

**November 16, 2021  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Armando Camacho, Vice Chair  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager  
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant  
Katrice James, Administrative Aide  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

**Start Time: 10:01 a.m.**

**Commissioner Camacho:** Good Morning everyone. The commission today, we have five commissioners, we're missing our chairwoman who had to take off to take care of a personal matter. So, we have the remaining commissioners, four of us, and I'll introduce them in a second. As we go on, the Director will call for a case. Fortunately, today, there are only two cases that we will be hearing. So, he will call the cases, we will swear in the applicants for the license to transfer, or a new license, whichever it may be. We will swear them in, and we will take testimony from them. And once we complete the testimony, we will ask for a motion. A second for the motion and will have discussion, if any, and then we will take a vote on that motion. All right with that I'm going to allow the director to give some introductions to the staff that's present, and also explain several other conditions we have at the moment, since we are running a virtual meeting.

**Director Sheppard:** Great, thank you. The Board is implemented a 10-day rule process to allow the exchange of information between the attorneys the board, as well as our licensees. If this hearing were to take place in person, that exchange could be done immediately and the Board would have the opportunity to weigh in on any pieces of evidence that will be presented, because this is a virtual hearing that process cannot take place. The Board has implemented the 10-day rule to allow the exchange of information. If a licensee want attorney would like to add to the record, they have 10 days from today's date in order to do so, and we would ask that you email that those documents to myself or the staff. If the Board so chooses, they can take up to 10 days and they will weigh in on any information that has been added. And the decision will be made at the next available hearing.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Thank you Mr. Chair. Very good. Then call the first case. Please.

**Director Sheppard:** Luis Ponce, Member, Maria Delgado, Member, for a Class B, Beer for the use of El Chaparral, LLC, t/a El Chaparral, 15101 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 111, Laurel, 20707

transfer from Sarita's, Inc., t/a Sarita's Chicken & Restaurant, 15101 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 111, Laurel, 20707, Victoria Bernabe, Owner, Pio Bernabe, Owner.

Licenseses Luis Ponce and Maria Delgado are present for the hearing. Commissioner Camacho asks if the applicants are represented by an attorney. In which they are not, and they understand that they have the right to be represented an attorney. Applicants chooses to proceed without an attorney. Luis Ponce is sworn in as the translator for Maria Delgado. For the record, both state their home address as 12624 Quaking Branch Court, Bowie, MD 20720.

**Commissioner Camacho:** I would like to begin by qualifying Ms. Delgado since she's the majority owner. Have you ever held a license for sale by alcohol beverages before?

**Maria Delgado:** No.

**Director Sheppard:** Mr. Camacho, he was sworn in as the interpreter, I'm not sure if Ms. Delgado was sworn in or not.

Commissioner Camacho recalls that both were sworn in at the same time. Director Sheppard verifies with Board Attorney Jason DeLoach, and he does not recall both being sworn in. He only recalls Mr. Ponce being sworn in as the interpreter. Both are sworn in by Commissioner Camacho.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Ms. Delgado, do you have interest directly or indirectly in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license?

**Maria Delgado:** No.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Have you ever had an alcoholic beverage license revoked or denied?

**Maria Delgado:** No

**Commissioner Camacho:** Have you ever been convicted of a felony?

**Maria Delgado:** No.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Have you ever been charged with violating any gambling laws?

**Maria Delgado:** No.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Describe the mode of operation of the establishment that you're about to, that you want to take over. In other words, tell us about the restaurant. What it is you do, kind of food you serve.

**Maria Delgado:** I operate a family run, family-owned business with about eight employees. It's Mexican, Central American food being served. At the moment, it's just dine-in or carry out.

**Commissioner Camacho:** What are the hours of operation?

**Maria Delgado:** 6:00 a.m. in the morning, opening time and 2:00 a.m. in the morning closing time, every day.

**Commissioner Camacho:** And how many seats are the establishment?

**Maria Delgado:** 46 seats.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Your application has 60, but we'll come back to that. Do have a bar?

**Luis Ponce:** No, we do not.

**Commissioner Camacho:** And how much time will she be spending on the license premises?

**Maria Delgado:** So mostly the majority part of the day from being there in the morning or 10:00 a.m. in the morning to closing time to the morning, every day.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Is she familiar with the laws, rules and regulations of the Board of License Commissioners?

**Maria Delgado:** Yes.

**Commissioner Camacho:** And do you understand those laws, rules and regulations?

Ms. Delgado testifies that she understands the laws, rules and regulations and agrees to abide by them. She is also aware that the Board will hold her accountable for any violations that occur. Ms. Delgado answers that 21 is the legal age to purchase alcohol and 18 for selling alcohol.

**Commissioner Camacho:** What are the six acceptable forms of identification for proof of age?

Ms. Delgado names: driver's license, identification card, passport, and military ID. To her knowledge, there is only four acceptable forms of ID. Commissioner Camacho informs Ms. Delgado that she has to know all six. Commissioner Camacho consults with Board Attorney Jason DeLoach and it is determined that the next case will be called to allow Ms. Delgado to brush up on the law.

The case is recalled and after the third time, Ms. Delgado is able to identify the 6 acceptable forms of ID. Commissioner Camacho opens the floor for questions, hearing none, he calls for a motion.

**Commissioner Sparkman:** I move that we grant the transfer of the Class B, Beer for the use of El Chaparral, LLC.

**Commissioner Smith:** I second.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Motion has been made and properly seconded. I'll call for the vote. Commissioner Smith.

**Commissioner Smith:** Aye.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Commissioner Sparkman.

**Commissioner Sparkman:** Aye.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Vice Chair votes aye. Congratulations, your license has been granted to you.

**Director Sheppard:** Mr. Chair, new Class B, Beer and Wine, Moises A. Diaz, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Vany, Inc., t/a Los Antojitos Mexican Grill, 9123 Riggs Road, Adelphi, 20783. Mr. Robert Kim, Esquire representing.

**Robert Kim:** Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board. Bob Kim on behalf of Los Antojitos Mexican Grill.

Mr. Diaz is sworn in and Mr. Alvarez is sworn in as the interpreter.

**Commissioner Camacho:** For the record, please state your name and a home address.

**Raoul Alvarez:** My name is Raoul E. Alverex and my address is 9013 Collinsville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

**Moises Diaz:** My name is Moises Diaz, and my home address is 8907 Riggs Road, Hyattsville Maryland, 20783.

**Robert Kim:** This is an application for a new class B, beer and wine license, members of the Board. Los Antojitos actually had a license since 2017 and for some reason, through covid and

so on, they failed or neglected to renew the license when the last renewal was required. So, we are back before this Board to request issuance of a beer and wine license so they can continue to, to, to serve the community. Mr. Diaz again has been on the licenses since 2017 and is a qualified applicant. He doesn't have any violations, while the license was issued to Mr. Diaz.

Mr. Kim asks qualifying questions to Mr. Diaz in reference to being a citizen of the United States and a resident of Maryland. Mr. Diaz has never been convicted of a felony. He has never been found guilty of violating any laws regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages. He has never had a license revoked. He does not own any other business in Prince Georges County with an alcoholic license. He is 100% Stockholder/President/Secretary/Treasurer of Vany, Inc. He is familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board of License Commissioners and will make sure that all employees comply.

**Robert Kim:** And Mr. Chairman, we did submit a current alcohol awareness training certificate for Mr. Diaz, and I believe three current employees of Los Antojitos.

Mr. Diaz is able to answer that 21 is the legal age to purchase alcohol and 18 to sell alcohol. Mr. Diaz is able to identify the six acceptable forms of ID. There are no changes to the application that was submitted to the Board. Mr. Diaz understands that he is required to appear before the Board to answer any questions if there are any problems and agrees to accept those responsibilities.

**Robert Kim:** You've actually had been without a license I guess for about six months or five months, is that correct? And have you had customers at Los Antojitos, tell you that they want they would like to have beer and wine again at the restaurant?

**Moises Diaz:** Yes.

**Robert Kim:** Do you have any reason to believe that you would disturb the neighborhood by you getting a beer and wine license?

**Moises Diaz:** No.

**Robert Kim:** Mr. Chairman, we did submit a copy of a menu of Los Antojitos Mexican Grill to show that it is a full-service restaurant with 49 seats. Again, we would respectfully we request the Board approved this application for a class B beer and wine license so that they can go back to serving beer and wine with their meals in the community.

**Director Sheppard:** Mr. Camacho, we have the maps presentation on this.

**Cristian Mendoza:** Okay, in the manner of loss of the little Mexican Grill. There are no churches within 500 feet, no schools within 1000 feet in there are no establishments that have a liquor license within a one-mile radius of this establishment.

Commissioner Camacho opens the floor for questions, hearing none, he calls for a motion.

**Commissioner Sparkman:** I move that we grant, the new class B, beer and wine license for the use of Vany, Inc. Trading as Los Antojitos Mexican Grill.

**Commissioner Smith:** I second the motion.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Okay, motion has been made, and probably seconded to grant a Class B, beer, and wine license for trading as Los Antojitos Mexican Grill. I will call for the vote.

Commissioner Norman left the hearing.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Commissioner Smith.

**Commissioner Smith:** Aye

**Commissioner Camacho:** Commissioner Sparkman.

**Commissioner Sparkman.** Aye.

**Commissioner Camacho:** Vice Chair votes aye, motion carries. Congratulations, you have your license back. This session of the Board of License Commissioners for and in Prince George's County has now concluded.

**End Time: 10:38 a.m.**