

**March 22, 2022
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:04 a.m.

Commissioner Camacho: I'm going to go over a few house rules. We understand that we're in a network situation with connectivity issues, we ask that you mute your computers or cell phones until you're called. We operate under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, any transactions, all of our testimony, and discussions between Commissioners is done in the open and totally transparent. When we do call cases and we experience connectivity issues we will pause that case, proceed to the next case, and allow you to reestablish connectivity with us. Additionally, I'll explain the procedure, the Director will call the case, I'll swear in whoever is going to be testifying, after the testimony is taken, I'll ask for a motion, someone will second the motion and then we'll take a vote. We normally have five Commissioners, but our Chairwoman isn't with us today and Commissioner Smith had to tend to an emergency.

Director Sheppard: During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Accokeek Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 15789 Livingston Road, Unit 116, Accokeek, 20607, Yash S. Patel, to serve as Member/Authorized Person in the place instead of Jaymini Patel, Member-Manager.

Robert Kim, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Yash Patel is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Mr. Patel has completed Alcohol Awareness training. A copy of the certificate has been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Norman: On the application it says, if you're a naturalized citizen put the date and place of naturalization. Yash S. Patel's application says he's not a citizen of the United States, but a resident of the United States. Does he need to provide the date?

Ms. Patricia Bell of the BOLC: No, he's not naturalized.

Mr. Kim: He's a permanent resident.

Ms. Patricia Bell of the BOLC: You have to provide a date and place if you're a naturalized citizen.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Accokeek Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Yes! Organic Market**, Class D(R), Beer and Wine, 5331 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 101, Hyattsville, 20781, Peter Hong, to serve as Assistant Secretary in the place instead of Arleen Johnson, Assistant Recording Secretary.

Robert Kim, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Peter Hong is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Mr. Hong has completed Alcohol Awareness training. A copy of the certificate has been submitted to the Board.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Yes! Organic Market, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Central Avenue Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 6115 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743, Unsuik L. Chin, to serve as President and Nicholas Y. Chin to serve as Vice President.

Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Ms. Dinh Chin is sworn in.

Mr. Nicholas Chin is sworn in.

Mr. Unsuik Chin is sworn in.

Commissioner Camacho asked **Mr. Unsuik Chin** and **Mr. Nicholas Chin** the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman: Have they both been TIP Certified?

Mr. Unsuik Chin: I'm certified, Nicholas hasn't been certified but will be.

Dinh Chin is certified as well.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Central Avenue Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner**

Sparkman.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a MGM National Harbor**, Class B(EF), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 101 MGM National Avenue, Oxon Hill, 20745, Melonie Johnson, to serve as Authorized Person and James McBride, Jr. to serve as Authorized Person.

Linda Carter, Esquire is representing.

Mr. James McBride, Jr. is sworn in.

Ms. Carter asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Ms. Carter states in their facility at the MGM, no employees under the age of 21 serve alcohol.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a MGM National Harbor, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Giant**, Class D(off), Beer and Wine, 7546 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, 20784, Bobbi Majors, to serve as Assistant Secretary in the place instead of Theodore R. Garrett, Jr., Assistant Secretary.

Abigale Bruce-Watson, Esquire is representing.

Ms. Bobbi Majors is sworn in.

Ms. Bruce-Watson asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Ms. Majors explains the mechanisms Giant has in place to ensure the laws pertaining to Alcoholic beverages will be upheld. Every time a beer or wine item is scanned there is a prompt to enter the I.D. birthdate, if the birthdate is valid it'll proceed with the order. If the birthdate isn't valid there will be an alert prompt for management to come over. All minors are flagged in the system until they turn eighteen years old.

Commissioner Norman: Ms. Majors, have you done the TAPS training? Has someone on the staff been trained?

Ms. Majors: I haven't been trained, but our entire management team is certified.

Commissioner Norman: Ms. Watson, can we be provided copies of those?

Ms. Bruce-Watson: Yes, we will be submitting the Alcohol Beverage certificates for all employees that have it.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Giant, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Outback Steakhouse (Largo), (Oxon Hill) and (Hyattsville)**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 9660 Lottsford Court, Largo, 20774/6091 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, 20745/3500 East West Highway, Hyattsville, 20782. Matthew W. Byrd, to serve as President/Secretary/Treasurer in the place instead of Jacqueline Myers, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Nicholas Kallis, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Matthew Byrd is sworn in.

Mr. Kallis asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

All servers have been trained in responsible Alcohol Service. Every server goes through annual compliance, servers are required to retrain. Management is certified as well.

Mr. Byrd is certified in TIPS and TAPS.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Outback Steakhouse (Largo), seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Outback Steakhouse (Oxon Hill), seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Outback Steakhouse (Hyattsville), seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Miller's Ale House**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3430 East West Highway, Hyattsville, 20782, Michael A. Blair, to serve as Authorized Person in the place instead of James B. Kuehnhold, Authorized Person.

Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Michael Blair is sworn in.

Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

All employees take Alcohol Awareness training during the onboarding process and annually for compliance purposes. All individuals that look under the age of forty, are asked for I.D.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Miller's Ale House, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION:

TRANSFER

1. Babubhai Patel, Member-Manager, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of FT Washington, LLC, **t/a Fort Washington Liquors**, 10200-B Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, 20744 transfer from Iino, Inc., t/a Ft. Washington Liquor, 10200 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, 20744, Seong Min No, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Robert Kim, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Babubhai Patel is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question. They've submitted a copy of the Alcohol Awareness certificate.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Fort Washington Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Mercy Mundih Asong, President, Cecilia Fru, Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Double Cork, Inc., **t/a Mustang's**, 2430 Chillum Road, Hyattsville, 20782 transfer from Double Cork, Inc., t/a Mustang's, 2430 Chillum Road, Hyattsville, 20782, James Carey, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Ryan Lewis, Esquire is representing.

Ms. Cecilia Fru is sworn in.

Ms. Mercy Asong is sworn in.

Mr. Lewis asked **Ms. Fru** and **Ms. Asong** the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Mustang's, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **Rabjir Singh Chopra**, President, **Ruchee Tulsi Judge**, Vice President, for a Class D(R), Beer and Wine for the use of **Falcon Ventures, Inc., t/a 7-Eleven #26800**, 12009 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, 20708 transfer from **Mirzaie Beer & Wine, LLC, t/a Seven Eleven Store (Laurel)**, 12009 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel, 20708, **Mehdi G. Mirzaie**, Member/Authorized Person, **Farzaneh Mirzaie**, Member/Authorized Person. Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mr. Rabjir Singh is sworn in.

Ms. Ruchee Judge is sworn in.

Commissioner Camacho asked **Mr. Chopra** and **Ms. Judge** the standard questions used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class D license for t/a 7-Eleven #26800, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS D, BEER AND WINE

1. **Kaela Berment-McDowald**, CEO, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of **Beauty Confidential Co., t/a Black Wax Bar**, 10260 Lake Arbor Way, Bowie, 20721.

Chief Liquor Inspector Clark gave a maps presentation.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mrs. Kaela Berment-McDowald is sworn in.

Mrs. McDowald: I have a full-service salon and spa. We specialize in skin and hair care; I'd like to bring an elevated experience to the area. This is something we don't have in the area; I recognize the need for it.

Commissioner Camacho asked the standard questions used to qualify the applicant for this license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland,

and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho: Are you open now?

Mrs. McDowald: The salon is open; we had our grand opening June 2021.

Commissioner Camacho states that you can only purchase alcohol from authorized wholesalers. We have this concern with small businesses, smaller establishments try to avoid larger purchases. That is the law and a serious violation.

Commissioner Norman: Did you get TIP certified?

Mrs. McDowald: I'm in the process.

Commissioner Norman: Once you complete that can you make sure to forward that information to the Board?

Ms. McDowald: Yes, absolutely.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the Class D license for t/a Black Wax Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Tamkenny Nguyen, Member, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Capella Nail Bar, LLC, t/a **Capella Nail Bar**, 4501-B Mitchellville Road, Bowie, 20716.

Chief Liquor Inspector Clark gave a maps presentation.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mr. Tamkenny Nguyen is sworn in.

Commissioner Camacho asked the standard questions used to qualify the applicant for this license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho: Are you in business now? How long have you been open?

Mr. Nguyen: We opened the first of January.

Commissioner Norman: Have you been TIP certified?

Mr. Nguyen: Yes.

Commissioner Norman: Did you provide us with that documentation?

Mr. Nguyen: Yes.

Commissioner Norman: Do we have it Ms. Bell?

Ms. Katrice James of the BOLC: No, we don't have it but it's a part of the process to effectuate the license.

Commissioner Norman: We don't have a copy of it, if you have it can you forward it to us? If you don't have it, you need to make arrangements to take the class.

Mr. Nguyen: Should I take the class?

Commissioner Camacho: You have to take the class; we can't issue the license without it.

Commissioner Camacho states it's important that you buy your alcohol strictly from a wholesaler.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the Class D license for t/a Capella Nail Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Shneidine Jean Louis Adonis, Manager, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Laurenceau, LLC, t/a **Chic Bar & Lounge**, 300 Second Steet, Laurel, 20707.

Robert Kim, Esquire is representing.

Chief Liquor Inspector Clark gave a maps presentation.

Ms. Shneidine Adonis is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the applicant for this license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Mr Kim: I have submitted a petition of about thirty signatures of citizens of Laurel and surrounding areas in support of this application.

Ms. Adonis plans to have a limited menu for food at this establishment.

Commissioner Camacho: I have a change to the application, for describe the mode of operation it says a retail business that serves alcoholic beverages such as wine, beer, liquor, cocktails, and water.

Mr. Kim: That needs to be revised, I think initially the application might've been filed as a beer, wine, and liquor. I received a copy of this from the Board and it was crossed out. I didn't make that revision.

Commissioner Camacho: I just want to be sure that liquor is inappropriate for this application.

Mr. Kim: No question. Ms. Adonis, you understand as a beer and wine license your limited to the sale of beer and wine? The percentage of alcohol is 15.5%. We probably should make that revision Mr. Chairman we're taking out liquor and cocktails.

Ms. Adonis: Yes, I understand.

Commissioner Camacho informs the staff to remove that section liquor and cocktails out of the application.

Commissioner Norman: Ms. Adonis, what is this going to be?

Ms. Adonis: It's going to be a small lounge where people can come to have wine, beer, and light food.

Commissioner Norman: Approximately how many people do you plan on seating?

Ms. Adonis: About thirty people.

Commissioner Norman: You understand there is no dancing, and you must have music piped in?

Ms. Adonis: Yes.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the Class D license for t/a Chic Bar & Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC