

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, December 17, 2025, at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner
Justin Hill, Deputy County Attorney
Keith Baynes, County Attorney
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Sandra Cumm, Administrative Assistant
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, December 17, 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: Thank you, be seated. The first case that we're going to handle is a discussion of a new license classification From licenses D111, Elkton Music Hall, Richard Cunningham Jr, Kathleen Salisbury. EMH Presents LLC 107 North Street, Elkton, Maryland, 21921, to allow under 21 into their establishment. Would you please come forward? Have a seat, pull the mic down to you, and identify yourself. Good morning.

Rebecca Clark: New to this. Good morning, I'm Rebecca Clark. I am the newish Deputy Director for the Cecil County Office of Economic Development, and I'll be here speaking on behalf of Mr.

Cunningham today. He had a medical emergency for a pet, and he was not able to get here. Otherwise, he would have, definitely. Okay. And so, I am here today just to if you've already reviewed the packet, you know, to talk to you about Elkton Music Hall, answer any questions that you have about what they're looking to do. I was on a business visit a few months back, and just asking what their needs were, and he explained that not being able to have younger people come into the venue was really impeding their business, because, they cater to an older crowd, and a lot of people want to bring their grandchildren, some of whom are adults, some of whom are in the military, and they can't. And when they can't do that they go elsewhere, and they don't come back. So, because it's impacting their business, we wanted to see if there was a solution, that we could come up with to help them with that. And we know that this is not out of the norm in other performing arts venues. Many also allow people under 21 in. So, I'm not sure what questions you have for me, but I'm happy to answer whatever you have.

Chairman Miller: We want you to know that we've done some research. Earl, can you go ahead and talk about what the other counties are doing?

Chief Bradford: Yes. Do you want me to go over the, entire list?

Chairman Miller: No, sir. Just, the ones that allow it.

Chief Bradford: Allows this type of activity. I believe it's for-profit and non-profit. Yes. Two separate licenses. Frederick County, they allow on-premise beer and wine at a, gallery, license. Garrett County allows on-premise consumption. Hartford County, on only. They're, for-profit, non-profit, as we, as we indicated. Montgomery County allows that. And those are just a few of the counties that, I actually have a list that I can provide the board of all the counties in Maryland and how they handle that situation.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Mr. Bradford.

Attorney Baynes: Mr. Chairman, I think the key that needs to be and maybe I'm jumping the gun, but I believe the authority to redo

liquor license designation needs to come from Annapolis. It's not something that this Liquor Board can do on its own. Justin and I were looking at it, we didn't find any provisions that would allow us to do a pilot program, and somebody maybe suggested it sounds like a good idea, but I don't think we have legal authority. So, I guess we're looking at to see if the board would be in favor of something like this, then I think, we would need to take it to Annapolis. Unfortunately, we may not be able to do it this year, because our agenda and proposed legislation items have already been submitted, and being worked on Prior to the session, but if we can sneak it in, we can sneak it in, but I don't think it's anything that this Liquor Board can do on its own without getting that classification from Annapolis, and then If that were the case, to set up some type of guidelines, or standards, or So it would be limited to maybe an establishment like the Elkton Music Hall, and not just I don't know someplace where they put a drum in a corner, and have a guy with an amplifier, and they're calling it an entertainment center, and a liquor license going out that maybe shouldn't be, that's all.

Chief Bradford: I know some of the counties require, like, 100 seats.

Attorney Baynes: Something we want one to do. You know, professional lighting system, professional sound system. You know, things like that.

Rebecca Clark: We would be supportive of all that, but we would love it if there's any possible solution that we could help them with in the meantime, because that does sound like a very long process, and we want to be able to?

Attorney Baynes: I'll ask, you know, Justin and I, we've talked and researched it, but unfortunately,

Rebecca Clark: And there's no other classifications that they could explore that would fall within.

Attorney Baynes: Okay. It doesn't really fall into a tavern because, again, they're not they're only open when they have the music, and they don't say

Chairman Miller: Did we have a discussion before about a kitchen?

Chief Bradford: When they originally applied, yes. I don't think they had sufficient room for a kitchen.

Rebecca Clark: Okay. That would change things.

Chairman Miller: But they don't have room.

Rebecca Clark: Go for the tavern? Oh, it would be a restaurant license.

Chief Bradford: Restaurant license, okay. Which would allow people under 21 into the facility.

Chairman Miller: I certainly think it's something that we consider seriously to help out, because we're certainly business friendly. But I think it's something that the board needs to meet with the legal department, and get back to you. Yeah. And keep you advised of our progress.

Rebecca Clark: Okay, great. Well, I appreciate the consideration, I appreciate the work that you've put into it already. If we can be supportive in the Office of Economic Development, please let us know, because this is important to us with Southfield coming. I think we really want to get downtown revitalized, and this is a really natural way to do that. This is an anchor business, so we appreciate your support. And we'll be back whenever you need us.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Rebecca.

Rebecca Clark: Thank you

Chairman Miller: Application received for a new license from Stavros Kalaitzoglou, Pat's Pizza of North East, Inc., T/A **Pat's Select Pizza & Grill** 2305 Pulaski Hwy, North East, MD 21901 for issuance of a new Class "B" Beer-Wine-Liquor, Alcoholic Beverage License, On Premise Only and Sunday Sales. Good morning!

Attorney Riddle: Good morning. William Riddle on behalf of the applicant. Good morning, board. What we're asking for, if, is we all know that there's Pat's Pizza in North East. They do just mainly food at this time. Their Elkton locations, because they have both the Elkton and North East location, the Elkton location has a liquor license, and what Stravos would like to do is have the same exact situation for North East, be able to offer alcoholic beverages along with the meals, at the North East location. I went over the application with Stavros. There are no changes to the application, it's still true and correct. If there's any supplement that, the board may need, I can get that for the board in regards to the application, but essentially, it's the same menu at Elkton and North East, other than there's alcohol sales available at the Elkton location, not at the North East. We're asking for alcohol to be available at the North East locations, identical to what is happening at Elkton. Thank you, sir. I don't know how else to explain it.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Hill?

Attorney Hill: Nothing further to add. It seems that Mr. Riddle's client is going to attempt to take advantage. You might be the first one to take advantage of our new regulations that we passed in, I believe, August, where we allowed the multiple Class Bs, and so I think this would be the first one.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, are there plenty of licenses available in the district?

Chief Bradford: Yes, I think the town of North East restricted it to one sale.

Attorney Riddle: Yes, on sale only, on-premise sales. I have a letter, I can submit that from, the town of North East saying on-sale is what they're requesting.

Chairman Miller: Nothing to go. Mr. Chiominto, any questions?

Commissioner Chiominto: Not at all, no.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt.

Commissioner Ortt: My only question was why North East hadn't applied in the past, and only Elkton had it, but I think you answered my question.

Attorney Riddle: Right. License issue, and when I found that out, We talked about it. Figured it out.

Chairman Miller: Okay, is there anybody from the audience that has any input into this license? At this point, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion we accept the application received from Stavros Kalaitzoglou, Pat's Pizza of North East, Inc., T/A **Pat's Select Pizza & Grill** 2305 Pulaski Hwy, North East, MD 21901 for issuance of a new Class "B" Beer-Wine-Liquor, Alcoholic Beverage License, On Premise Only and Sunday Sales.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion from Mr. Chiominto. do I hear a second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second.

Chairman Miller: Having a second by Ms. Ortt. All in favor say aye.Opposed? Hearing No opposition.

Board: Aye. Board unanimously approved the New License for Pat's Selct Pizza & Grill of North East, MD

Chairman Miller: Congratulations!

Chairman Miller: Application for a new license received from Application received from Donald M Allan, David C.S. Allan, Lori's Place, LLC, T/A **Lori's Place**, 10 E Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911 for issuance of a new Class "B" Beer-Wine-Liquor, Alcoholic Beverage License, On Premise Only and Sunday Sales .Good morning, gentlemen! Have a seat, identify yourself, please.

Donald M. Allen.

David Allen.

Chairman Miller: Okay, tell us your plan!

Donald Allen: Our plans are basically a restaurant, named after my late wife. I had her and I had a place in Lewis, Delaware. We had to close when she got ill, so, my son always wanted to open a place. He's been bugging me for a while, and found this location, and Cecil County and Rising Sun was special to my wife and I. That's where we planned on retiring to. So, what a fitting place to open up a place with her name. We are going to have seafood and steak, and hopefully accompany wine or beer, or the freshest, crushes you would ever have. We grew up in Newark, we always wanted to raise our children in Cecil County because we always felt that schools were better. So, we got property there so the kids can go to school, and all the years driving from here down to the beach to work, and now I think it's funny, because now I'm doing the opposite. So, of course my kids think it's great, because they're the ones that used to have to drive the other direction.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Hill?

Attorney Hill: Any changes in your application since you submitted it?

Donald Allen: No, sir.

Attorney Hill: Alright. Nothing from legal.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: Can you tell me about your menu?

Donald Allen: Yes, we, we have crab cakes, everything is fresh on our menu, so we're not a fast food place, everything is fresh fish every day. We, you know, hand-bred to order, nothing's pre-prepared except for our salads and stuff. We make our own potato salads, my mother's recipe, my wife's father's coleslaw recipe, so everything's all family-generated recipes over the years. And, so it's just basically seafood. We're going our steak is going to be a ribeye. We found that to be the best, and then we're going to introduce a specials, like New York strip and that type of

thing. We're going to do our normal well, we're hoping to do our normal New Year's Eve special, which was always special to my wife, she came up with years ago. You know, two lobsters, pound of snow crab, dozen clams, and a pound of shrimp for \$75. So, we're hoping yes, it's a great deal. She came up with it, and we're sticking to that. And we have suppliers that are our fresh seafood will be coming from the same location. They're willing to drive the 2 hours to bring us the seafood. They know what we do, and they know everything's fresh, and there's no fillers on our crab cake. The only problem with that is sometimes when you get them broiled, they fall apart because there's nothing to hold them together. I know. So, we make our own powder, we call it powder, to put on it when we do fry them. I mean, personally, me, a fried crab cake is the only way to go, but, you know, some people think healthy,

Commissioner Ortt: I guess, but lunch and dinner only?

Donald Allen: No, we want to, just do dinner, that's what we were always good at. We tried the other, and we have the Rise and Grind next door. They have a great clientele. We have a new restaurant across the street from us. They do the breakfast and lunch and all as well. We don't need... let them do what they do best, and let us do what we do best, so...

Commissioner Ortt: Sounds great.

Donald Allen: That's what our thoughts are.

Commissioner Ortt: Thank you.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Chiominto?

Commissioner Chiominto: Your plan date is... to open as the 19th?

Donald Allen: Yes.

Commissioner Chiominto: Thank you. That's all I have.

Donald Allen: Tomorrow, we originally want to open tomorrow, but it's anniversary of my wife's passing, so... Put it off a day.

Commissioner Chiominto: Mr. Bradford, do you have any questions?

Chief Bradford: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: Anybody in the room have any input? In that case. Hearing nobody, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to approve the application received from Donald M Allan, David C.S. Allan, Lori's Place, LLC, T/A **Lori's Place**, 10 E Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911 for issuance of a new Class "B" Beer-Wine-Liquor, Alcoholic Beverage License, On Premise Only and Sunday Sales.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion from Ms. Ortt, do I hear a second?

Commissioner Chiominto: Second.

Chairman Miller: Having a second from Mr. Chiominto. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed? Hearing no opposition,

Board: **Aye. Board unanimously approved the New License for Lori's Place in Rising Sun, MD.**

Chairman Miller: Congratulations! Thank you.

Chairman Miller: Next item on the agenda, application received from Robert Barlow, Pamela Benjamin, Joseph Cross, Sunrise Grill, LLC, trading as Sunrise Grill, 9 East Main Street, Rising Sun, Maryland, 21911, For issuance of a new Class B beer, wine, liquor, alcoholic beverage license, on-off premise only, and Sunday sales. Please come forward.

Attorney Jackson: Good morning! Some of you know me, but I'm Victor Jackson, I'll be representing Sunrise Grill this morning, as well as Ms. Benjamin, Mr. Bartow and Mr. Cross. I won't belabor you too much with the application. You can see, from what's been set forth in there, which nothing has changed in the application, that,

you know, there's no history that, I would think would cause any concern for the parties. What they're hoping to do is to well, they already have, reopened the restaurant there at that location, but they would like to serve some alcohol with, you know, the meals that they're serving. For instance, on the weekends, you know, if somebody wants to come in to have brunch, they, you know, typically like to order a mimosa or a Bloody Mary, something of that nature. You know, they come in for dinner, would like to have a beer or some wine with their dinner. The reason for the request for the off-site sales, I mean, obviously they're not going to be running a liquor store there, but, you know, a lot of times you don't finish your wine, and you'd like to be able to take that bottle with you. So, I think it's a great fit for the location. I was thinking about this, kind of took me down memory lane as I was preparing to come in here, thinking about the different restaurants that have been there over the years. I grew up here in Cecil County. Friday night, every week, was our night to go and eat at Montgomery's there, and then, of course, became Sue's, and, you know, so that's always been, you know, a staple of certainly Rising Sun, if not Cecil County, have a restaurant in that location, and that's why we're asking for the ability to sell some alcohol there, because a lot of people want to have a drink with their meal. So that's basically our presentation of what our intentions are. There was a menu, I believe, attached to the application. Shows you the kind of food that they're going to have there, which, again, is kind of consistent with the type of meals that have been served there in the past with the restaurants over there.

Chairman Miller: Very true. Mr. Hill?

Attorney Hill: I have nothing.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Chiominto?

Commissioner Chiominto: I just want to say I did visit the establishment. I'm pleased to see it opening up in town again. So, thank you.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: I was just looking for your menu. I don't see it, but, you'll have a little competition now across the street. I realize you're 9 and they're 10. So, breakfast, lunch, and dinner for your place, that's great.

Pam Benjamin: Yeah, when we started our endeavor, we didn't know there was gonna be something across the street, so... but it's fine, that's great.

Chairman Miller: Well, I have to say, I've been there several times, and I'm very happy.

Robert Barlow: We are trying to bring back the comfort food everybody enjoys.

Chairman Miller: Exactly. I'm like, Robert, I've been in Cecil County for a long time, and I remember Montgomery's on Friday nights, and Sue's on Friday nights, and I must say, Cecil County Scrapple.

Robert Barlow: Yes. I'm telling you, I prepared the first. So, first breakfast on Saturday, 18 pounds, sold out by 10. So I decided to do 24-pound sundae. Sold out by 11, so it's a learning process, but to scrapple the people love down here.

Chairman Miller: Yeah, they do. Absolutely. Mr. Bradford?

Chief Bradford: I have nothing.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Anybody in the audience have anything to say? At this point, I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion that we accept the application for a new license, received from Robert Barlow, Pamela Benjamin, Joseph Cross, Sunrise Grill, LLC, t/a Sunrise Grill, 9 East Main Street, Rising Sun, Maryland 21911 for issuance of a new Class B beer, wine, liquor, alcoholic beverage license, on-off premise only, and Sunday sales.

Chairman Miller: Hearing a motion by Mr. Chiominto, do I hear a second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second.

Chairman Miller: Hearing a second from Ms. Ortt. All in favor say aye.
Aye. Opposed? Hearing no opposition,

Board: **Aye. Board unanimously approved the New License for Sunrise Grill in Rising Sun, MD.**

Chairman Miller: Okay, we have a violation. Unlawful alcoholic beverages on licensed premise. Class BLX7, Joshua McCallen, President, Diago Almia. Member, Bohemian Manor Farm, FBS, trading as Bohemian Manor Form 237, Bohemia Manor Farm Lane, Chesapeake City, Maryland, 21915. Date, September 27th, 2025, at or about 12.45 a.m. Please come forward.

Daniel Hall: Good morning. Daniel Hall with the, Bohemia Manor Farm. I'm the, Vice President of Operations for, Viva May Hospitality, the owners-operators of Bohemia, and I was actually on property, the day in question. Okay. So the reason for my, being here today is, the situation in question, in the day in question, there, was, a violation of our policy, actually. So I brought a couple of different documents to show, the expectations that we have for our guests, and so my hope is that after receiving and, verifying the expectations we set with our guests, and all of our customers, that you'll see that that was an incident that was not something that we do tolerate, and nor do we accept, and or condone. And so that was a unique situation where we did catch someone before they were able to bring something in from their vehicle. So, I brought a couple of documents in that I'd like to share, one being pictures of signage that says, no outside beverages allowed on property, that is posted around the property, as you come into Bohemia Manor Farm. So I have that first document. And then the second document is, a follow-up to, basically, it's a, a contract that we have for all of our guests and all of our clients that says, all liquor, beer, and wine products must be purchased from Bohemian Manor Farm wine only. No other outside wine is permitted on the premises for any reason. And it talks about the bar must be a stop of alcohol 15 minutes prior to the event's contracted time, and then no guests can leave the property with

an alcoholic drink in hand, no alcoholic shots are permitted, so, such force. So, I brought these two documents as reference to the day in question, to what occurred. Again, I apologize that we did not catch the guests bringing that in prior, but, again, that's not something that we do tolerate. So, my hope is that you'll reconsider the violation and fine. Thank you, sir.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford?

Attorney Hill: Do you want to, bring those documents forward?

Daniel Hall: Yes.

Attorney Hill: The pictures, you have 5 pictures here. Do you want those as Exhibit 1 collectively? Alright, and then your, piles here be Exhibit 2?

Daniel Hall: Yes. Okay.

Attorney Hill: Thank you. I'm going to mark these, and I'm going to pass them down to, the board members for their review.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford? Would you like to testify.

Chief Bradford: I can, yes. As earlier indicated on 9-27-25 at approximately 12:45 PM, I was in the parking lot area of Bohemian Manor Farm. I was there to complete a routine inspection and to drop off a copy of a new license that the board had originally approved a change of officers. So, again, I was there to drop off the new license. While completing the outside portion of the inspection, sitting in the parking lot, I observed several individuals, male individuals, exit a white SUV, carrying dress clothes. They opened up the trunk of the SUV, and two of the gentlemen reached in and grabbed out a cooler. It appeared to be pretty full because you could tell they were straining a little bit, carrying the alcohol, or carrying the cold water at that time. I finished completing that portion of my inspection form. I went inside, looked in the upstairs area for the individuals did not see them. I ask for an event planner or manager to come and speak to me. As I was waiting for that to happen, I walked to the front of

the building. Saw what appeared to be two of the individuals downstairs. As I went downstairs, I saw them consuming cans Michelob Ultra and Miller Lite. I then proceeded to the next room over, where I saw an identical cooler to what they had carried in. I opened the cooler, saw Michelob Ultra, a bag of ice, and Miller Lite. I then went back upstairs made contact with the event planner, made contact with a manager by the name of Irv. Explained to them what I had witnessed. Irv went downstairs and photographed the cooler. Which I have here. Should we mark this as?

Attorney Hill: Do you want the board members to look at the photograph?

Chief Bradford: Yes.

Attorney Hill: Okay, then. I will mark it as Exhibit 3. And have the board members review it. It seems one photo, whether or not you could probably continue while they look at it.

Chief Bradford: I explained to Irv the violation that allegedly had occurred, and that I witnessed. Irv, completed my routine inspection form, had Irv sign the routine inspection form. The original was in the folder. I have a copy if you want to mark that as an exhibit.

Attorney Hill: Well, it's up to the board whether or not they will want to see it.

Chairman Miller: Yeah, I'd like to see it.

Attorney Hill: I'll mark it as Exhibit 4 for the Board's review.

Chief Bradford: At that time, I left the area after, indicating that they would be contacted for a hearing date. On 11/10 we sent out a certified mailing to the location. It was attempted to be served on 11.15 to 10.07, 11-20, and 11.30. It was returned to us yesterday, being unable to be served. We sent a copy of the letter to staff at Bohemian Minor Farms, at some point in time, I think it's Mr. McCallen, The, manager.

Daniel Hall: No, Pertaining to what? The letter. Okay. Yeah, so you sent an email the other day to Brian. Yesterday, yes.

Chief Bradford: Brian, yeah. And did he forward it, and Mr. McCallen, returned my phone call?

Daniel Hall: No, that was me, actually.

Chief Bradford: Oh, was it you? Oh, okay. Yeah. Okay. Yeah. told them about the hearing today, and that someone needed to be here if at all possible. Yes. Matt, that's the result of the, letter that the gentleman here did appear today.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Hill?

Attorney Hill: And you're here on behalf of as a result of the letter you received?

Daniel Hall: Yes, I'm here. Plus, I was there that day. Not in that area, but the resort's large, so I was in another area, space of it.

Attorney Hill: Alright, I have nothing further.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: Just from the picture, the cooler looks like it's in a storage area with other alcohol. How did it get into there? Were these employees?

Daniel Hall: No, they were not employees. So, it's there's multiple of the Vineyard house, there's multiple door entrances, and so it can be a very bustling, active area, so, again, this isn't my first time being on a large property resort. We have multiple across the East Coast, and Occasionally, this does happen, but we are definitely it's not something we tolerate, nor is it, something that is in a contract that they say they can do, and we have signage that posted. So, if and when we do see this, sometimes people even take liquor bottles out of their bags, like backpacks, and so then you have to make sure that that's not something that's tolerated. So, it's something that, as a business owner, or as a

manager or leader, you're always making sure that the guests and the customer's always compliant with the expectations. So, again, I'm not here to say that it wasn't brought in, because clearly it was. As Earl knows, I called that day, the day in question when the violation occurred. I followed up with it, and talked to him that day, and told him, you know, that's I definitely want to be at the hearing, because that is not something we tolerate. This was a unique situation. I'm not excusing what happened, but it's not something we tolerate, nor am I happy that it did happen.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Chiominto?

Commissioner Chiominto: I have no questions.

Chairman Miller: The only question I have is it apparently that easy to get a Cooler into the winery?

Daniel Hall: That's a great question. So, typically, no. It's, it's not typically that easy, at all, so I don't know what door they went through. I'm not here to guess, or have a hypothetical, situation, because there are so many entry doors and exit doors, they could have propped a door open, and, with a rock, or a twig, or their jacket easily. And potentially brought it in that way, so I'm not quite sure exactly how they got it in. But no, typically is not at all that easy to bring a cooler in, especially for the front entrance, because we have a host that's at the front entrance that would say something, so

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, did you see what entrance they went in?

Chief Bradford: there's the entrance All the way to the right. If you're facing the side of the building, all the way to the right, right beside where all the wine was stored.

Chairman Miller: Is that the main entrance?

Daniel Hall: No, the main entrance is to the left of that.

Chairman Miller: But they gained the entrance from the outside, in there.

Daniel Hall: Yeah, again, I'm not quite sure which door exactly it went in, but the main entrance that they wouldn't have based on what he said, that was not the main entrance.

Chairman Miller: So, my point is, it's not a thing where they got in the main entrance and propped the door open. If he says he watched them go in that side door. Okay, alright. It's done. Is there any more questions? Sir, we thank you for your honesty.

Daniel Hall: Yes, sir.

Chairman Miller: We will certainly have a discussion after you're gone, and notify you pretty quick of our decision on the violation?

Daniel Hall: Yes, sir.

Chairman Miller: I'm sure Earl will contact you. Okay. And I appreciate your honesty.

Daniel Hall: Yes. Absolutely. Well, I appreciate your time. Wish you a Merry Christmas. Thank you. I'm going to get back on the road, because I'm going to Wisconsin. Thank you, everyone.

Chairman Miller: Okay. Thank you. And I'll now entertain a motion to go into closed session to discuss the penalty for violation.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to go into a closed session.

Commissioner Chiominto: Second.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion by Mr. Ortt, and a second by Mr. Chiominto. All in favor say aye.

Board: Unanimously votes to go into closed session at 9:56AM.

Board: Unanimously votes to go into open session at 9:59AM

Chairman Miller: The board decided, since it was the second offense. For a \$250 fine and \$250 administrative costs for a Bohemia Manor Farm.

Chairman Miller: Discussion. Questions or public comment?

Kenny Morris: I just have the question. I noticed when trying to get on the County website, and to the liquor board, I noticed that there are minutes posted One or two meetings. And that was it I was wondering if we could get somewhere where they could get posted.

Chief Bradford: Are you going to the new site?

Kenny Morris: Probably not. Okay.

Chief Bradford: If you're going on to the ccgov.org, there's a link at the top. Everything now is being posted there. They're transitioning from the old website into a new website. And those items should be posted on there. And I'll double-check when I go back to the office.

Kenny Morris: That was why I'm here, but thank you all for letting the two liquor licenses go to Rising Sun. I'm very happy about that.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Kenny. General business, approve the minutes. If the board's had a chance to look at the minutes, I want to obtain a motion.

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion, we accept the Minutes from the last general business meeting.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting? Do I hear a second?

Commissioner Ortt: I second.

Chairman Miller: All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed?

Board: Unanimously votes to approve the Minutes from last meeting

Chairman Miller: Specials!

Chief Bradford: We had;

Seth Lark Foundation for Young Craftsman – Cornhole
Tournament – 5th Co. Brewing – 9/27/25
Mt Aviat Academy – Dinner Auction- 3/7/2026
Water Witch Fire Co – Boozy Bingo – 10/4/25
N.E. VFW/Equity- Fitness Competition – 11/8/25
Chesapeake City Fire Dept- Crab Feast- 10/18/25
Good Shepherd Catholic School – Multiple Functions 11/21 &
11/22, 1/31/26, 3/14/26, 6/13/26
Vietr's Cucina, Multiple Functions – 11/15, 11/20, 12/6, 12/18

She also has scheduled several events in cooperation with
Steak in Main and Northeast, where they're going to cater,
additional food and alcohol for other functions she's planning
in the near future.

And that is all the, specials that we have on file as of this date.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, sir. Old business.

Chief Bradford: Even though it's not listed, this kind of came to our
attention just recently, you know, we had a legislative issue
where we were moving Class B licenses from our quota system,
only A's were going to be in the quota system. We were raising
the quota to 1 in 2,000 registered voters. I had a meeting earlier
this month with the administration upstairs, and Delegate
Hornberger. He wasn't comfortable with our request and wanted
to leave the Bs in the quota system, and raise that number to 1 in
1200. He also thought that in Chesapeake City, Cecilton, and
Conowingo, we should have at least 2 Class A license available.
We did compromise and, added that to our law. But we will not
compromise with the one in \$1,200 for Class B and A, if we
have the support of the board to go in that direction. It would
totally defeat the purpose of what we're trying to accomplish. We
would still have the restriction on B's. And we want any B
application to at least have the opportunity to come before the
board for their approval. And again, as you're aware, Class B is a
restaurant.

Chairman Miller: What do you want us to do?

Chief Bradford: Support the, the change that we originally requested to remove Class B restaurants from the quota system. Raise the quota to 1 in 2,000 for Class A licenses only. Liquor stores.

Chairman Miller: We already did that one.

Chief Bradford: Well, yeah, but since we had the change that was requested by Delegate Hornberger that we are willing to compromise with. I still need the board's support for that.

Attorney Hill: To reaffirm their original position.

Chief Bradford: Correct.

Attorney Hill: So, essentially, Earl is asking the board to reaffirm their original position.

Chairman Miller: Okay. I want to gain emotion.

Commissioner Ortt: I move to reaffirm our original position to remove Class B licenses from the quota system and have a total of 2 Class A licenses available for the Chesapeake City, Cecilton, and Conowingo districts.

Commissioner Chiominto: Second.

Chairman Miller: Having a motion by Ms. Ortt, and a second by Mr. Chiominto. All in favor say aye. Aye. Opposed?

Board: Unanimously votes to approve the change that was requested by Delegate Hornberger for the quota system for license available and granted.

Chairman Miller: New Business Discussion.

Chief Bradford: Not really any new business other than the fact that we sent a warning letter to the Private Affair, in Port Deposit, Maryland, Linton Run Road. Mr. Riddle did indicate to me on the

phone yesterday and again this morning that they received the letter. Was concerned that they'd been operating that way for 24 years. However, he is going to proceed with the possibility of getting a Class B, or a private club license for that establishment.

Attorney Hill: For clarification, what specifically was the violation?

Chief Bradford: BYOB. They were allowing BYOB into their private club, per se. Okay. Even though there could be an argument that it's not a private club, that's not really important here today.

Attorney Hill: Okay.

Chief Bradford: And I don't think the area is zoned properly for a liquor license, but that's something they would have to work out with that department.

Chairman Miller: Motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Ortt: Motion to adjourn

Chairman Miller: Second.

Chairman Miller: All in favor. Say, aye.

Board: Aye,

Chairman Miller: Meeting is Adjourned 10:23 am.

BY:



Kristen Ortt, Acting Chairman

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ATTEST:
Sandra L. Cumm, Administrative Assistant