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September 2025 Minutes

DATE: September 18, 2025

TIME: 3:00 PM

PLACE: Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, & Cannabis
Commission Headquarters
(Meeting conducted via Google Meets, recorded for replay)

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
Vice Chair Eric Morrisette
Secretary Robert Poole
Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion

ABSENT:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alan Silverstein called the meeting of the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to order at 3:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Alan Silverstein called for a motion to approve the August 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Eric Morrisette made a motion to approve, which Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. Maryland Appellate Court Decision
 - Reversed the Washington County Circuit Court's injunction that had prohibited ATCC from enforcing THC laws against businesses that were lawfully operating prior to July 1, 2023.
 - Enforcement cannot yet resume until the Circuit Court formally withdraws the injunction order.
 - Possible further legal steps may occur, including an appeal to the Maryland Supreme Court.
 - Expectation is to have full clarity of the situation by mid-October.
- b. Agency Volunteer Day
 - Planning is underway for our annual agency day of service.
- c. Upcoming Annual Reports
 - Annual Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Report
 - Tobacco Sales to Individuals Under 21 Report
 - Report analyzing tax compliance on vaping products. This study was internally initiated and aims to provide data on tax compliance to the General Assembly to show how big of an issue the tax compliance may be.

IV. FIELD ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Field Enforcement Director Jeffrey Herndon reported on FED stats for August 2025.

- a. Inspections
 - 173 Alcohol Inspections
 - 260 Tobacco Inspections
 - 211 Cannabis Inspections
- d. Reportable Incidents: From these inspections 23 reportable incidents with seizures occurred.
 - 6,000 sticks of OTP yielding a tax loss of \$6,672
 - 51 packs of cigarettes yielding a tax loss of \$255
 - 90 gallons of alcohol
 - 15,000 THC packages
 - 26.5 pounds of THC flower
 - Total estimated retail value of August seizures is \$290,000

V. LICENSING, RESEARCH, AND TRADE PRACTICES REPORT

Licensing, Research, and Trade Practices Director Andrew Waters reported on updated from his division.

- a. October Permit Renewals
 - Approximately 25% complete

- Over 5,000 permits are due by October 31
- b. Other Updates
 - 52 new licenses and permits have been issued since the last meeting
 - Continued positive feedback on the one-stop online portal

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alan Silverstein made a call for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:12 PM. Vice Chair Eric Morrisette made a motion to adjourn, which Commissioner Dourakine Rosario seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously adjourn the meeting.

** Next meeting is October 16, 2025, at 3:00 PM.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on September 18, 2025.

Robert Poole, Secretary

Date