Virginia ABC Board Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2025

Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Attendees

Board Chair, Tim Hugo
Board Vice-Chair, Mark Stepanian
Board Member, Greg Holland
Board Member, Lisa Jennings
CEO, Dale Farino
GAO, John Daniel
COO, Tom Kirby
Deputy Secretary, Chris Curtis
Office of the Attorney General, Elizabeth Peay
Senior Paralegal, Helen Gordon

Board Appeal Hearings

12:00 p.m. Closed Session

Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian made a motion to move into closed session. Board Member Lisa Jennings seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 4—0.

1:00 p.m. Open Session

The Board convened in the Hearing Room to hear the appeals of Jays' Downtown Sports Lounge, License #084655, and Virginia ABC Authority v. Alta Orsa Winery.

In the matter of Virginia ABC Authority v. Alta Orsa Winery, Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian moved to accept the Brief *Amici Curiae* submitted by the Virginia Wine Wholesalers Association and the Virginia Beer Wholesalers Association through Kevin R. McNally, Esq. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lisa N. Jennings and passed unanimously.

2:00 p.m. Closed Session

Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian motioned that the Board enter into closed session to receive advice from counsel; Board Member Lisa N. Jennings seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2:18 p.m. Open Session

Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian motioned to return to open session, Board Member Lisa N. Jennings seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to go back into open session.

The Board advised they will give Alta Orsa Winery until August 8, 2025 to file their reply to Virginia Wine Wholesalers Association and the Virginia Beer Wholesalers Brief *Amici Curiae.*

2:50 p.m. Closed Session

With no further cases Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian motioned that the Board enter closed session to receive advice from counsel; Board Member Lisa N. Jennings seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

3:00 p.m. Open Session

Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian motioned to return to open session, Board Member Lisa N. Jennings seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to go back into open session.
In the matter of Jay's Downtown Sports Lounge v. VA ABC, Vice-Chair Mark Stepanian motioned to substantiate the charges and uphold the initial decision dated April 2, 2025. The motion was seconded by Board Member Lisa N. Jennings and passed unanimously (4-0).

Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Next meeting: July 23, 2025