

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGE BOARD
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 @ 1:00 PM
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
CHESAPEAKE BUILDING
41770 BALDRIDGE STREET
LEONARDTOWN, MD 20650**

The meeting of the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County was held on Thursday, February 11, 2021 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

Members present:

Chairman David Willenborg

Vice-Chair April Trossbach

Member Leonard Kohl

Member Barbara Hill

Member Richard Watts

Tamara Hildebrand, Administrator

Chris Beaver, Attorney

Kevin Hall, Inspector

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

Absent:

Sgt. Steve Myers, Alcohol Enforcement Coordinator

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Chair Trossbach moved to approve the agenda with changes. Motion was seconded by Member Watts. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Member Hill moved to approve the minutes for the January 14, 2021 meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Trossbach. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Applications**

Leonardtown Wine & Spirit - Application of Dilpreet Kaur and Karlee Elizabeth Kettles to transfer Leonardtown Wine and Spirits (Gurshabad Singh, Inc.) Class A-1 BWL license

from Malak Singh and Karlee Elizabeth Kettles and t/a Leonardtown Wine and Spirits (Gurshabad Singh, Inc.), 25470-B Point Lookout Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

Dilpreet Kaur and Karlee Kettles appeared before the Board via WebEx and were sworn in. Daniel Guenther, their attorney, appeared via WebEx on their behalf. Attorney Guenther explained to the Board that this is a simple transfer of stock from Malak Singh to Dilpreet Kaur, his daughter. Karlee Kettles will remain as resident licensee, as she is currently. Member Kohl made a motion for a 90-day conditional approval pending release of holds for Retail Sales tax and Personal Property Tax. Motion was seconded by Member Watts. Motion carried.

Old Business

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- **Follow up to Boards request for more information on:**

1. Governor's Executive Order 20-06-11-01 – delegating authority to alcohol licensing boards to suspend fees.

Mrs. Hildebrand followed up with the Boards request by contacting the Comptroller's office but has not heard back from them.

2. House Bill 814: Emergency Bill waiving the annual alcohol license fees for bars and restaurants for the 2021-22 license year.

Mrs. Hildebrand explained that this bill has an abundant amount of support and will probably pass so she will probably counsel the license holders not to pick up licenses until after legislative session is over.

3. Senate Bill 205: Sale of Delivery for Off-Premise Consumption ("to-go drinks")

MALA and other retail alcohol associations have shown support of the bill with having the sunset clause added, and consideration of fees and enforcement.

Chairman Willenborg resumed the tabled discussion of waiving the 2021 license fees. The Chairman explained that the Commissioners of St. Mary's County are in support of waiving fees for Class B (restaurants) and Class D (bars and taverns) only, as addressed in House Bill 814. Whereas the Corporate Town of Leonardtown Commissioners are supportive of both House Bill 814 and the Alcohol Board waiving the annual fee for all license classes. Members voiced support for HB 814 and felt the Board should exercise their authority given under the Governor's Emergency Order to waive the annual fees for not only the licenses addressed by HB 814, but across the board for all classes of licenses. Member Watts made a motion to waive the license fees for 2021 for all classes. Motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Trossbach. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hildebrand stated that the Chain Store Bill is not favorable among any of the jurisdictions in Maryland as the fees would go to the Comptroller, but the administrative duties would be done by the local licensing boards.

ALCOHOL ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR REPORT

Report to be amended

BOARD INSPECTOR REPORT

Inspector Hall reports:

9 inspections

Made phone calls to all licensees about their renewal packets

Conference calls for MALA

Board members time

Chairman Willenborg addressed the Board to whether they had anything that needed to go on next month's agenda. No one had any topics.

Adjournment

Member Hill made a motion to adjourn at 1:32 pm. Motion was seconded by Member Kohl. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzan Dean, Recording Secretary

David Willenborg, Chairman