

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2024

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 Majewski, Commissioners Sines, Walters, and Miller, General Manager Crabbs and Board Counsel Finneran.

MINUTES May 22

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the minutes for May 22; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to pay the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3558.28
State Comptroller	Withholding	994.23
ConnectPay	Accounting	94.49
Payroll	Payroll	8405.79
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	670.97
First Bankcard	Office	278.99
First Bankcard	Gas	396.02
First Bankcard	Gas	33.14
Crystal Springs	Office	39.97
T-Mobile	Telephone	148.83
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	318.78
Modus Solutions, LLC	Office	95.16
Penn National Insurance	Insurance	4805.00
The Shred Mill	Maintenance	47.50
Richlin Food Corporation	2024-2025 License Refund	1125.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR

1) First-Time Applicants – Darlington Volunteer Fire Company – Per Diem B&W

First-Time Applicants Donyella Bell and Ralph Borden appeared on behalf of Darlington Volunteer Fire Company in connection with a Per Diem B&W license application submitted for a concert to be held on July 20 at the fire hall. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicants – Harford County Farm Fair – Per Diem B&W

First-Time Applicants Aimee O'Neill and Nina Depkin appeared on behalf of Harford County Farm Fair in connection with a Per Diem B&W license application to be used at the fair. The application requested the dates of July 20 through July 27, however, a per diem license can only be issued for seven consecutive days. Applicants requested the license be issued for July 21 through July 27. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C. T/A Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge – Request to Escrow

Stewart H. Getz, counsel for Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C., spoke with staff and confirmed that license holders have withdrawn their request to escrow the license; Mr. Getz will follow up with an email.

4) Naran, L.L.C. T/A Cork and Barrel – Retail Delivery Authorization Application

Naran, L.L.C. T/A Cork and Barrel has submitted a Retail Delivery Authorization Application. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post – Outside Event Applications (2)

V.F.W. Post 10028, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Memorial Post has submitted two Outside Event Applications. Post Commander Rafael Mack appeared in connection with the applications. The first application is for a Biker Day Party on 07/27. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. The second application will be used on 08/17 for an “All White Affair”. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application

6) Main Street Social Club, L.L.C., T/A Main Street Social Club – Change of Officers Transfer

Joseph Thompson, Member, Christopher Hawley, Managing Member, Main Street Social Club, L.L.C., T/A Main Street Social Club, 2217 E. Churchville Road, Suite C, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney Robert F. Kahoe, in connection with a Change of Officers Transfer for this Class C3-BWL-On Sale Only License. Karen Kleinman previously held 90% interest in the L.L.C. and has transferred her interest to Christopher Hawley; Joseph Thompson will retain his 10% interest and will remain the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated July 12, 2024, was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

7) Sweet Union, L.L.C., T/A Water Street Seafood – Change in Class Transfer

Theresa Ray, Member, Sweet Union, L.L.C., T/A Water Street Seafood, 654 Water Street, Havre de Grace, appeared in connection with a Change in Class Transfer Application for this Class B1-BW-On Sale Only License that was issued on 01/28/2021. License holder is requesting a change in class to B-BWL-On Sale Only License. Reports submitted by Theresa Ray indicate the food sales were 89% for the past six months. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated July 12, 2024, was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) Mexican Food III, Inc. T/A Echo Frezco

David Carillo, President, Gabrilla Villagomez, Secretary, Mexican Food III, Inc. T/A Echo Frezco, 1517 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, appeared along with manager Pascual Castellanos in connection with violation of the following:

- 1) CHARGE 1: Failure to comply with Alcohol Awareness certification requirement. AB 4-505(f); AB 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 (a) and (c)

The alleged violation occurred on February 6, 2024.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Inspector Lance Griffin), as well as applicable License Holder’s testimony and with further consideration to License Holder’s relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following findings:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to impose a fine of \$250.00; the vote was unanimous.

2) Shambhavi, Inc. T/A Old School Tavern

Shweta Srivastava, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Shambhavi, Inc. T/A Old School Tavern, 3403 Conowingo Road Street, appeared along with her attorney Carolyn M. Evans in connection with violation of the following:

- 1) Failure to adhere to the requirements of a Class D License, to wit: “To maintain a Class D license the premise shall be equipped and stocked for the continued regular sale of food, which must be offered until 11:00 p.m.” in violation of Board Rule (BR) 5:18(e).

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded by Vice Chair Majewski convene to executive session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice in accordance with General Provisions Article § 3-305 (7); the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to return to open session; the vote was unanimous.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Buchler), 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 Walters and was seconded to find license holder in violation. Roll call was held and the results are as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Wayne Goddard		X	
Paul Majewski		X	
Steve Sines		X	
Jim Walters	X		
BangTam Miller	X		

The Board voted by a 3 to 2 majority to NOT SUSTAIN the alleged violation.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Z Food Schtor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault – Status Update

Z Food Schtor, L.L.C., 201 S. Main Street, Bel Air, has submitted notice that they plan to reopen 07/15 following their renovations due to water damage.

2) Ziller, L.L.C. T/A Abbey Burger Havre de Grace – Outside Event Application

Ziller, L.L.C. T/A Abbey Burger Havre de Grace, 226 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used during First Friday events in Havre de Grace on 08/02, 09/06, and 10/04. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

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

Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 1420 Handlir Drive, Bel Air has submitted a 60 day status update following their Tentative Approval. They are hoping to have Health Department approval by the end of next week, and then they have approximately 60 days of construction.

4) Fines Paid

The following fines have been paid:

- a. \$100 Alcohol Awareness Violations: Bonefish of Bel Air, L.L.C. T/A Bonefish Grill; Bush River Yacht Club, Inc. T/A Bush River Yacht Club; Z Food Schtor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault
- b. \$500 Sale to Underage: T.G.I. Fridays of Harford County, Inc. T/A T.G.I. Friday's
- c. \$1,000 Sale to Underage: QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House
- d. \$1,000 Sale to Underage and \$250 Failure to Appear for Hearing: Plaza Mexico of Fallston, Inc. T/A Plaza Mexico of Fallston

5) Audit FY 2023 – 2024

The audit was conducted on July 1 and we await the results.

6) Budget FY 2024 – 2025

Commissioner Walters reviewed the budget that was previously approved by the Board. The budget will be forwarded to the County Executive for approval of employee salary increases; a copy will also be sent to the County Council.


7) Alcohol Delivery (SB 456/HB 808)

Discussion of this legislation will be held at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary