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PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 12, 2026 in the Garrett County Commissioners Public Meeting Room 209 located at 203 South Fourth Street in Oakland, Maryland.

UPDATE: Meetings may be canceled or conducted by teleconference if no applications are to be heard. For conference call details, please email liquorcontrolboard@garrettcounty.org

Certain sessions of the meeting may be conducted in Executive Session
The Board of License Commissioners may close a portion of this public meeting and move into Executive Session to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicial requirement that may prevent public disclosure about a particular proceeding or matter.

Agenda session times except public hearings are approximate

I. 10:15 AM
- **A. Call to Order**
- **B. Review and acceptance of the meeting Minutes**
- **C. Administrative items**
- **D. General discussion**

II. 10:20 AM **Hearing – S&S Store – License Upgrade to D BWL Off-Sale 7-Day**

III. **Next meeting date – Thursday, December 10, 2026**

IV. **Adjournment of meeting**

***To comment on Agenda items – please send to liquorcontrolboard@garrettcountymd.gov**

1:40 PM Violation Hearing – Sales to Minor 2nd Offense
THE CHAIRPERSON WILL READ IN THE HEARING INFORMATION BELOW)
For the record, this is a public meeting that is being recorded. We are here at 1:40 PM to conduct a show cause continuance hearing as a result of a failed compliance check on August 20, 2026 by an employee of Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquors. In accordance with Alcoholic Beverages Article § 6-304, selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21 years is strictly prohibited. The business entity's name is Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquors, Inc. dba Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquors. The license holder is Laurie Turner. The business is located at 2534 Chestnut Ridge Road, Grantsville, MD 21536. STOP

(MS. GEORG) *SWEARING IN OF LICENSEE(S), WITNESSES & ANY PERSONS TESTIFYING FOR THIS CASE*

(MS. GEORG)

This hearing is a result of a failed compliance check conducted by the Maryland State Police on August 20, 2026. Under the Maryland Alcoholic Beverages Article, selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individuals under the age of 21 years is a prohibited act.

*On Thursday, August 20, 2026 between the hours of **5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.**, TFC. Nicholas Kline (#**7112**), currently assigned to the Maryland State Police McHenry Barrack, located at 67 Friendsville Road, McHenry, Garrett County, Maryland 21541, and Maryland State Police Cadet Carder Shanholtz (#8231), (DOB; W/M DOB; 07/31/2007); (19 years old), conducted Alcohol Compliance Checks on businesses in Garrett County, Maryland.*

*During that time, an alcohol compliance check was conducted at the following business: **Chestnut Ridge Gas & Liquors; 2534 Chestnut Ridge Road, Grantsville, Maryland 21536.***

*Cadet Carder Shanholtz entered Chestnut Ridge Gas and Liquors, picked up one Cutwater Vodka Mule Alcoholic Beverage Can from the shelf, and made his way to the cashier to purchase the alcoholic beverage. Cadet Shanholtz advised the female cashier requested to see his driver's license. Cadet Shanholtz said the female cashier checked over his WV driver's license. Cadet Shanholtz then paid for the alcoholic beverage with the **$20.00** bill that was provided to him for **$3.91** without any issues. Cadet Shanholtz then exited the business with the alcoholic beverage, the receipt, and **$16.09** change, and met me back at my patrol vehicle in the parking lot.*

*TFK Kline then entered the business and contacted the female cashier. The cashier was then identified as Minka Kensyn Amtower (W/F DOB; 05/16/2003), from Kingwood, West Virginia. Amtower mentioned she just started working for Chestnut Ridge Gas and Liquors a few days ago. Amtower said she did look over Shanholtz ID and thought he was over the age of 21. Amtower was very apologetic. Amtower was given the unopened alcoholic beverage back, and she provided me the **$20.00**. Amtower was advised the incident will be documented, and the Garrett County Liquor Board will be contacted.*

Ask licensee-DO YOU AGREE WITH CHARGES AND ADMIT TO THE VIOLATIONS?

LICENSEE'S REPLY _____
If yes, move to PENALTY PHASE-

If not, a full hearing of facts is required. Move to HEARING PHASE below

HEARING PHASE – DID THE VIOLATION OCCUR?

If licensee(s) state that the offense **did not** occur **(Not Guilty)** a full hearing is required to determine if the offense did occur:

1. Have the Board Attorney read the facts into the record
2. The licensee(s) or their counsel can give their rendition of the facts.
3. The Board Attorney will then lead the questioning of witnesses.
4. The licensee(s) or their counsel have the ability to cross-examine the witnesses.
5. After all the testimony - ask for a motion on whether or not the offense did occur
6. Once the motion is made – ask for a second.
7. After the 2nd is made – ask if there is any further discussion.
8. After discussion – ask for a vote by roll.
   a. If motion fails – ask for a new motion & repeat from #5
   b. If motion passes – state "motion passed" & state if unanimous or split vote *(ex: motion passed, 3 for, 2 against)*

PENALTY PHASE – THE VIOLATION OCCURRED – 2ND Offense is $800 fine & Up to 10-day suspension

1. Is there a motion that the offense occurred
2. Once the motion is made – ask for a second.
3. After the 2nd is made – ask if there is any further discussion.
4. After discussion – ask for a vote by roll.
   a. If motion fails – ask for a new motion & repeat #1
   b. If motion passes – state "motion passed" & state if unanimous or split vote *(ex: motion passed, 3 for, 2 against)*
5. Ask if there is a motion for a penalty for the offense
6. Once the motion is made – ask for a second.
7. After the 2nd is made – ask if there is any further discussion.
8. After discussion – ask for a vote by roll.
   a. If motion fails – ask for a new motion & repeat #1
   b. If motion passes – state "motion passed" & state if unanimous or split vote *(ex: motion passed, 3 for, 2 against)*

BOARD DECISION: (2nd Offense is an automatic $500 fine and possible suspension up to 10 days – 2 years on record

Offense Occurred: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3 _____

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Any discussion or Executive Session? In Exec Session 1) ____ 2) ___ 3 ___

Out Exec Session 1) ____ 2) ___ 3 ___

Motion: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3_____ Fine $____ & Suspension / 2-year probation until April 27, 2027.

Fine is due in 30 days. No sales, service, handling, ordering or consumption of alcohol during suspension on any licensed premise areas.

Board's Decision: Accepted or Appealed to the Circuit Court of Garrett County within 30 days:

Suspension Date: