miller: Opposed? Hearing no opposition, transfer approved. Now when we 1st approved you, I believe the kitchen was going to be done in 6 months.

Chief Bradford: I believe that was the goal, and then an update would be provided.

Chairman Miller: And I understand there's some issues that we need to address.

Joshua McCallen: Yeah, with the kitchen almost done. And some sales. Okay, yes, we'll go through each one if you'd like. I brought Brian Boebacker. Who is the license holder for wine production.

Attorney Mister: Which would the Board like to deal with first, the issue about the wholesaler's license or the status of the kitchen.

Chairman Miller: Well, give us the idea of when the kitchen is going to open.

Joshua McCallen: Yeah. So, the kitchen permit was submitted in May last year and there was a delay because it was going to be an expansion, physical expansion, not just a modification of the kitchen that caused tremendous amounts of delays with municipal review. So, at one point that we went back to the architects, re-engineered the whole interior space, opened up walls inside the space resubmitted a drawing, and got that permit. This is tedious, I know, but we got that permit March 13th of this year for the modified, reduced space after the delay of the expansion. So, the reduced expansion still includes a very robust kitchen just we had to take away storage, spaces, closets, laundry rooms, things like that and give them all to the kitchen. Okay. that project is been inspected multiple times through rough, through electrical and plumbing, have all been inspected and passed. and we believe it'll be final. Inspections will begin next week.

Chairman Miller: When are you going to open?

Joshua McCallen: The kitchen will open hopefully the day after we get a final inspection. So, within the month of June. I would say to be safe. It seems like a June 15th Roughly, when the inspections can be done. We do not have a final date from the inspector

inspectors yet, but that permit here is ready for submittal as an example.

Attorney Mister: If you'd like, Okay, Mr. Chairman, I can't speak to Cecil County delays, but I can tell you my experience practicing throughout the State is that virtually every permitting agency throughout the State. Since Covid seems like everything's backed up. It takes 3 times as long as it did pre-covid to get anything approved, particularly from a building permit standpoint. So, it didn't shock me that this happened to my clients in this instance. I hope the board, even though we're obviously delayed, regressed, will accept the status now, and we can submit the permit. Set right now, if you'd like to discuss the sales.

Joshua McCallen: Yes, so I brought Brian on purpose, because this property functions. Now we have 2 different entities. We have a real estate piece that owns all the acreage. That real estate piece does no business. It leases to 2 different businesses. One is us the liquor license holder where we have circled portions of the property and submitted as the liquor license, and then we have retained. But we have allowed the wine license, which is Brian Bobaker, is part of the ownership of that wine license which is not. If you notice. There's a slight difference in name. His business is Bohemia Manner Farm wine LLC. And we are not the wine. We are not wine producers. FBS is not a wine producer. That wholesale relationship is something we've done in other States as well. Where we are the landlord. To them they have a licensed territory on the property which is their production building, and one room in the tasting room which can be used for off-premises sales. But I have Brian here because he brought his license and can explain in more depth. So, I'll let Brian explain the exact, precise steps he's taken.

Brian Boebacker: Yeah. So, Lou's here good to see you. But we've worked with Lou at least for talking about how the relationship between us as a wholesaler versus them as a license holder we hold a wholesaler license, and they purchase wine from us as a wholesale license and manufacturer. And then we as separate licensed areas. But as separate licensed areas of

the property. Our business is licensed to produce alcohol with a manufacturer. 6. And then we can wholesale with a class 6 wholesale license. What we do is make the wine. They purchase it from us at wholesale meaning. The BLX license will purchase it from us as a wholesaler, and then we get it ready for them, and then they come pick it up as, and to be used at their property, resold as would be any other kind of in the restaurant. So, it'll be sold in the restaurant from them. Yeah, on their license. So that's kind of how that relationship goes from wholesaler to retailer.

Attorney Mister: Mr. Chairman, they have a class 4 manufacturer's license also there at the winery. Mr. Berman can confirm that I have a copy of it here if the board would like.

Chairman Miller: But not in the restaurant?

Attorney Mister: No, no, not at all. They're completely separate. It's the manufacturer's and wholesaler's license for the winery, and just the retailer's license for the restaurant, and they sell the wine in the restaurant.

Chairman Miller: but you can't sell it to go in the restaurant.

Joshua McCallen: Yes, we cannot. The FBS business. Me. I'm not allowed to sell it to go.

Chairman Miller: Who is?

Joshua McCallen: He is?

Chairman Miller: No, he's not, Lou.

Attorney Mister: No, they don't have a retailer's license. They have a class 4 manufacturers and a class 6. Wholesaler's license.

Joshua McCallen: So, a winery, their winery license cannot sell a bottle of wine to go? Only on premises? Well, how can you fix that? I mean, because isn't it a winery that needs to sell wine. Is it selling wine on our own license? You can sell it out of the winery right? Right?

Chairman Miller: Yes, which is what you're supposed to do. But somebody in the restaurant cannot buy a bottle of wine to go.

Brian Boebacker: Yes. So, one thing that we have been working on is having our licensed areas mapped. So that way, we have a complete separate space that is leased from the outside of the building with a separate entrance, separate locks. Everything that would be. Theoretically, it'd be on our license to sell bottles to go out of. So that was something we were working on. It's completely on the outside of the building has a separate entranceway in and then would be where we would store our own separate inventory on and then that would be where we could sell bottles to go from is what we were and so would not be considered. The restaurant at all. It is on would be on our license spot.

Chairman Miller: My question is, have you been selling bottles of wine out of your restaurant to go?

Brian Boebacker: So, we've been selling bottles? So, there was one moment when we sold bottles of wine out of the winery, operating as a tasting room during construction of the winter months. What has been happening is we have had that area, that is, of it is separated, is completely separated with our wine, where we are selling wine from there, as assuming being the licensed area.

Chairman Miller: In the restaurant?

Brian Boebacker: It's out of the restaurant, and it's in the building, but it's licensed outside. So, it is on. So, if you take the map, and you can see there's a highlight in yellow and highlight in yellow where the licenses are. There's a highlighted yellow area which is the winery, right?

Chairman Miller: You can't just sit at your table and order a bottle of wine to go?

Brian Boebacker: No, you cannot. Yeah. We have our own separate sales. People on our payroll.

Chairman Miller: and you supervise that?

Brian Boebacker: I do. Yes, we have our own separate sales, people on our payroll who manage a wine club which is totally separate. That's out of the winery, and then also bottles to go sales in one space.

Chairman Miller: I understand, Mr. Bradford. Would you like to offer some information to us.

Chief Bradford: Yes, I was conducting an unannounced inspection of the premises on 5-18-25, at which time I sat at the bar. Ordered food, which was a little bit confusing. At 1st I was told the only food I could not order food that particular day from inside the restaurant all the way down at the beach bar. When I went outside and ordered a drink and attempted to order food, I was able to order food then, what appeared to be the manager of the of the bar came over and told the clerk that I would be the last one to get food that day. That was too confusing, too difficult to have the food brought up from the Mobile kitchen that was located at the bar. Once I've received my food, I ate my food, and that time I ordered a bottle of wine to go, which I did receive. It's placed inside of a bag, and it was \$24. It was sweet, plus which I photographed and again I paid for the bottle of wine, and I left the area. And this all happened at the bar at the restaurant.

Joshua McCalled: May I ask a question? Did you? Did they charge you that that is surprising, and I'm also surprised that there weren't 2 bills, you're saying it wasn't.

Chairman Miller: Lou. Yep, okay,

Lou Berman: Go ahead and open up dividing that building into 2 separate license locations as well describing to you before. Where there would be one. There's a room that was their winery that would not be on the license. We would extend the wiring devices from the building on the hill. We include that in into one. however, they would have to have a separate entrance and exit to sell the wine because the wine means could have dinner come out of the restaurant, buy it there, and it could be taken to their

car or take it through the window, but not into the restaurant. And they and there we they said no, they would move, they would like to do that, and then they wouldn't like to do that, and then they would move everything. They went, and they said, Take all of the winery wine out of that and they were supposed to wine rewind. How? Exactly so that the only alcoholic beverages in the licensed building to the restaurant license. I don't know what's going on today. I was having a difficult time hearing. I'm sorry but it appears that they were. They are continuing to sell from the winery sales directly to the consumers. But you can't do that under your under their restaurant license and I have a problem with the winery wine being there and not being in the winery in terms of the change of licensees on the class. B. That's a local issue. I have no opinion on it one way or the other. It's a local. I don't care wiring. I have a problem. That's the problem. That's why I came, Mr. Bradford inspector. And now we're talking communicate regularly on different issues. He said that he's going up there and Bullet Point, I said, I have to sit in this hearing just to hear it for myself. That's my issue. And that's why I thank you guys for letting me come and sit in while you're here.

Chairman Miller: We appreciate you being here. Thank you.

Lou Berman: Yes, sir, I really don't have any problem with retail license at all. My, all my problems are winery. I wouldn't. I wouldn't like just for the record when he said that for the winery retail sales the spoken was in charge of that at the restaurant. I didn't understand that comment.

Brian Brobacker: No, so I'm not in charge of any retail sales of restaurant in any way at all. Not in charge of that. So, what I've assumed when you were saying that you were. I was managing any to go bottle sales from our own license, from our own license space. That's what I was. That's what I assumed from what you were asking.

Chairman Miller: Do you have the restaurant?

Brian Brobacker: No, no restaurants at all, winery. Only yeah.

Joshua McCallen: So, the distinction here is that space. What we're talking about is Earl bought a bottle of wine at a restaurant we're not going to defend. We agree. That's a mistake, that is not.

Brian Brobacker: I'm not management of that sale in any way, in the sense that I've my only job. My only management job, I understand, is of the winery's purpose. I do understand.

Joshua McCallen: We want to comply with this idea of this original plan, which is what we are functioning against. We do need to do some construction. What he's asking. What he said is all true. We want to have an exterior door. It is contiguous to the restaurant as Lou just described. It's basically like you would come into a shopping center. Either make a right and go into a liquor store or go left and go into a restaurant. That is how we've designed it. We will need a building permit to open that door the right way legally, but we are ready to submit that building permit as well, and we're ready to do that construction the way it is described by Lou. And in the case that Mr. Bradford, that would not have been acceptable. What would have been the right protocol, according to our understanding, is that no, we don't want it to. Here's the one challenge we don't want it to be too much of an issue for Mr. Guest or Mrs. Guest. We want them to realize there's 2 licenses, but not to be too befuddled as we were with the food. So this the proper protocol should be. If you want bottles to go, we have access through this other staff member of a different business can sell you that. And to the point where I've witnessed all the training going into those people, and they are not on our payroll, and they do not work for us, but they do work for the wine business and there is a good protocol.

Attorney Mister: The sale would not be within your restaurant; it would be over at the Winery property.

Joshua McCallen: The communication about the sale will probably be at the table, meaning, yes, you can buy a bottle of wine to go with this step. Okay, but the transaction, the transaction happened in the room, that is, the with a different staff member which didn't happen this time did not happen.

Chief Bradford: Apparently the bill was paid on the restaurant.

Joshua McCallen Correct? That is wrong. Yeah, that is incorrect. That is not what should happen. Yes, we agree 100%. We all agree with that. Yeah. So, I've been there most of those days. I'm sure I was there when you were there, and I've watched hundreds of proper transactions. So, I'm very concerned that that happened to you, because that is definitely not the case. A lot of times to the point where there's many people come in, and the staff of Brian's company are either out doing a tour or not there, and we have to tell them? No. And it frustrates people because they see me standing there, and I say no, and our staff says no. So the fact that the protocol broke. It shows there's a protocol break, but they actually are selling at the winery. It's the building, but it's going to be licensed properly, as Lou said, it's the same physical building the roof. It's like a strip mall. Okay? So basically, there is a space that is not under our license. It's under his and is in the structure of the restaurant. Yes, it is, but with a proper door, he said, that will be compliant, and he's right. All I have to do is submit for the permit. So, as it stands at this point, you're not telling anyone to go. Well, at this point we're following the model without the door. And I think that's the problem, meaning the door outside doesn't exist yet. Which means you can't. Yeah, yeah, we have to do it. That's a good point.

Chief Bradford: I was very confused that day because I recognized the young lady who was working the wine room. She would bring out wine and stainless steel, like pails and people would take that wine and go outside and consume it I don't think that's legal, unless somehow you're selling that wine to the luxury restaurant.

Joshua McCallen: So it depends, as Brian was explaining. If the wine is sitting in that proper room then we wouldn't be allowed to go in and get that wine, because that's their wine. If it's in our inventory, it's our wine, because we already bought it for me.

Chief Bradford: It was confusing. Yeah, because some wine was being gotten from the door right at the bar. Other was one back you know, to the other the wine room.

Joshua McCallen: Oh, well, then, that that is also a problem.

Chief Bradford: Yes. Some people were bringing it inside. Some people were going outside, and it was 2 different. So I mean, I think you might be referring to. Yeah.

Brian Boebacker: So, excuse me, what you're referring to, for that is, it would be a tour, and that's actually sold as a ticket, and then, you know, we sell it, for the wine is consumed. But it's not from the winery. In a sense, it's actually from. It's from the restaurant sale. So, the tour is the restaurant sale, the actual. The ticket goes to them. It's all done that way, and part of the tour is they do. They can see a wine, they see the room. We can change that if that's an issue. But that was one. There may have been a confusion with people drinking wine and looking in that room in that way. But it is a tour of the property, and being a bit one room, you can look into. That may have been confusion there. So, they're consuming wine on the property just on the tour. Yes, just on the tour. It's a wine tour.

Chairman Miller: So, they consume wine on the tour?

Brian Boebacker: And that may have been what it what it appeared to be at that point. Yeah because that's the only time that happens in that space, if that would to have been happening. Yeah. Is that legal?

Lou Berman: Just so that I understand it for the record. Let's call it the non license non retail license. Is there wine in there right now?

Brian Boebecker: There is one in there right now. It belongs to us separately inventoried.

Lou Berman: Take it out.

Brian Boebacker: Okay. I was confused at that one. I apologize. Yeah, we can do that immediately.

Lou Berman: Same. It's good. Came to customer came into the retail place, and said I'd like to taste this wine before I buy a bottle. The

bottle come out of the Wineries. Could they get a taste of it first, and if they can, wine come out of the retail side.

Brian Boebecker: So is this just a generic tasting or is this for like the tour that was bought. Yeah. So sorry difference would be, is this for the tasting that was purchased from the retailer? Or is this just like meaning, like the tasting tour that they do? Or is this just a tasting? They could come in as the winery. Yeah, I'm just a customer. Is the wine any good? Can I get a taste of it before I buy it? So at the moment we don't, I'm at the table. Yep, at the table. You can do that via the restaurant, but they'll do that as a flight that they purchase for wine. Yes,

Lou Berman: 100% restaurant wine?

Brian Boebecker: Then I would say, Okay, I'll take a bottle to go, and in that case we're all talking. In that case, once we have the door, if there's a door made and all that, and we have it, it's working. It would be coming from the shop, which would be our license winery license.

Joshua McCallen: We sell it, I think what we're saying is, the tastings are never free. They're always a sale. Yeah, we sell a tasting program. They're reselling the wine as a tasting, but it's a flight that's purchased.

Lou Berman: Yeah, sitting at this table here. And I said, Let me have, let me try the white and the Red, you're going to give me a bill for that, that tasting that I had.

Joshua McCallen: Well, we're going to sell you a tasting, that's our goal. Say again, our goal would be. If you're at our restaurant, we want to sell you a tasting. That is the whole.

Lou Berman: Okay, yeah.

Joshua McCallen: But not the way you're describing, like at a liquor store sampling.

Lou Berman: Not bad. Okay, so what would I get? And how would I get billed?

Joshua McCallen: From the retail restaurant would sell it, and restaurant would make the money for the taste,

Lou Berman: I mean, would I get? Would I get an ounce or I get 2 ounces?

Joshua McCallen: We do a 2 ounce sample, but it's not a sample. It's a 2 ounce, 3 different options of 4 samples.

Lou Berman: That's why I didn't understand when he was talking about a sample.

Joshua McCallen: It's vocabulary. Is that what you mean? We bought? We sold you a tasting, probably. Right?

Chief Bradford: No, I wasn't charged for the tasting.

Joshua McCallen: Oh, well, that's yeah. He found every he broke every one of the protocols. So that is definitely not desirable or acceptable. So no.

Chief Bradford: Yeah, I received 2 tastings, and one of them was this sweet blush that I ended up buying a bottle of.

Joshua McCallen: But, I see his question now. But no, that that is not the standard. How was the wine?

Chief Bradford: Everybody was polite, the food was good, so I'm not all negative now.

Joshua McCallen: We want to be in compliance.

Chairman Miller: I know. I want you to understand. We want to be in compliance. I want you to understand. We want you to succeed. We want to fix this good news. We were so impressed by your presentation when you 1st came in to us. Were you here then?

Joshua McCallen: Oh, yes, definitely. I'm the owner principal.

Chairman Miller: We were very impressed, and we still are, and we want to make it work right.

Joshua McCallen: Yes, we did, too.

Chairman Miller: Is there anything else that needs to be brought up about this.

Chief Bradford: I don't think so.

Chairman Miller: I think we're good congratulations on the transfer. and I'm quite confident we'll get this worked out.

Attorney Mister: Thank you, sir, thank you. Thank you. Mr. Chairman. Members board.

Chairman Miller: Next item on the agenda is an application received from Elizabeth Weaver, Licensee, Mihirkumar R. Patel, Owner, for Beverage Management Agreement with Plum Creek Market, LLC, t/a **Plum Creek Market**, 79 Plum Creek Road, North East, MD 21904. Anybody here?

Chief Bradford: No. They will be here next month for a transfer. This is getting them from May 1st until the transfer is approved at our June meeting. So, we don't do anything other than approve the interim Lease management agreement today took effect. May 1 okay.

Chairman Miller: I'm open to a motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve the application received from Elizabeth Weaver, Licensee, Mihirkumar R. Patel, Owner, for Beverage Management Agreement with Plum Creek Market, LLC, t/a **Plum Creek Market**, 79 Plum Creek Road, North East, MD 21904.

Chairman Miller: Hearing a motion by Ms. Ortt, do I hear a second

Commissioner Johnson: Second.

Chairman Miller: Hearing a second by Mr. Johnson, all in favor, say, aye,
Board: Aye.

Chairman Miller: Opposed. Hearing no opposition motion carries.
Questions? Public Comment? Moving right along. If you look at
the meetings minutes from last month, when you're done, I'll
entertain a motion.

Commissioner Johnson: I move that we approve the minutes from the
Wednesday, April 30, 2025, meeting.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion by Mr. Johnson. Do I hear a second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second.

Chairman Miller: Having a second by Ms. Ortt. all in favor, say, aye.

Board: Aye.

Chairman Miller: Opposed? Carrying no opposition. Motion carries.
Specials, Earl?

Chief Bradford: We have 3 special license applications: Cecil County Arts
Council – Wine & Dine – 4/18/25, West View Shores –
Community Event – 7/5/25, Scottish Games – Festival Fair Hill –
5/17/25.

Chairman Miller: Very good, sir. Old business? New business?

Chief Bradford: We have training scheduled here for the help room on
June 12, 2025, from one to 5. It's a fraudulent ID training for
alcohol and tobacco vendors here in Cecil County. It is free
training. And we do have quite a bit of interest so far and
hopefully, we'll have 15 to 20 or 25 people here at the training
that particular day. Everyone's welcome. And a Class B
restaurant license off sale privilege. Just a few thoughts, you
know. It's been very confusing in the past our restaurant license
what they're able to do as far as selling to go. I was at a meeting
last Friday with all the liquor boards and the State. That topic
actually came up, and a lot of the counties. And this is just
something for the Board to think about. We can discuss again next

month, but they have no specific or designated staffing or point of sale for all premise sales at a restaurant meaning they can't have, you know, a person working a cash register just for off-premise sales, and the other item that a lot of them do is they have no alcoholic beverages for off-premise sales can be displayed. I thought those were 2 interesting facts, and something that we may look into and improve in the future to kind of stop that confusion that we have now currently on what the class B restaurants can do as far as selling to go. That's all I have.

Commissioner Johnson: I heard an interesting thing on the news this morning, Earl. I don't know if you heard it, but Baltimore City passed, signed into law at their last night meeting, or something that the sheriff's office in Baltimore City now will assist the Liquor Board in enforcing liquor law violations at their establishments.

Chairman Miller: I hadn't heard that just I just heard it this morning. Yeah, okay, Mr. Johnson, you had something to want to say about next month.

Commissioner Johnson: Yeah. Just for information purposes. I'll be out of town during the meeting next month, so will not be here.

Chairman Miller: Okay, sir, thank you for telling us.

Chief Bradford: I also want to add that Sandy's grandson is a five-time States champion in shooting. He's been selected to be on the National team, which I think is a huge honor that's going to occur during the week of our meeting in June as well. So, Sandy will be in Nebraska, watching her grandson hopefully bringing home the gold.

Chairman Miller: Very nice, very nice, and we all wish him luck. Yes, we certainly do.

Chairman Miller: Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Ortt: Motion to adjourn

Chairman Miller: Second?

Commissioner Johnson: Second.

Chairman Miller: All in favor. Say, aye.

Board: Aye,

Chairman Miller: Meeting is Adjourned.

BY:



Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:



Sandra L. Cumm, Administrative Assistant

