

MINUTES

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD

September 15, 2026

Board Members Present:

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

Staff:

Kel Berg, Board Administrator
Kiasten Miller, Administrative Assistant
Jae Shin, Board Counsel

Call to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2026.

Motion – Ed Coleman, 2nd – Steven Chen

vote 5-0

The motion passed.

PETITION TO FINE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE

CLASS A BEER, WINE & LIQUOR

7-DAY OFF SALE LICENSE

For: Omnicap Spirits, LLC, t/a Meadowridge Wine & Spirits in the name of Dhaval N. Ganatra
for a 2,000 sq. ft. package store located at 6501 Huntshire Drive, #101 Elkridge, MD 21075.

For the Alcohol Beverage Inspector: Tsega Girma Kyere, Esq.

For the Licensees: Linda Carter, Esq.

Chair Chen stated that the Board had received a Request for Postponement, filed by Ms. Linda Carter, Esquire on behalf of respondent on September 8, 2026.

Motion to postpone the Petition to Fine, Suspend or Revoke for Meadowridge Wine & Spirits.
Motion – Steve Hunt, 2nd – Steven Chen
vote 5-0
The motion passed.

This case will be continued to a date to be determined.

**PETITION TO FINE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE
CLASS A BEER, WINE & LIQUOR
7-DAY OFF SALE LICENSE**

For: Ayushi, LLC, t/a 103 Wine & Spirits in the names of Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel and Terrence Hamilton Sweeney for a 1,900 sq. ft. package store located at 6010 Meadowridge Center Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075.

For the Alcohol Beverage Inspector: Tsega Girma Kyere, Esq.
For the Licensees: Martin Johnson, consultant

Respondent Witnesses:
Martin Johnson
Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel

Opening statements by Ms. Girma Kyere.

Request by Ms. Girma Kyere that underage minors' names be redacted.

Motion to redact and shield the names of the minors inadvertently included in the Petition, in the event records are requested, so that the names are not made public due to their age.
Motion – Steven Chen, 2nd – Beth Johnson
vote 5-0
The motion passed.

Opening statements by Amitkumar Rameshbhai Patel.
Opening statements by Mr. Johnson.
Testimony by Mr. Johnson.
Board member questions for Mr. Johnson.
Cross-examination of Mr. Johnson by Ms. Girma Kyere.
Cross-examination of Mr. Patel by Ms. Girma Kyere.
Testimony by Mr. Patel.
Board member questions for Mr. Johnson and Mr. Patel.
Board member questions for Ms. Girma Kyere.
Closing statements by Ms. Girma Kyere.

The Board deliberated on this matter in Closed Session at the conclusion of the Hearing.

Closed Session

Motion to go into closed session in accordance with Section 3-305(b)(7), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Motion – Steven Chen, 2nd – Beth Johnson

vote 5-0

The motion passed.

The Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board concluded the Hearing and adjourned to Closed Session at **7:17 p.m.**

Statement of Closed Meeting

The Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board met in closed session at 7:18 p.m. on September 15, 2026 in the Banneker Room.

Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board Members Steven Chen, Ed Coleman, Steve Hunt, Beth Johnson and Claire Kim adjourned the closed session at 7:30 p.m. Legal advice was obtained on a legal matter. Action taken by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board Members was to discuss and determine fines and/or fees for 1 Petition to Fine, Suspend, or Revoke the Alcoholic Beverage License.

Members Present: Steven Chen, Ed Coleman, Steve Hunt, Beth Johnson and Claire Kim

Staff Present: Kel Berg, Board Administrator and Jae Shin, Board Counsel

Approved: Kel Berg 9/30/2026

