



Board of Commissioners

February 2026 Minutes

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COMMISSIONER

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH

Col. Michael A. Jackson
MARYLAND DEPARTMENT
OF STATE POLICE

DATE: February 19, 2026

TIME: 3:00 PM

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

PRESENT: Chairman Alan Silverstein

Secretary Robert Poole (joined after roll call)

Commissioner Dourakine Rosario

Commissioner Walter Mangels

Commissioner Patrick Murray

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Alan Silverstein called for a motion to approve the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes. Commissioner Dourakine Rosario made a motion to approve, which Commissioner Walter Mangels seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

III. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Chairman Alan Silverstein announced a vacancy for Vice Chair due to the departure of the previous officeholder and asked for nominations. Chairman Silverstein asked Commissioner Mangels if he would be interested in taking the position. Commissioner Mangels said yes and noted that he was considering nominating himself. Chairman Silverstein asked for a motion to nominate Commissioner Mangels as Vice Chair. Commissioner Rosario made to nominate, which Commissioner Murray seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Jeff Kelly reported on recent agency news and updates and noted that Field Enforcement Director Jeffrey Herndon was out of office and that Agent in Charge Mark Wright would take his place giving the Field Enforcement Report.

a. Field Enforcement Report

Field Enforcement Agent in Charge Mark Wright introduced himself and reported on FED stats for January 2026.

1. Inspections – 468 Total Retail Locations
 - 179 Alcohol Inspections
 - 404 Tobacco Inspections
 - 398 OTP Inspections
 - 395 Cannabis Inspections
2. Reportable Incidents: From these inspections 14 reportable incidents with seizures occurred.
 - 120 packs of cigarettes
 - 7,566 sticks of OTP
 - 29 gallons of alcohol
 - 7,958 THC packages
 - 2,96 grams of THC flower
 - Estimated retail value of \$94,599
 - Estimated tax loss of \$5,928

Mark Wright lost internet connection in the middle of the report and Executive Director Kelly took over.

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3. Property Destruction
 - Approximately 7,000 pounds of contraband were recently destroyed following adjudication to make room in our storage facility.
4. THC Enforcement Dashboard
 - A public-facing dashboard is now available on the ATCC website.
 - Tracks statewide enforcement activity and seizure data.
 - Updated weekly.
 - Shows that since July 1, 2025, approximately \$2.25 million in illicit THC products have been seized by ATCC agents.

b. Licensing, Research, And Trade Practices Report

Licensing, Research, And Trade Practices Director Andrew Waters reported on his division's updates.

1. License Renewals

- Have entered the 90-day window for April renewals that include licenses for Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Caterers, etc.
- 176 renewals have been processed to date.
- Thanks to the new OneStop system the process has improved efficiency.

2. New Licenses and Permits

- Since the last meeting we have issued 226 new licenses and permits.

3. Trade Practices Compliance and Outreach Initiatives

- The Trade Practices team has been able to get out into the field more to do unannounced inspections of manufactures and wholesales throughout the State to improve compliance.
- The goal is to visit every location throughout the year.
- Have been receiving positive feedback from the industry.

4. Manufactures Webinar

- Manufacturer-focused webinar across the industry for both beer, wine, and spirits.
- Hit on a number of topics including off-site permits, beer franchise and filing reports to ATCC.
- Recoding is available on the ATCC website.

c. Legislative Update

1. Ongoing Maryland General Assembly Session

- Budget hearings completed successfully in both chambers.
- ATCC submitted a minimal budget request.
- We are monitoring multiple alcohol-related bills.

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Questions

1. Commissioner Silverstein asked if ATCC has been asked to testify regarding grocery stores selling alcohol.

- Jeff Kelly noted that we do not typically take a position unless it is our own bill or the Governor asks.
- What we do instead is write a "letter of information" regarding the bill and what it will do to the industry in Maryland.

2. Commissioner Mangels raised concern about whether permit holders are adequately informed of applicable laws.

- Staff noted that all regulations are available online and that printed materials are limited due to cost.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Alan Silverstain made a call for a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:25 PM. Vice Chair Walter Magles made a motion to adjourn, which Secretary Robert Poole seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously adjourn the meeting.

** Next meeting is March 19, 2026 at 3:00 PM.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on February 19, 2026.



[Robert Poole \(Mar 21, 2026 14:09:52 EDT\)](#)

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Robert Poole, Secretary

Date

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