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November 2025 Minutes

DATE: November 20, 2025

TIME: 3:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Chair Alan Silverstein
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 September 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion made a motion to approve, which Secretary Robert Poole Commissioner seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Jeffrey Hernson, Director of the Field Enforcement Division, delivered the report on behalf of Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly.

A. Annual Reports

1. Retailer Adherence to Maryland Tax Requirements Report

a) Has been published and is now available on the ATCC website. The report was initiated in response to complaints regarding improper sales tax collection on electronic smoking devices.

b) Findings showed that 64% of inspected retailers were charging incorrect sales tax on ESD's.

2. ATCC is currently working on:

a) Annual Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Report

b) Enforcement of Underage Tobacco Sales Report

c) Internal Annual Report

B. Agency Branding Guide

ATCC's Communications Division is finalizing the agency's brand guide, which will standardize logos, letterheads, and other visual identifiers.

C. Field Enforcement Activity

1. Inspections

a) 149 Alcohol Inspections

b) 252 Tobacco Inspections

c) 229 Cannabis Inspections

2. Reportable Incidents: from these inspections, 30 reportable incidents with seizures occurred:

a) 900 packs of cigarettes

b) Over 15,000 packages of other tobacco products

c) 24 gallons of alcohol

d) More than 12,000 packages of illicit THC products

e) 39,400 grams (over 85 pounds) of THC flower

f) The estimated retail value of seized THC products totaled nearly \$600,000, with an estimated tax loss of nearly \$30,000 from tobacco products for the month of October.

D. Licensing, Regulatory, and Administrative Services Report

Andrew Waters, Director of the Licensing, Regulatory, and Administrative Services Division, provided an update on licensing and compliance activities.

1. Licenses and Permits

- a) Approximately 300 new permits and licenses have been issued since the last meeting.
- b) Completion of the October 31 renewal period covering approximately 5,500 permits.
- c) Over 3,800 permits were renewed, representing about 70% compliance, consistent with prior years.
- d) Explanation that many one-time renewal holders do not renew.
- e) The Trade Practices Unit conducted over 200 compliance inspections since April and plans to expand activity in FY26.

E. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alan Silverstein made a call for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:11 PM. Secretary Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn, which Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously adjourned the meeting.

*** Next meeting is January 15, 2025, at 3:00 PM.**

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on November 20, 2025.



[Robert Poole \(Jan 8, 2026 14:13:58 EST\)](#)

Robert Poole, Secretary

Date

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