

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

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
January 11, 2023

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**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.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes for August 24, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, November 9 & 16; the vote was unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

December 28

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3139.11
State Comptroller	Withholding	816.41
ConnectPay	Accounting	78.75
Payroll	Payroll	6568.87
MD State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00

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First Bankcard	Credit card	226.12
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U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3604.83
State Comptroller	Withholding	1021.71
ConnectPay	Accounting	664.59
Payroll	Payroll	
Amy Finneran	Legal	2820.00
Kopin L.L.C.	Rent	2695.00
Kopin LLC	Rent Storage	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephones	231.31
Kelly & Assoc.	Insurance	1999.74
Metro Data	Computer Support	1272.00
TASC	Insurance	339.24
Sprint	Telephone	171.90
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	843.86

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

1) Longobardi, L.L.C., T/A Garibaldi's Italian Pizza & Grill – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled to a future date.

**SHOW CAUSE HEARING**

1) R&A, Inc. T/A Cheers Wine & Spirits

Ranjit Singh, President/Treasurer, R&A Inc. T/A Cheers Wine & Spirits, 100 North Tollgate Road, Bel Air, MD 21014 appeared along with their attorney, Linda C. Carter, (license holder Amandeep Sahi, was not present), in connection with a show cause letter indicating violations as follows:

- Charge 1: Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule (BR) 4:01(a); and
- Charge 2: Failure of a license holder or an employee of a license holder to be fully responsible for determining that the individual to whom alcoholic beverages is sold is over the age of 21 years; and failing to refuse the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual who does not provide sufficient proof of legal age to the satisfaction of the license holder or employee of a license holder. in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule (BR) 4:01 (c).

Motion was made by Vice Chair Merchant and seconded by Commissioner Welch to convene to executive session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made and seconded to return to open session; the vote was unanimous.

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. As a result of the executive session, and 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 by Commissioner Goddard to dismiss the charge; there was no second. Motion was then made by Vice Chair Merchant and duly seconded to find License Holder in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule (BR) 4:01(a); the vote was four "ayes" with Commissioner Goddard voting "naye"; the motion passed. Motion was made and seconded to issue no fine; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Merchant and seconded to find License Holder in **Violation** of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule ("BR") 4:01 (c); there were four "ayes" with Commissioner Goddard voting "naye". Motion was made and duly seconded to issue a fine in the amount of \$250.00; there were four "ayes" with Commissioner Goddard voting "naye".

### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **1) Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott – 60-Day Update**

Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott has submitted a 60-Day Status Update indicating that the summer and fall focus was on the completion of the guestroom portion of the renovation, and a late April completion is anticipated for the food and beverage portion of the renovation.

#### **2) KPD Group, Inc. T/A Moores Mill Convenience with Beer and Wine – Change of Trade Name**

KPD Group, Inc. T/A Moores Mill Convenience with Beer and Wine has submitted written notice that they have registered the new trade name of "Moores Mill Convenience and Liquor"; the name change was approved.

#### **3) Bel Air Lions Club – Donation Request**

A donation request was submitted by Bel Air Lions Club. The Board agreed that individual members were welcome to contribute their own funds but a donation would not be made by HCLCB.

#### **4) Fines Paid**

The following fines have been paid for sale to underage as a result of a compliance test:

- a) Grill Sensations, L.L.C. T/A Towne Grill \$500
- b) Sam N' Ram Inc. T/A Edgewood Liquors and Grocery \$1000
- c) DLC Group, L.L.C. T/A Bushmill Tavern \$500
- d) Hospitality Steak House, L.L.C. T/A Texas Roadhouse \$500

#### **5) December's Performance Budget**

December's performance budget was distributed; cost of office supplies was discussed.

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

Mr. Crabbs commented that a meeting is scheduled for next week to obtain a third proposal to replace the copier.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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Paul J. Majewski, II, Chair

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Mary Sporre, Secretary