LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 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

October 19		
U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3264.87
State Comptroller	Withholding	852.56
ConnectPay	Accounting	70.00
Payroll	Payroll	6902.84
State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
AlphaGraphics of Bel Air	Office	422.94
BGE	Utilities	193.89
Metro Data, Inc.	Computer Upgrade	9135.00
Staples	Office	380.44
October 26		
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
William Crabbs	Telephone	105.00
Crystal Springs	Supplies	29.93
First Bankcard	Credit	927.55
First Bankcard	Fuel	207.89
SB & Company, LLC	Accounting	12500.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) KJIVAN, L.L.C., T/A One Stop Liquors - Change of Officers Transfer

Chaitesh Sheth, Managing Member, Dhvani Daru, Member, KJIVAN, L.L.C., T/A One Stop Liquors, 903 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace, appeared along with their attorney Robert F. Kahoe, in connection with a Supplemental Application for this Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License. The purpose of the application is to remove Bivek Budha Chhetri and add Chaitesh Sheth to the license. Mr. Sheth holds 90% interest and Mr. Daru holds 10% interest in the L.L.C. Mr. Sheth will serve as the Responsible Operator and has taken and passed the licensee test. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Mint 1, Inc., T/A The Mint Room - Change in Class & Change of Officers Application

Shailja Anand, President, Mint 1, Inc. T/A The Mint Room, 528 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with a Supplemental Application for change in class for this B1-BW-On Sale Only License and to remove Rayshad Beepath from the license. The change in class will upgrade the license to a B-BWL-On Sale Only License. Ms. Anand will remain on the license serving as the Responsible Operator and she will now hold 100% interest in the L.L.C. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) <u>STATIO, L.L.C., T/A Market Street Brewery – New License (POSTPONED)</u> This hearing will be rescheduled.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Rainbow King, Inc. T/A Rainbow King

Wei Rong Jiang, President, Rainbow King, Inc. T/A Rainbow King, 554 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD 21014, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-311(b)(1) and Board Rule 4:18(a)(1) which state:

Charge (1): (b) A retail dealer may not:

1. Purchase any alcoholic beverage except from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler, private bulk sale permit holder, or nonresident winery permit holder.

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 employee Fei Fei Wang, 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 6-311(b)(1) and Board Rule 4:18(a)(1); the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00 for this violation; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) County Legislation Extends Outdoor Dining

The Harford County Council extended for the moratorium on parking and other requirements to free up space for outdoor dining service through 12/31/2023.

- 2) <u>QSA Foods Corporation T/A The All American Steak House Resignation of Responsible Operator</u> QSA Foods Corporation T/A The All American Steak House license holder Daniel Santoro has confirmed that Dominic Rose has resigned from the corporation. Mr. Santoro will submit a supplemental application to name a replacement.
- 3) Fines Paid
 - a. Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki \$250 Alcohol Awareness Violation
 - b. Mexican Food III, Inc. T/A Echo Frezco \$100 Alcohol Awareness Violation

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

1) Havre de Grace Arts Collective - Thirsty Thursdays with Theatre - 11/03

Issued to William Price and Barbara Hartzell to be used at the Havre de Grace Opera House on November 3. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

County Legislation Extends Outdoor Dining

At this time, the Board moved back up to Administrative Business and Outdoor Dining. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve extending the moratorium on parking and other requirements regarding outdoor dining service through 12/31/2023; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Mr. Crabbs advised that computer equipment install is scheduled for Friday, October 28, and that the file cabinets and other items have been moved from Self-Storage Plus to on-site storage that is being rented in the basement of the building. Contact will be made with two vendors regarding replacement of the Konica photocopier. The audit should be arriving any day and will be sent to the Commissioners for review; payment to the auditor will be held until the audit has been received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Goddard made a motion to move into executive session to confer with counsel; Commissioner Burdette seconded the motion; and the vote was unanimous. Discussion was held regarding the healthcare consortium money; no determination was made.

Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and seconded by Commissioner Welch 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 October 26, 2022, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Paul J. Majewski, Chair

Frederic Merchant, Vice Chair

James Welon, Commissioner

Susan Burdette, Commissioner

Wayne Goddard, Commissioner