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August 2025 Minutes

DATE: August 21, 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 Rosario

ABSENT: Vice Chair Eric Morrisette

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 July 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Secretary Robert Poole made a motion to approve, which Commissioner Dourakine Rosario seconded. All members present voted in favor and unanimously approved the previous meeting minutes.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Jeff Kelly welcomed attendees, noted seasonal shifts, the upcoming General Assembly session, and introduced Jeffrey Herndon for Field Enforcement updates.

IV. FIELD ENFORCEMENT REPORT

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

- a. Inspections
 - 187 Alcohol Inspections
 - 279 Tobacco Inspections
 - 232 Cannabis Inspections
- b. Reportable Incidents: From these inspections 15 reportable incidents with seizures occurred.
 - 21,531 sticks of OTP yielding a tax loss of \$18,046
 - 570 packs of cigarettes yielding a tax loss of \$2,850
 - 50 gallons of alcohol yielding a tax loss of \$19
 - 12,923 THC items yielding a tax loss of \$34,615
 - 3,998 grams of THC flowers yielding a tax loss of \$4,909
 - Total estimated retail value of July seizures is \$380,000
- c. Executive Director Jeff Kelly noted that the dramatic increase in seizures is attributed to the new labeling law that went into effect on July 1, 2025, which allows ATCC agents to seize improperly labeled products immediately.

V. LICENSING, RESEARCH, AND TRADE PRACTICES REPORT

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

- a. Permit Renewals
 - Over 1,000 of ~5,000 licenses have been renewed via the new one-stop online portal
 - The 3-person licensing team is processing 90 – 100 applications per day
- b. Trade Practices Enforcement
 - Compliance inspections ramping up for manufacturers and wholesalers
 - MSA (Master Settlement Agreement) inspections of tobacco and cigarette wholesalers are also being conducted.
- c. Additional notes from Executive Director Jeff Kelly
 - The MSA is a tobacco settlement agreement in which participating manufactures contribute annual payments to the state, which are allocated to tobacco prevention initiatives.
 - Several unsolicited, positive comments from stakeholders were read aloud, praising the one-stop portal's ease of use and efficiency.

- Executive Director Jeff Kelly and Chair Al Silverstein both commended the licensing team for their hard work and emphasized the portals success as a major step forward for both the industry and the agency.

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 3:15 PM. Secretary Robert Poole made a motion to adjourn, which Commissioner Dourakine Rosarion 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 August 21, 2025.

Robert Poole, Secretary

Date