

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2023

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 General Manager W. Michael Crabbs and Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran.

MINUTES

Minutes for the June 28 meeting 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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State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3719.69
MD Comptroller	Withholding	1015.77
Payroll	Payroll	9412.18
ConnectPay	Accounting	87.50
Amy Finneran	Legal	1575.00
Kopin	Rent	2695.00
Kopin	Rent	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
William Crabbs	Telephone	105.00
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	694.20
Comcast	Telephone	233.41
Crystal Springs	Supplies	46.96
DRC Consulting	Training	150.00
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	1999.74
Metro Data	Computer	664.00
Modus Solutions	Supplies	24.81
TMobile	Telephone	164.85
VIABIT, LLC	Computer	180.00
Bertucci's Restaurants (Bel Air), L.L.C.	License Refund	2,250.00
DLC Group, L.L.C.	License Refund	750.00
From Bond Account to Board of Directors Account	Bond Forfeiture	1,000.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Bacco Pizzeria, L.L.C., T/A Bacco Pizzeria – New License

John Kosmakos, Member, Ciro Coppola, Member, Gennaro DiBenedetto, Member, Steven Diddlemeyer, Member, Bacco Pizzeria, L.L.C. T/A Bacco Pizzeria, 3468-70 Emmorton Road, Abingdon, appeared along with their attorney Carolyn M. Evans in connection with an Application for a Class B1-BW-On Sale Only License. Interest in the L.L.C. is held as follows: John Kosmakos, 30%; Ciro Coppola, 30%; Gennaro DiBenedetto, 30%; and Steven Diddlemeyer, 10%. All applicants have taken and passed the licensee test, Mr. Kosmakos will serve as the Responsible Operator. Mr. Kosmakos was previously on the license at Pizans Incorporated in Towson; Commissioner Walters disclosed that he has conducted business with Pizans Incorporated. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott – Status Update

Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott has submitted the required status update indicating they received the permit to continue construction on the new food and beverage area.

2) Fine Paid

QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House paid the \$100 fine for their Alcohol Awareness Violation.

3) MBGC, L.L.C. T/A Mountain Branch Golf, Pub & Grill – Update on Alcohol Service at Driving Range

Chief Inspector Colburn reported that on June 28 he hand delivered the cease and desist letter to Mountain Branch Golf, Pub & Grill relative to the alcohol being stored and dispensed at the Tracer's driving range.

4) Chief Inspector's 2nd Quarter Report

Chief Inspector Colburn read his 2nd Quarter Report into the record. Board members requested that the report be emailed to all license holders and be posted online.

5) Meeting with Harford County Delegation – Potential Dates

All Commissioners, staff, and Ms. Finneran are available on October 4 and 18 to meet with the Harford County Delegation; GM Crabbs will confirm a date with the delegation.

6) Procedural Audit Discussion

This topic will be put on hold until after the 2022-2023 audit is complete.

7) Harford County Director of Administration Letter – Board's Response

Chair Goddard will email to Commissioners and staff his revisions to Mr. McCord's letter; GM Crabbs will email an update to Mr. McCord.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

GM Crabbs advised that he will not be in attendance at the July 26 HCLCB meeting; Ms. Finneran will act as solicitor for the hearing.

Mrs. Baxter confirmed that there remains a lot of work to complete the audit, and the auditor is scheduled to make his presentation to the Board on August 9. There are seven show cause hearings scheduled for that day; Commissioner Majewski and Walters will be absent on August 9.

GM Crabbs reported that audio equipment is being researched to replace the two 4-channel mixers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette to move into executive session pursuant to General Provisions Article § 3-305(b)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; motion was seconded by Commissioner Walters and the vote was unanimous. The purpose of the closed session is to maintain confidentiality of the candidate and his work history, etc.

Commissioner Sines moved to go out of executive session and to return to open session; motion was seconded by Vice Chair Burdette, and the vote was unanimous.

At the Board's request, the candidate for the part-time inspector's position came in to be interviewed; during the executive session, the candidate's background and compensation were discussed.

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



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary