

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

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
June 14, 2023

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Liquor Control Board for Harford County was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Goddard at the Board's office. In attendance were Vice Chair Burdette, Commissioners Majewski, Sines and Walters along with W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager. Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran was previously excused.

**MINUTES**

Minutes for the March 8 and May 24 meetings were distributed for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the minutes; the vote was unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve payment of the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

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U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3710.12
State Comptroller	Withholding	1013.02
ConnectPay	Accounting	112.50
Payroll	Payroll	9386.70
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
Amy Finneran	Legal	2557.50
Kopin	Rent	2695.00
Kopin	Rent	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	231.11
Crystal Springs	Office	6.99
Interconnect Services	Telephone	154.50
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2799.74
LEAF	Copier	615.00
Metro Data	Computers	664.00
Modus Solutions	Excess copies	27.18
Skylight Creative Ideas	Office	179.28
T-Mobil	Telephone	163.35
The Aegis	Subscription	81.11
Town Security	Maintenance	291.50
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	402.65
Mexican Food II, Inc.	Refund bond	1000.00

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**1) Bacco Pizzeria, L.L.C. T/A Bacco Pizzeria – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

2) Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Latitude Bel Air / Latitude Seafood – New License

Vishal Patel, Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Latitude Bel Air / Latitude Seafood, 5 Bel Air South Parkway, Suite 1559, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Albert J.A. Young, in connection with an Application for a BNR license. They have met the \$250,000 required capital investment, Health Department approval and U&O have been received, and the application is in order. The license fee of \$3,000 will need to be paid. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Z Food Schtor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault – New License

Billy Lovely, Milya Burian, Z Food Schtor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault, 201 S. Main Street, Bel Air, appeared in proper person in connection with an Application for a B1-BW-On Sale Only license. Mr. Lovely will be the Responsible Operator. The commissioners felt that the menu minimally met the “two full course meals twice a day” requirement. Town of Bel Air zoning approval is based on the fact that the license type is only beer and wine only and there is no bar service. Should the layout of either floor change, or if liquor is added or a bar added to the floor plan, zoning approval must be reevaluated. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Campos Bar & Liquors, Inc. T/A Pool N’ Pints – License Transfer

Gianfranco Campos, Campos Bar & Liquors, Inc. T/A Pool N’ Pints, 8 Aberdeen Shopping Plaza, Aberdeen, appeared in proper person along with business broker Maria Morris, in connection with an Application for Transfer of a Class D – On/Off Sale License. The license is transferring from Tushar Amin, USHA, L.L.C. Mr. Campos will serve as the Responsible Operator. A copy of the Maryland Sales and Use Tax License must be submitted and the bulk transfer permit must be received in our office from the State. A signed bill of sale and executed settlement statement must be submitted before the license can be released. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the license transfer contingent on receipt of the executed bill of sale and settlement statement; the vote was unanimous. Settlement is today and Mr. Campos intends to close and reopen on Monday, June 19.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**1) Plaza Mexico of Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Plaza Mexico – Outside Service Area Application

Plaza Mexico of Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Plaza Mexico, 1314 James Way, Bel Air has submitted an Outside Service Area Application. License holder must submit Health Department approval and the Certificate of Occupancy. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. License holder was present and stated he would provide Health Department approval and the U&O.

2) Fines Paid

The following fines have been paid:

- a. LLCC, Inc. T/A Edge Crab House \$250 for an alcohol awareness violation; and
- b. Mayvid, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Liquors \$2000 for Sale to Underage (\$1000 bond posted; suspension to be served June 26, 27, 28)

**PER DIEM BEER & WINE LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD**1) Community Projects of Havre de Grace – Independence Day Concert – 07/02

Application was submitted by Christy Silverstein and Nicky Fournier on behalf of Community Projects of Havre de Grace for an Independence Day concert being held on July 2 at Hutchins Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

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

A CJIS audit was conducted, and staff is in compliance with requirements.

Chief Inspector Colburn conducted an underage compliance test on June 7; 26 establishments were tested and six failed by serving alcohol to the underage cadet (77% pass rate). Commissioners would like to see these statistics on the HCLCB website and FB page. Suggestion was made to start building content now, i.e., newly issued licenses, etc.

Mr. Crabbs advised the Board that on or about May 16, 2023 he prepared and submitted a Request for Opinion to the Attorney General of Maryland to which there has been a response. Chair Goddard and Commissioner Sines asked that Mr. Crabbs provide a copy of such letter to the Board as soon as possible.

GM Crabbs advised that Vice Chair Burdette's Open Meetings Act training certificate had expired, and he recommended that all commissioners take advantage of the online training, print the completion certificate, and provide a copy to the office for Board files. The County has made inquiry into who has the training, and the Board is required to have one Board member that is certified. Mrs. Sporre will email the link to the online training material.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to nominated Commissioner Walters as the Reserve Account Representative as indicated by 22-208; the vote was unanimous.

GM Crabbs requested that the Commissioners forward to the staff their state ethics confirmation email to be retained in Board files.

Discussions were held regarding the forensic audit type, payments that were not made to the pension plan, payments made from the consortium fund, Mr. McCord's letter, the Board's draft response to that letter and Chair Goddard's letter format, the request for an AG opinion regarding license fees, fidelity bonds, directors' insurance, deferred compensation, depreciation, and comp time.

Commissioner Walters will meet with the auditor(s) on Tuesday.

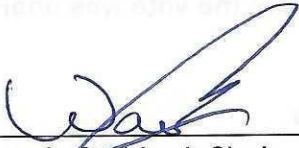
Mike Scheuerman commented on conferences he had attended.

Commissioner Burdette read a news article regarding a drunk driver being sued along with the bars that served her. Maryland does not have DRAM shop laws.

The 2023 MALA conference is scheduled for October 16, 17, and 18 in Ocean City. The Commissioners requested additional information as it becomes available.

There being no further business, motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette to adjourn the meeting and was seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Application was submitted by Chris Silverstein and Nicky Fournier on behalf of Community Programs of  
Haven de Grace for an Independence Day concert being held on July 5 at Franklin Park. Motion was  
made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application. The vote was unanimous.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Chief Inspector Colburn conducted an integrity compliance test on June 13, 2023. The test was  
conducted and six failed by being stopped in the underground parking garage. Commissioners would  
like to see these statistics on the H&G website and FB page. Suggestion was made to send building  
contact now. (All newly issued licenses etc.)

Mr. Grubbs advised the Board that on or about May 18, 2023, he presented a report to the Board  
Commissioner Sines asked that Mr. Grubbs provide a copy to the Board for review and possible  
action to the Attorney General of Maryland to which there has been a response. Mr. Grubbs and  
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GM Grubbs advised that Vice Chair Burdette's Good Morning Annapolis contribution had expired, and he  
recommended that all commissioners take advantage of the online training that he posted on  
certificate, and provide a copy to the office for Board files. The Certificate made locally into what the  
training, and the Board is required to have our Board members that is certified. Mr. Grubbs will email the  
link to the online training material.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to nominate Commissioner Walters as the  
Reserve Account Representative as indicated by 22-208. The vote was unanimous.

GM Grubbs requested that the Commissioner forward to the staff their state ethics certification forms  
to be returned in Board files.

Discussions were held regarding the former audit firm payments that were not made to the person  
own, payments made from the consultant and Mr. Michoud's letter to the Board's staff response to that  
letter and Chair Goddard's letter format. The request for an AB opinion regarding license fees, fidelity  
bond, director insurance, defined contribution, retirement, and other items.

Commissioner Walters will meet with the auditor on Tuesday.

Mike Schrammen commented on conference he had attended.

Commissioner Burdette read a news article regarding a drunk driver being sued along with the drug test  
served her. Maryland does not have DRUG STOP laws.

The 2023 MAA conference is scheduled for October 18, 17, and 18 in Ocean City. The Commissioners  
requested additional information as it becomes available.

There being no further business, motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette to adjourn the meeting and  
was seconded; the vote was unanimous.