

# MINUTES

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD

January 27, 2026

### **Board Members Present:**

Steven Chen, Chair  
Steve Hunt, Vice Chair  
Ed Coleman  
Beth Johnson  
Claire Kim

### **Staff:**

Kel Berg, Board Administrator  
Jae Shin, Board Counsel

Call to order at 6:40 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the hearing minutes of January 13, 2026.

Motion – Ed Coleman 2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve Chen

vote 5-0 *The motion passed.*

### **EXTENSION OF PREMISES + CHANGE OF CLASS CLASS D BEER, WINE & LIQUOR 7-DAY ON/OFF SALE LICENSE**

From: Backwater Books, LLC t/a Backwater Books in the names of Matthew Oliver Krist and Allison Elizabeth Krist for a 2,002 sq. ft. restaurant with a 277 sq. ft. patio located at 8156 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

To: Backwater Books, LLC t/a Backwater Books in the names of Matthew Oliver Krist and Allison Elizabeth Krist for a 3,850 sq. ft. restaurant with a 277 sq. ft. patio located at 8156 Main Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Counsel: Chris DeCarlo, Esq.  
No opposition

Witnesses:  
Matthew Oliver Krist

Motion to approve the application.  
Motion – Steve Hunt, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ed Coleman  
vote 5-0  
*The motion passed.*

The applicants waived their right to appeal.

**NEW**  
**CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR**  
**7-DAY LICENSE**

For: LTF Maryland Liquor, LLC t/a Life Time Athletic in the names of Christina Spencer and Stuart McFarland for 110,590 sq. ft. with a 30,200 sq. ft. exterior located at 7220 Lee Deforest Drive, Columbia, MD 21046.

Counsel: Leanne Schrecengost, Esq.  
No opposition

Witnesses:  
Christina Spencer  
Stuart McFarland

Motion to approve the application, contingent upon the submission of floor plans showing the location and exact square footage of the area(s) where alcohol will be served, which limits the licensed area to the atrium, outdoor pool area and café.  
Motion – Steven Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Beth Johnson  
vote 5-0  
*The motion passed.*

The applicants waived their right to appeal.

**TRANSFER**  
**CLASS D BEER, WINE & LIQUOR**  
**7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE**

From: SYeagle 5, Inc. t/a Eagle 5 Golf in the name of Yooran Park Choe for a 6,264 sq. ft. tavern located at 9198 Red Branch Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

To: Hogan B, Inc. t/a Eagle 5 Golf in the name of Jae Hyung Byun for a 6,264 sq. ft. tavern located at 9198 Red Branch Road, Columbia, MD 21045.

Counsel: Jay Yoo, Esq.

No opposition

Witnesses:

Jae Hyung Byun

Motion to approve the application contingent upon the submission of Alcohol Awareness Certificates for the applicant's son and daughter (Hogan Byun and Sami Byun).

Motion – Steven Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ed Coleman

vote 5-0

*The motion passed.*

The applicant waived his right to appeal.

**NEW – Postponed from 11/18/2025**

**CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR**

**7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE**

For: Mint Family 2, LLC t/a The Mint Room in the names of Shailja Anand and Aryan Anand for a 4,093 sq. ft. restaurant located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg, MD 21737.

Counsel: Jay Yoo, Esq.

No opposition

Witnesses:

Aryan Anand

Motion to approve the application, contingent upon the applicant identifying an assistant manager to have on-site when the applicant is not present.

Motion – Steven Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Steve Hunt

vote 4-1 (*Yea – Members Chen, Coleman, Hunt and Johnson; Nay – Member Kim*)

*The motion passed.*

The applicants waived their right to appeal.

The Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved: Kel Berg 2/11/2025

