

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 9, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Majewski. In attendance were Vice Chair Merchant, Commissioners Welch, Burdette, and Goddard along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

November 2

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3648.60
State Comptroller	Withholding	1042.19
ConnectPay	Accounting	77.00
Payroll	Payroll	8966.49
State Retirement	Retirement	530.31

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Amy Finneran	Legal	1852.50
Kopin, LLC	Rent	2695.00
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Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	220.16
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	1801.76
Metro Data	Computer Support	664.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Virk's Liquor, Inc. T/A New Fallston Liquors - Expansion of Licensed Premises

Sangram Virk, President, Virk's Liquor, Inc. T/A New Fallston Liquors, 2419 Baldwin Mill Road, Fallston has submitted plans of the proposed expansion of the premises and confirmed that construction is complete except for the railings for the ramp. Motion was made and seconded to approve the expansion of the license premises; the vote was unanimous.

2) STATIO, L.L.C., T/A Market Street Brewery - New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

3) DLC Group, L.L.C. T/A Bushmill Tavern

Lisa M. Liberatore, Member, Dale W. Bunce, Member, DLC Group, L.L.C. t/a Bushmill Tavern, 4017 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01:

Charge (1): Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years.

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holders' testimony and with further consideration to License Holders' relevant past record (if any), motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

4) Grill Sensations, L.L.C. T/A Towne Grill and Pub

Tracy Sandridge, Vice President, Bradley Delbridge, President, Grill Sensations, L.L.C. T/A Towne Grill and Pub, 1006 Joppa Farm Road, Joppa, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01:

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Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holders' testimony and with further consideration to License Holders' relevant past record (if any), motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

5) Sam N' Ram, Inc. T/A Edgewood Liquor and Grocery

Ishwor Darji AKA Ishwor Pariyar, President/Treasurer, Herman Grumbach, Secretary, Sam N' Ram, Inc. T/A Edgewood Liquor and Grocery, 2200-A Philadelphia Road, Edgewood, appeared along with their attorney Peter A. Prevas in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01:

Charge (1): Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years.

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holders' testimony and with further consideration to License Holders' relevant past record (if any) and testimony of former license holder Niraj Shah, motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$1,000.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

At this time, Chair Majewski left the meeting and Vice Chair Merchant presided over the remainder of the meeting.

6) DAKM, L.L.C. T/A Sean Bolan's Irish Pub

Daniel Brown, President, Matthew Remsnyder, Member, DAKM, L.L.C. T/A Sean Bolan's Irish Pub, 12 S. Main Street, Bel Air, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01:

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Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holders' testimony and with further consideration to License Holders' relevant past record (if any), motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$1,000.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

7) LLCC, Inc. T/A Edge Crab House

Jing Lin, President, LLCC, Inc. T/A Edge Crab House, 1845B Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, appeared in proper in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01:

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Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$1,200.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

8) Mayvid, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Liquors

Vidyaben Patel, Secretary, Mayvid, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Liquors, 124 S. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen appeared along with their attorney Robert F. Kahoe, Jr., in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01:

Charge (1): Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years.

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony and testimony of employees Eric Whistler and Albish Patal, and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 and Board Rule 4:01; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$1,200.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Chile Fiesta, Inc. T/A La Tolteca – Off Premises Consumption Permit Application

Chile Fiesta, Inc. T/A La Tolteca has submitted an Off Premises Consumption Permit Application. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) October's Performance Budget

The October performance budget was distributed for review.

3) Harford Restaurant Corporation T/A Silver Spring Mining Company – Responsible Operator

Jay Rissling has submitted notice that Responsible Operator Kenny Staley has retired; an application will be submitted to add Mr. Rissling to the license.

4) Fines Paid

The following fines for sale to underage have been paid:

- a. RCDC, L.L.C. T/A Chaps Pit Beef \$1000 underage sale
- b. PAS Corporation T/A Discount Liquor \$2000 underage sale
- c. RJM Liquors, Inc. T/A North Harford Liquors \$2000 underage sale

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Harford County Chamber of Commerce – "Jingle Mingle" – 12/07 – B&W

Issued to Angela Rose DeBrigida and Heather Irizarry for the annual "Jingle Mingle held at Rockfield Manor on 12/07/2022.

- 2) Ladew Topiary Gardens – “A Ladew Christmas” Patrons’ Night – 12/07 – BWL
Issued to Emily Emerick and Barbara Barnhoff to be used at the Ladew Christmas Patrons’ Night on 12/07.
- 3) Ladew Topiary Gardens – “A Ladew Christmas” Public Event – December 8, 9, 10 – BWL
Issued to Emily Emerick and Barbara Barnhoff to be used at the Ladew Christmas public events on December 8, 9, and 10.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Commissioner Goddard commented that the audit should be revised on the first page to reflect the “Commissioners of Liquor Control Board” not the “Board of Directors”. He also commented that the audit indicates that the Board’s financial position appears to be good.

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Commissioner Goddard made a motion to move into executive session to confer with counsel; Vice Chair Merchant seconded the motion; and the vote was unanimous. It was determined that fine choice letters would no longer be mailed to license holders for an underage sale or failed compliance test but a show cause letter would be sent and all license holders will be required to appear.

Motion was made by Commissioner Welch and seconded by Commissioner Burdette to move back into open session; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on November 9, 2022, have been reviewed and approved by the following:



Paul J. Majewski, II, Chair



Frederic Merchant, Vice Chair



James Welch, Commissioner



Susan Burdette, Commissioner



Wayne Goddard, Commissioner