

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Public Meeting
August 25, 2025

The meeting of the Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025. Present were Chairman Jack M. Gottschalk, Commissioner Edward M. Bridges, Jr., Commissioner David Fike and Board Secretary Victoria E. Bradley.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, the minutes of the meeting of July 14, 2025, were unanimously approved with amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

4 Dogs Brewing Company, LLC– Application for transfer of the business and Class F-A alcohol license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer, wine and liquor) & Class B-R, Beer & Wine License (off-sale) hotels/restaurants

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicant Patrick Ragan).

Chairman Gottschalk discussed the reason for the hearing being postponed being due to missing attachments to the application.

Mr. Ragan gave opening statements about the updates to the building and the documents that have been completed. Mr. Ragan further testified that he is only missing the final Fire Marshals inspection certificate and that he is waiting for the Fire Marshal to reschedule the inspection. The Fire Marshal inspection should take place in a few weeks' time.

Mr. Ragan further testified to the work he has done on the building to get it ready to open, including new floors, kitchen equipment, paint and more.

Chairman Gottschalk asked if there will be any alcohol or food served outside. Mr. Ragan testified that there is a small patio similar to his old location that they will be serving outside food and drink. Chairman Gottschalk reminded the applicant about the importance of controlling the alcohol served on site. Mr. Ragan testified that he takes the control of the alcohol seriously and is planning to have the area roped off and monitored by staff.

Commissioner Bridges stated that the new location has had problems in the past and asked the applicant if he had any plan to avoid some of the problems the old business faced. Mr. Ragan testified that he is not planning to change his current business plan and believes his current

customers will follow him. Mr. Ragan further testified that he has reached out to the neighborhood and received positive feedback and noticed positive changes in the community.

Commissioner Fike asked if the applicant had a timeline for when the business will open. Mr. Ragan testified that he did not have a date at this time however was hopeful it would be just a few more weeks.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

- Motion made by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Fike that the Board approve the transfer of the business and Class F-A alcohol license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer, wine and liquor) & Class B-R, Beer & Wine License (off-sale) hotels/restaurants pending the Board receiving the Fire Marshall inspection. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Chairman Gottschalk discussed the County Code Chapter 11-12 C, Transfer of licenses. The Board discusses the County Code language on transfers and if it would be necessary to ask for an inventory list when a business moves location to ensure control of the alcohol. The Board agreed to recommend to all business when transferring locations to audit their inventory before and after moving to the new location.

There being no further business to discuss, the Board moved to adjourn.

- Upon motion by Commissioner Fike seconded by Commissioner Bridges, there being no further business to discuss, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 10:27 a.m.