

Advisory Commission on Maryland Alcohol Manufacturing and Promotion Planning Meeting

MINUTES

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Maryland Department of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD, 21401
February 20, 2025
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE:

COMMISSIONERS

Kevin Atticks, Maryland Department of Agriculture
Mark Burke, Streetcar 82 Brewing
Robert Butz, Windridge Vineyards
Joan Cartier, Links Bridge Vineyards
Roy Crow, Crow Vineyards
Dr. Joe Fiola, University of Maryland Extension
Laura Gutierrez, Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs
Eduardo Hayden, Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs
Kimberly Johnson, Philosophy Winery
Jeffrey Kelly, Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco and Cannabis Commission
Max Lents, Baltimore Spirits Co (via phone)
Jaime Windon, Lyon Rum

Department of Commerce Staff
Lisa Hansen Terhune
Marci Ross

Members of the Public
Kelly Dudeck, Craft & Cultivate
Janna Howley, Craft & Cultivate

ASL Interpreters – Frederick Interpretive Services

I. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Jaime Windon opened the meeting and asked all to introduce themselves.
Chair shared information about the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

II. Commission Terms

Chair shared key points about the Commissioners' terms. Discussion ensued regarding current vacancy in the category of Brewery and asked all to give thought to candidates. The term for this Seat would begin 7/1/2025-6/30/2028. Further discussion ensued regarding commissioners whose term ended, Dr. Fiola and Ms. Johnson. Both indicated that they will continue for now. Commerce staff to follow up on the reappointment process.

III. **Application Review**

Commerce staff reported \$1,850,000 in funding available.

Looking at the summary of applications handed out (previously shared with commissioners in advance), Ms. Dudek indicated that the application from the Brewers Association of Maryland was missing. It was subsequently confirmed that the form and email were submitted to Ms. Fitzsimmons and Chair Windon in November. Chair Windon found the email and copies of the application were printed on-site and reviewed in the meeting.

Each application was introduced by the Chair. Following brief discussions, a formal motion was requested, presented, seconded and voted on to decide the outcome – to approve, not approve or approve with condition.

Next Steps

The application summaries and Commission recommendations will be forwarded to the Acting Secretary of Commerce for final approval. Following that, applicants will be notified by email.

Other Business

Commissioners requested:

- future meetings include a legislative update (state and federal).
- reports from previously awarded be shared when final.
- staff to ask if a press release will be sent out to announce this round of awards.
- application form be revised for the FY26 round.
- staff confirm with legislation if Ex-officio members are voting members of the commission.

IV. **Adjourn**

Adjournment was called at 5:00 pm.