

**LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
July 28, 2021

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

This meeting was held in the County Council Chambers located at 212 S. Bond Street, Bel Air, MD and was called to order by Vice Chair Majewski. In attendance were Commissioners Merchant, Welch, and Burdette along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell. Chair Tilley was excused from the meeting.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

July 21

BGE	Utilities	163.68
Sprint	Telephone	200.80
Staples Credit	Office Supplies	21.19

July 28

Harford Bank	Withholding	1801.44
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	514.53
Payroll	Payroll	4193.36
It's PayDay	Accounting	70.00
MD State Retirement	Retirement	489.55
Bel Air Rose, Inc.	License Fee Refund	2250.00
First Bankcard	Credit Card	278.66
First Bankcard	Credit Card	135.37
Metro Data	Maintenance	664.00
Weyrich Cronin & Sorra	Accounting	5000.00
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	519.07

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

1) First-Time Applicant – Steppingstone Museum Association – Per Diem Beer & Wine License Application

Haley Miller appeared as a first-time applicant on behalf of Steppingstone Museum Association in connection with a per diem beer and wine license application for a bluegrass and folk music event scheduled for 08/07/2021 on the museum grounds. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

**RULES & REGULATIONS PUBLIC HEARING**

1) Carryout-Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages

HB 12 went into effect on 07/01 and allows for the sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption by a restaurant, bar, or tavern, and the Board decided to opt in and adopt regulations to authorize the sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption. Mrs. Powell introduced the proposed rule and the following members of the public spoke in support of the rule change: Erin Hughes, Bel Air Town Commissioner; Mike Scheuerman, license holder at Friendship Wine & Liquor; and Brian Aquavella, license holder at Black-Eyed Suzie's. After discussion, a motion was made and duly seconded to approve the proposed rule 4:16 "Sale or Delivery of Alcoholic Beverages for Off-Premises Consumption (Class B & D Licenses); the vote was unanimous.

2) Distillery On-site Consumption Permit

AB § 2-202 allows a local licensing Board to issue an on-site consumption permit to the holder of a Class 1 Distillery License issued by the State. Initially, the Board submitted proposed legislation to create a DLR License, which would function as the on-site consumption permit. However, it did not pass, and our alternative is to create the permit through our own Rules and Regulations. Mrs. Powell introduced proposed Rule 5:31 "Distillery On-Site Consumption Permit" and discussion was held. There were no members of the public who spoke in support of or opposition to the rule. Motion was made and seconded to approve proposed "Distillery On-Site Consumption Permit"; the vote was unanimous.

3) Gift Basket Permit

Mrs. Powell introduced the proposed Rule 4:32 "Gift Basket Permit" that includes the language of HB 11, except that a sentence was added indicating that the distance requirements detailed in § 22-1602 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article do not apply to the Gift Basket Permit. The only other language added in the draft is section C in that Permit Applicants must meet the same qualifications and complete the same paperwork as required by applicants for a new alcoholic beverage license. There were no members of the public who spoke in support of or opposition to the rule. Motion was made and seconded to approve proposed "Gift Basket Permit"; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made to make the three Rules effective immediately; the motion was seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on July 28, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

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Paul J. Majewski II, Vice Chair

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James E. Welch, Commissioner

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Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

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Susan Burdette, Commissioner

of the L.L.C. holds 50% interest. Apostolos Karoutsos will serve as the Responsible Operator. With this class license, the Board is required to set a minimum and maximum seating. The restaurant currently has 24 seats. Also, not more than 10% of the establishment's total square footage may be dedicated to the display of beer and wine offered for off-premise sales. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous. Twenty-four was set as the maximum and minimum seating capacity for this establishment.

#### Kohler Food & Beverage, Inc. T/A Pairings Bistro – Expansion Plans

Jon Kohler, President, appeared on behalf of Kohler Food & Beverage, Inc. T/A Pairings Bistro, 2105 Laurel Bush Road, Suite 108, Bel Air, in connection with his plans for expansion. This is a Class B Café BW On/Off L On Sale Only license which was first issued in 2016; prior to that Mr. Kohler held a Class B Café BW On/Off Sale License that was first issued in 2008. At the time the Class B Café BW license was issued, the establishment had seating for approximately 31 patrons. In October 2011, Mr. Kohler presented plans to the Board for expansion that would have raised the seating to 55, which was approved. However, in August of 2012, Mr. Kohler advised the Board that the project was put on hold pending negotiations with the landlord for additional space.

Mr. Kohler then came back to the Board in October of 2012, with revised plans that ultimately raised the seating in the establishment to 75, while approximately 7 percent of the new square footage was dedicated to the display of products offered for off-premises sales. At that time, the Board set his maximum seating at 80.

Mr. Kohler is seeking permission to expand the premises again. This expansion will increase the square footage of the establishment by approximately 1800 square feet (current square footage is 3648). Guest dining seating will increase from 75 to 90 persons; bar seating will increase from 12 to 22 persons, and 6 counter seats and 4 tables will be added to the café.

Three (3) other Café BWL Licenses with limited seating that are currently issued are Aberdeen Harford Lanes (39 seats), 111 Main, and Route 24 Ale House (80 seats).

One Café BW License is currently issued to Savona.

There is a pending Café BWL License for Flying Point Marina (seating potentially more than 60).

Inquiries about the Café BWL license have been received from applicants at The Local and attorneys representing someone interested in the former Birroteca location.

Discussion was held regarding the request to increase the seating capacity. The Board set the maximum seating capacity for this establishment at 90 which cannot be increased except by a change in class.

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the expansion plan; the vote was unanimous.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

##### 1) Fines Paid:

- a. \$2000.00 Fines paid for failed compliance test:
  - i. Khodiyar, Inc. T/A 7-11 Convenience Store Bel Air
  - ii. Hess Country Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Hess Country Spirits
  - iii. Coakley's Pub, L.L.C. T/A Coakley's Pub
- b. \$1000.00 Fines paid for failed compliance test:
  - i. Chili's of Bel Air, Inc. T/A Chili's Bar & Grill
  - ii. MacGregor's Inc. T/A MacGregor's Restaurant
  - iii. Madonna Seafood Restaurant, L.L.C. T/A Madonna Seafood
- c. \$100.00 Fine for alcohol awareness
  - i. Fallston VCH, L.L.C. T/A Vince's Crab House & Seafood Restaurant

##### 2) V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post – Outside Event Application

V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post has submitted an outside event application to be used on August 28, 2021. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Naughty Dogs, L.L.C. T/A Naughty Dogs Pub & Grill – Reopening

John Roemer, license holder at Naughty Dogs, L.L.C., had requested that the license be held in escrow following a fire. Mr. Roemer has indicated that he plans to reopen on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and has requested that his license be released. Motion was made and duly seconded to release this license from escrow on July 22<sup>nd</sup> contingent on approvals from the Health Department, Fire Marshal, and the Use & Occupancy Permit; the vote was unanimous.

4) Performance Budget May and June, 2021

Performance budgets for May and June were reviewed. The health insurance will be put out for bid to several local agents at the appropriate time.

**PER DIEM BEER & WINE LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

1) Havre de Grace Arts Collective – Concerts – 07/23, 07/24, 07/25, and 08/20

Issued to	Rebecca Jessop and William Price
On Behalf of	Havre de Grace Arts Collective
Type of Event	Concerts
Date(s) of Event	7/23, 7/24, 7/25, 8/20
Location Description & Address	121 N. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace
Outside Event?	No
Rain Date	N/A

2) National Wild Turkey Federation – Annual Banquet – 07/24/2021

Issued to	Thomas Maliszewski and Mimi Maliszewski
On Behalf of	National Wild Turkey Federation
Type of Event	Annual banquet
Date(s) of Event	7/24
Location Description & Address	Havre de Grace Community Center, 100 Lagaret Lane
Outside Event?	No
Rain Date	N/A

**PER DIEM BEER, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD**

1) Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation – Wine & Jazz Festival – 08/07/2021

Issued to	Patricia Cole and Turshandah Cole
On Behalf of	Havre de Grace Colored School Foundation, Museum & Cultural Center
Type of Event	Wine and jazz festival
Date(s) of Event	08/07
Location Description & Address	Susquehanna Lock House Museum, 817 Conestee St.
Outside Event?	Yes
Rain Date	N/A

**STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made and duly seconded to convene to executive session regarding a personnel matter. After convening to open session, the Board determined that a particular hourly employee will temporarily become a salaried employee beginning August 19.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on July 14, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

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Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

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James E. Welch, Commissioner

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Paul J. Majewski II, Vice Chair

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Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

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Susan Burdette, Commissioner