

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND
BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Public Meeting
February 9, 2026

The meeting of the Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 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 25, 2025, were unanimously approved with amendments.

NEW BUSINESS

Piazza of Easton, LLC– Application for transfer of the business and Class F-A alcohol license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer, wine and liquor)

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicants Emily Chandler & Jeff Chandler).

Ms. Chandler gave opening statements about the application and the business. Ms. Chandler explained this will be a new business next to her current one, Piazza Italian Market that holds a Class I alcohol license. Ms. Chandler presented the Attachment 3, affidavit of posting and the approved Fire Marshals Inspection to the Board.

Chairman Gottschalk reminded the applicant about the importance of controlling the alcohol served on site and checking ID's before serving and selling alcohol. Chairman Gottschalk also suggested to the applicants to hold regular meetings with staff about their responsibilities with serving alcohol. Chairman Gottschalk further explained the responsibilities of following the County Code. Ms. Chandler testified that they take the rules and laws very seriously and will continue to uphold their standards at their new location.

The Board agreed that all documents were in order and had no further questions or concerns for the applicants. The applicants had no questions for the Board.

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

- Motion made by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Chairman Gottschalk that the Board approve the Class F-A alcohol license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer, wine and liquor) Motion passed unanimously.

Waterfowl Festival, November 2025

The Board discussed the Staff report from the Alcohol Inspector from the 2025 Waterfowl Festival. The Inspector, Ms. Whitmer, has since left her position with the County and was unable to attend the meeting. The Board discussed asking for Ms. Whitmer and Chief Code Compliance Officer James Mullikin to attend a future meeting to discuss the report in more detail with the Board.

The Board agreed that further discussion is needed and possible changes might need to be made moving forward with regards to festival applications in the future. The Board agreed to put this item on future agendas to be discussed in more depth.

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

- Upon motion by Commissioner Bridges seconded by Chairman Gottschalk, there being no further business to discuss, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 10:33 a.m.