TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Public Meeting
September 14, 2026

The meeting of the Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026. Present were Chairman Jack M. Gottschalk, Commissioner Edward M. Bridges, Jr. and Board Secretary Victoria E. Bradley.

OLD BUSINESS

Upon motion by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2026, were unanimously approved with amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

Acts Communities of Maryland, Inc. – Application for Wine Corkage

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicant George Clemes).

Mr. Clemes gave opening statements about the biasness and application. Mr. Clemes further testified that this new license would benefit their residents and will allow them to operate legally to allow residents to bring their own wine.

Chairman Gottschalk asked what procedure is going to be in place and if they will charge a fee. Mr. Clemes testified they have a procedure in place and they will not charge a corkage fee.

Chairman Gottschalk read the Maryland Law § 4-1102 regarding corkage and explained what will be expected of the business, license holder and staff. Chairman Gottschalk asked Secretary Bradley to make sure the applicant receives a copy of the Maryland law. Mr. Clemes testified that he would make sure the business follows the law.

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

- Motion made by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Fike that the Borad approve the application for Wine Corkage. Motion passed unanimously.

Chesapeake Bowl, LLC – Application for a Class B license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer & light wine)

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicants Theresa Willis & James Howard).

Mr. Howard gave opening statements about the application and the business. Mr. Howard that they originally held this license for many years before transferring it to Southern Jo's under a lease. Mr. Howard further testified that Southern Jo's has since closed and Chesapeake Bowl wishes to get license as they had once before.

Chairman Gottschalk asked the applicants if alcohol is served everywhere within the bowling alley and if they have outside seating. Mr. Howard testified that alcohol is served in the food area and can be taken through the building but does not leave. Mr. Howard further testified they have no outside seating but have had events in the parking lot. Mr. Howard further testified that they did not anticipate having outside events in the future.

Chairman Gottschalk reminded the applicants of the importance of maintaining control over the alcohol sale and consumptions. Chairman Gottschalk discussed the importance of staff training regarding alcohol and ID checking. Mr. Howard testified that they take alcohol sales and safety very seriously.

Chairman Gottschalk asked what the menu would be at the restaurant portion. Ms. Willis testified they would have their original menu with items such as; pizza, hot dogs, burgers, snacks and specials that fit with their business.

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

- Motion made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that the Borad approve a Class B license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer & light wine). Motion passed unanimously.

Liquor Inspector's Report

Inspector Haller briefed the Board as to ongoing County liquor inspections. Inspector Haller informed the Board that the license holders and event license holders are following the codes.

Inspector Haller further testified that she has had continuing talks with Easton PD regarding festivals. The Board thanked Inspector Haller for her work and efforts.

Old Business

Chairman Gottschalk discussed the Waterfowl Festival applications and the potential hearing dates. Secretary Bradley stated the tentative date will be October 26th.

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

- Upon motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Fike there being no further business to discuss, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 10:34 a.m.