

**FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD**  
***Public Meeting Minutes***  
***Monday April 10, 2023***

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Those Present: Ms. Joan Aquilino, Chair  
Mr. Christopher Glass, Board Member  
Ms. Jennifer Keefer, Assistant County Attorney  
Mr. Bob Shrum, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector  
Mr. Robert Lind, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector  
Mrs. Dawn Shugars, Director  
Mrs. Ashley Kneessi Gay, Administrative Coordinator  
Mrs. Candace Sier, Administrative Specialist II  
Mrs. Tabitha Vanleeuwen, Administrative Specialist II  
Mrs. Trisha Lawson, Administrative Specialist II

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A Public Meeting was held in person and called to order at 8:30am by the Chair, Joan Aquilino. Commissioner Glass led the Pledge. Ashley Kneessi-Gay swore in all participants for today's hearing.

1. Adopt March 13, 2022, Hearing minutes including February 27, 2023, Closed Session minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the March 13, 2022, Hearing minutes including February 27, 2023, Closed Session minutes.

**SECOND:** Chair Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** Chair Aquilino wanted the Board to be updated when Mayta had completed his required classes per the last hearing.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass –Aye  
Chair Aquilino - Aye

The vote was unanimous ***Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1***  
***(Motion passed)***

2. NEW

- a. Application #260756

DECISION

Freddy and Friends  
Frederick Owusu Sakyi and Erionna Dean  
For the use of Freddy and Friends, INC  
Class A, Off Sale, Beer Only

- Frederick Owusu Sakyi and Erionna Dean had not arrived at the hearing yet.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to move Freddy and Friends to the end of the hearing.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass – Aye  
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

b. Application #260730

DECISION

Rockwell Brewery  
Matt Thrasher and Paul Tinney  
For the use of Beerwell, LLC  
Class DBR, On Site Consumption, Beer Only

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion for conditional approval Rockwell Brewery until May 30, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass – Aye  
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

3. TRANSFER

a. Application # 260696

DECISION

Jefferson Market  
Rajesh Ghimire and Ji En Yoon  
For the use of R & R Market, LLC  
Transfer from Deborah Cooper and Richard Cooper  
Class A, Off Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion for conditional approval for Jefferson Market until May 30, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass – Aye  
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

b. Application # 260719

DECISION

The Orchard

Waies Noorzai  
For the use of Noorzai, LLC  
Transfer from James Hickey III and Eileen Hickey  
Class B, On Sale, Beer, and Wine License

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to approve The Orchard for their License effective today.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass – Aye  
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

4. NEW

c. Application #260756

DECISION

Freddy and Friends  
Frederick Owusu Sakyi and Erionna Dean  
For the use of Freddy and Friends, INC  
Class A, Off Sale, Beer Only

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to move Freddy and Friends to next month's hearing May 8, 2023, due to applicant Erionna Dean not present.

**SECOND:** Commissioner Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass – Aye  
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

5. District Beer and Wine

DECISION

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to extend application for 30 days.  
**SECOND:** There was no second

**(Motion failed)**

6. STAFF MEETING

- a. Discussion/Adoption Regulation corrections
  - i. Director Shugars reviewed with the Board the Regulation corrections.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the Regulation corrections effective at the next hearing May 8, 2023.

**SECOND:** Chair Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass –Aye  
Chair Aquilino - Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

- b. Legislative Update
  - i. Director Shugars gave an update to the Board. All bills have moved over from House to Senate and are ready for Governor signature, except for the Hatchet Throwing, unable to find any update regarding this bill. Director Shugars will follow-up with Delegation.
- c. Renewal Update
  - i. Ashley Kneessi Gay gave an update to the Board on the renewal status of the 355 licenses none were late to file we have 56 left that need to pay their license fee and be issued.
- d. General public comment-NONE
- e. ADJOURN

**MOTION:** Commissioner Glass made a motion to go into closed session

**SECOND:** Chair Aquilino second the motion.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION:** There was no further discussion.

**VOTE:** Commissioner Glass - Aye  
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, Absent 1**  
**(Motion passed)**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 9:37am

Respectfully submitted,  
Trisha Lawson, Administrative Specialist II  
FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD