



# ATCC

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission

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## November 2024 Minutes

**DATE:** November 21, 2024

**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  
Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion

**ABSENT:** Secretary Robert Poole  
Commissioner Elizabeth (Betty) Buck  
Executive Director Jeffrey Kelly

### **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 19, 2024, meeting minutes. Vice Chair Eric Morrissette 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**

Field Enforcement Director Jeff Herndon reported on the commission updates and enforcement activity for the month of October 2024.

### a. Enforcement Activity

- Inspections
  - o One hundred, sixty-five (165) Alcohol Inspections
  - o Two hundred, sixty-seven (267) Tobacco / Cannabis Inspections
- Reportable Incidents: Eight (8)
  - o Twenty-eight thousand, two hundred nineteen (28,219) sticks of OTP yielding a tax loss of \$17,291.00.
  - o Nine thousand, two-hundred twenty-six (9,226) packs of cigarettes yielding a tax loss of \$46,135.00.
  - o Twenty-three (23) gallons of distilled spirits and nine (9) gallons of wine yielding a tax loss of \$42.00.

### b. Regulatory, Licensing and Administrative Services Division

- The ATCC currently has three open positions:
  - o Field Enforcement Agents (2)
    - 1. Interviews are currently being conducted.
  - o Research Specialist
    - 1. Posting closed November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### c. Legal & Legislative Division

- The ATCC hosted its final Alcohol Summit on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. The ATCC will be hosting a staff volunteer day and toiletry drive in partnership with the Franciscan Center of Baltimore on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.


- b. Chair Al Silverstein inquired about the said uptick in counterfeit tax stamps. Field Enforcement Director explained the two common types of counterfeit tax stamps including self-adhesive, and heat transfer stamps. Additionally, the stamps appear to look very legitimate. Maryland is becoming a “destination state” since the tax stamp increase to \$5.00 / pack. Director Jeff Herndon stated that there has also been an uptick in packs of cigarettes coming from North Carolina and Virginia where tax rates are much lower.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:17 PM, Chair Al Silverstein Commissioner called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Al Silverstein made a motion to adjourn, which Vice Chair Eric Morrissette seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

*\* Next meeting is December 19, 2024, at 3:00 PM.*

I certify that the foregoing minutes represent the minutes of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission meeting on November 21, 2024.

  
[Robert Poole \(Dec 27, 2024 07:52 EST\)](#)  
Robert Poole, Secretary

Dec 27, 2024  
Date







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