

FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Monday May 8, 2023

Those Present: Ms. Joan Aquilino, Chair
Mrs. Debbie Burrell, Board Member
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

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

1. Adopt April 10, 2023, Closed Session Hearing minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the April 10, 2023, Closed Session Hearing minutes.

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 ***Ayes 2, Nay-0, Abstain 1***
(Motion passed)

2. Adopt April 10, 2023, Public Hearing minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the April 10, 2023, Public Hearing minutes.

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 ***Ayes 2, Nay-0, Abstain 1***
(Motion passed)

3. NEW

a. Application # 260756

DECISION

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

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for Freddy and Friends until July 31, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

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

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

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

4. TRANSFER

a. Application # 260752

DECISION

Trout's Market
Prayas Neupane and Young Meen Park
For the use of New Trout's Market, LLC
Transfer from John Trout
Class A, Off Sale, Beer, and Wine License

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for Trout's Market until June 30, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

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

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

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

b. Application # 257299

DECISION

Woodsboro Liquors
Richard Sweadner
For the use of Woodsboro Liquors
Transfer from Lee Anne Little Representative of Estate of Betty Jenkins and Richard Sweadner
Class A, Off Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for Woodsboro Liquors until June 30, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

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

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

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

5. REQUEST FOR HARDSHIP

a. Application # 260752

DECISION

Richland Golf Club
Francis McAdams III and Fan Yang
For the use of Richland Development, LLC
Class C, On Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion to postpone an expiration of a license to Friday May 12, 2023, by 12:00pm pending verification that appointment tomorrow to file paperwork is kept and verification that everything with the state has been settled.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: The Board wants to be clear that there will be no leniency in the future and that Fan must stay in contact with the office and take this seriously.

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

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

6. STAFF MEETING

a. En BLOC 2023 Renewal Approval

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion to approve En BLOC list of License Renewals as presented by Director Shugars.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

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

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

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

b. Adopt Regulation Updates from April 10th hearing.

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the revisions of regulations.
SECOND: Chair Aquilino second the motion.

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

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

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

c. Discussion/ Adoption Residency Regulation

i. Director Shugars reviewed changes to the Residency Regulation with the Board.

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion to adopt at next months hearing on June 12, 2023.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: Ms. Keefer states that a motion is not needed for this and that we can put it on next month's agenda.

d. Discussion/ One Day Per-Diem Regulation

i. Director Shugars presented for discussion with the Board our regulation that all alcohol for special events must be purchased in Frederick County. We have found from discussion with the state that we may not be able to do this. Board wants the regulation to remain the same pending research into other county's regulations.

ii. Ms. Keefer wants to review further, Director Shugars will share information with Ms. Keefer.

e. Review New Regulations for 2023 passes Legislation.

i. Director Shugars reviewed the New Regulations for Golf Simulator, Mini Golf and Consumption permits.

f. Review Delivery Hours from 2023 passed Legislation.

i. Director Shugars reviewed with the Board the updated regulation for Delivery Hours to begin at 6am for establishments that deliver to weddings on Sundays.

ii. Made consistent with passed Legislation.

g. Review Cocktails to Go

- i. Director Shugars updated the Board regarding Cocktails to Go ending on June 30th and that Staff has already been reaching out to licensees regarding this endorsement ending. Inspectors are doing site visits to swap out licenses.
- h. Select a date to discuss Alcohol Forum between August 21st through August 25, 2023
 - i. Director Shugars explained to the Board that the Delegation would like to have an Alcohol Forum with the Board to discuss Alcohol only and not do the first Saturday in December. The Board would like to have the Alcohol Forum following the hearing on August 14, 2023.
- i. General public comment-NONE
- j. ADJOURN

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adjourn

SECOND: Commissioner Burrell second the motion.

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

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

The vote was unanimous ***Ayes 3, Nay-0***
(Motion passed)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:09am

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