

**City of Annapolis**  
**Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Minutes**  
**March 4, 2026**

The virtual meeting of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Annapolis was held on March 4, 2026.

Chairman Chitwood called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chris Sheehan, Dick Peterson, Stuart Cohen, and Ryan Chitwood

Staff Present: Assistant City Attorney Smith and Deputy City Clerk Gaines

Member Peterson moved to approve the minutes for **February 4, 2026**, Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

**NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLENOUS**

- **Special Class C, One Day Liquor License –Celtic Star, Inc. “Annapolis Running Festival”**

Request for Special Class C, One Day Liquor License

Applicant, Lee Corrigan, 6725 Santa Barbara Court, Elkridge, Maryland 21075 was present and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Member Peterson moved to approve the application for a Special Class C, One Day Liquor License for Beer, Wine, and Liquor (including live music) to Celtic Star for “*Annapolis Running Festival.*” Location 550 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 from 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., on Saturday, March 21, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Extension of Licensed Premises during a Special Event- Stan & Joes Saloon, “*St. Patrick’s Day Parade Weekend*”**

Request for an extension of licensed premises with Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and live music during the “*St. Patrick’s Day Parade Weekend*” on Saturday, March 7, 2026, and Sunday, March 8, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Applicant, Joe McGovern, 817 Valley Drive, Crownsville, Maryland 21032 presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Member Peterson moved to approve the request for an extension of licensed premises during a special event to Stan & Joes Saloon from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026, and Sunday, March 8, 2026, Location 37 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

- **A Request for a Show/Cause Hearing- Sotos KS, LLC t/a Capital Liquors, 249 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

A Board request for a show/cause hearing pursuant to section *1.6 Compliance with the Law. And Section 3.6 Purchase for Resale*

Chief Inspector Duane Gottschalk, Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners, 211 Commerce Park Drive, Ste. D, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 gave a presentation to the Board.

Brian Gallagher, attorney for the applicant, representing Gallagher Elden Law, 1605 Town Center Blvd., Ste. 265, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 gave a brief presentation.

Licensee, Alexis, Alberto Soto, 1218 Marda Lane, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 was present and answered questions from the Board.

- **Action on Show/Cause Hearing- Sotos KS, LLC t/a Capital Liquors, 249 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401**

Chairman Chitwood moved that the facts presented at the hearing on March 4, 2026, warrant a violation as charged. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

Following a discussion, Chairman Chitwood moved to impose fines for these violations in the amount of \$8,000 dollars payable to the City of Annapolis by April 6, 2026, and a five-day suspension beginning on March 13<sup>th</sup> and ending on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- Chairman Chitwood made a motion to combine agenda item numbers 5&6. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.
- **Special Class C, One Day Liquor License – Annapolis Maritime Museum “Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning”**

Request for Special Class C, One Day Liquor License

Applicant, Kelly Swartout, 11690 Winchester Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 was present and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Member Cohen moved to approve the application for a Special Class C, One Day Liquor License for Beer, Wine, and Liquor (including live music) to Annapolis Maritime Museum for the “*Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning.*” Location 723 Second Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 21, 2026, with a rain date of Sunday, March 22, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Special Class C, One Day Liquor License – Annapolis Maritime Museum “2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catfish Cookoff”**

Request for Special Class C, One Day Liquor License

Applicant, Kelly Swartout, 11690 Winchester Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 was present and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Member Cohen moved to approve the application for a Special Class C, One Day Liquor License for Beer, Wine, and Liquor (including live music) to the Annapolis Maritime Museum for the “2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catfish Cookoff.” Location 7300 Edgewood Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21403. From 12:00 noon to 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, May 16, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- Chairman Chitwood made a motion to combine agenda item numbers 7-10. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.
- Member Peterson recused himself from the vote.
- **Open to the Public Event for Club Licenses- Eastport Democratic Club “Eastport Green Beer Race & Kool Aid Races”**

A request for an Open to the Public event #1 To the **Eastport Democratic Club “Eastport Green Beer Race & Kool Aid Races”**

Applicant Joe Dechamp, 1320 Black Walnut Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Chairman Chitwood moved to approve the request for an open to the public event #1 to The Eastport Democratic Club, 525 State Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Open to the Public Event for Club Licenses- Eastport Democratic Club “Blue Angels After Party”**

A request for an Open to the Public event #2 To the **Eastport Democratic Club “Blue Angels After Party”**

Applicant Joe Dechamp, 1320 Black Walnut Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Chairman Chitwood moved to approve the request for an open to the public event #2 to The Eastport Democratic Club, 525 State Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Open to the Public Event for Club Licenses- Eastport Democratic Club *“Father’s Day Barbeque”***

A request for an Open to the Public event #3 To the **Eastport Democratic Club *“Father’s Day Barbeque”***

Applicant Joe Dechamp, 1320 Black Walnut Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Chairman Chitwood moved to approve the request for an open to the public event #3 to The Eastport Democratic Club, 525 State Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Open to the Public Event for Club Licenses- Eastport Democratic Club *“Play a Song Fundraiser”***

A request for an Open to the Public event #4 To the **Eastport Democratic Club *“Play a Song Fundraiser.”***

Applicant Joe Dechamp, 1320 Black Walnut Court, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Chairman Chitwood moved to approve the request for an open to the public event #4 to The Eastport Democratic Club, 525 State Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Approval of an Administrative Floor Plan- HHLP Annapolis Liquor Holder t/a Annapolis Waterfront Hotel**

A request for approval of an Administrative Floor Plan for- **HHLP Annapolis Liquor Holder t/a Annapolis Waterfront Hotel**

Phil Dales, attorney for the applicant, representing Dales Associates, 238 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 gave a brief presentation.

Chairman Chitwood moved to approve the administrative floor plans from Annapolis Waterfront Hotel. Location 80 Compromise Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **Extension of Licensed Premises during a Special Event- Rams Head *“St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”***

Request for an extension of licensed premises with Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages and live music during the *“St. Patrick’s Day Celebration”* on Saturday, March 14, 2026.

Michael Lechner presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Member Peterson moved to approve the request for an extension of licensed premises during a special event to Rams Head from 12:00 noon to 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, 2026. Location 33 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

- **A Request for an Upgrade or Modification of Previously approved Alcoholic Beverage License to Include a Permanent Outdoor Dining Space for Seasonal Use- Forward Brewing, LLC t/a Forward Brewing**

A request to upgrade or modify an alcoholic Beverage License to include a permanent parking lot dining space for seasonal use. The request should include: a site plan of the dining area; a plan to prevent the service of alcohol to minors; specific dates and hours that the designated will be used for dining; and permission from the owner of the designated parking lot if applicable.

Phil Dales, attorney for the applicant, representing Dales Associates, 238 West Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 gave a brief presentation.

Licensee, Camden Bowdren, 109 East Bay View, Annapolis, Maryland 21403 presented the request and answered questions addressed by the Board.

Chairman Chitwood moved to approve a permanent outside dining space for seasonal use Seconded. CARRIED on voice vote.

*The March 4, 2026 meeting of the ABCB was ADJOURNED at 8:23 p.m.*