

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 @ 1:00 PM  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM  
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING  
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET  
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650  
MINUTES**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 1:00 PM in the County Commissioners Conference Room, Chesapeake Building, Leonardtown, Maryland.

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

**ROLL CALL** - Chairman David Willenborg introduced the new Board member, George Anas.

**Present:**

Chairman David Willenborg  
Member George Anas  
Member Richard Shin  
Member Barbara Hill  
Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator  
Chris Beaver, Attorney  
Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary  
Kevin Hall, Inspector  
Dep. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

**Not Present:**

Vice-Chair Richard Watts

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Member Hill moved to approve the agenda for January 11, 2024, and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – December 14, 2023

Member Hill moved to approve the minutes for December 14, 2023, and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Violations**

**Third Base**

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

Jushubhai Joshi appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mr. Joshi did not speak any English so Mr. Patel, the licensee for Third Base, was the interpreter. It was

established that the violation did occur. Member Shin made a motion for a \$150.00 fine and was seconded by Member Anas. Vote was 3:1. Chairman Willenborg opposed. Motion carried.

**Licensee(s)** - Pravinkumar B. Patel and Elizabeth M. Stewart - Sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of twenty-one (21) in violation of §6-304 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and §5.04(j) of the Rules and Regulations of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

Pravinkumar Patel and Elizabeth Stewart appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Patel was accompanied by his attorney Daniel Slade. Mr. Patel admitted the violation did occur. Member Shin made a motion for a \$1000.00 fine, \$500.00 held in abeyance and RAST training and was seconded by Member Hill. Vote was 3:1. Chairman Willenborg opposed. Motion carried.

- **Applications**

**New Market Spirits** - Application of Frinso Padavil and Amanda Hubenschmidt to transfer New Market Service Center (MSDN, Inc) Class A-1 BWL license from Deepak Kumar Garg, Anita Garg and Sherri Lynn Bennett and t/a New Market Spirits (New Market Spirits, LLC), 29233 Three Notch Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659

Frinso Padavil and Amanda Hubenschmidt appeared before the Board and were sworn in. Mr. Padavil was accompanied by his attorney John Quinn. Member Shin made a 60-day conditional approval pending Trader's license, Use and Occupancy permit, Fire Marshal approval, final lease agreement, Bulk Transfer and Closing of Sale of the business and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

- **Premise Change**

**Brudergarten** – Geraldine A. L'Heureux - Requesting 419 sq ft extension of premises – converting the original covered pavilion entrance into enclosed indoor seating area.

Geraldine L'Heureux appeared before the Board and was sworn in. Mrs. L'Heureux explained that that she would like to take 419 square feet of existing pavilion space and convert it into an indoor seating space. Member Shin made a 60-day conditional approval pending Fire Marshal approval and was seconded by Member Hill. Motion carried.

- **Officer/Member/Trade Name/ changes**

**ABC Liquors and Lounge** - Deleting Gary Rogow

Member Hill made a motion to delete Gary Rogow and was seconded by Member Shin. Motion carried.

## **BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- **FY25 Budget approval**

Mrs. Hildebrand reminded the Board that the FY25 Budget was ready for approval. Mrs. Hildebrand explained that she had two options for an increase for Inspector Hall's position

to go to a 75% position or a 100% position and that she had some extra monies to do so. Member Shin made a motion to approve the FY25 Budget and was seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

- 2024 Renewals

Mrs. Hildebrand explained that the 2024 renewals will be going out in the mail the next day and asked if the Board had anything they wanted to add to the packets before they went out.

### **ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT**

For the month of December, Deputy Myers reported:

- 14 Alcohol Compliance checks - 2 violations
- 14 DUI's- Sheriff
- 2 stationary surveillance - no violations
- 5 Alcohol Violation Summons served.
- 5 State Park surveillance - no violations
- MALA meeting (virtual)

### **BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT**

For the month of December, Inspector Hall reported:

- 11 inspections
- Helped put together renewal packets.

### **BOARD MEMBER TIME**

Chairman Willenborg asked the Board if there was any consideration into raising the fines. Member Hill stated she felt that the fines could be raised after seeing what other counties around the State were charging. Mrs. Hildebrand asked the Board if they wanted her to reach out to MALA for more information about their fines. There was no further comment. Chairman Willenborg inquired about under-age tobacco sales and Attorney Beaver explained that the Alcohol Board did not have the authority to decide if a business was guilty of a tobacco violation, that would fall on the governing agency. However, if the business were already found guilty by the appropriate governing agency, then the Board could bring them in under 5.04 of the local Regs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Shin made a motion to adjourn at 2:26 pm, seconded by Member Anas. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

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David Willenborg, Chairman