

**April 10, 2024  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present:**

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector  
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager  
Katrice James, Administrative Aide  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide  
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

**Start Time: 7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms:** At the Board of License Commissioners, we endeavor to be as efficient as possible in our virtual environment. Thank you for your patience. This is a public meeting subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act so a truthful, transparent, open, and honest dialogue and record is required. As such, there are some formalities that will take place that may appear redundant but nonetheless are important and required to ensure compliance with the law.

**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.

**REGULAR SESSION**

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1. **t/a Delicias La Chocita**, Maria Martinez, Manager, Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Delicias La Chocita, LLC., 4800 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Maryland 20710. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

**Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s County Police Department)** states he conducted a site inspection, viewed their cameras, and discussed the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate. He spoke with Mr. Javier Cara, who is helping Mrs. Martinez with the paperwork. An amendment to the application will be made pertaining to the business’ hours of operation. Originally, only Special Entertainment hours were listed.

The plans for Delicias La Chocita Restaurant are to provide customers with karaoke nights, bands, local groups, music, mariachis, and the ability to rent the premises for family events.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Delicias La Chocita, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

2. **t/a Mason Restaurant and Lounge**, Temi Ijiti, Owner, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, TMI International, LLC., 4508 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, MD 20710. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

**Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s County Police Department)** states he conducted a site inspection, viewed their cameras, and discussed the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

**Mr. Carter** states that an amendment to the hours of operation needs to be made.

Entertainment will start at 9:00 PM not 12:00 PM as previously stated on the application.

The plans for Mason Restaurant and Lounge are to provide live bands, DJs, and karaoke for customers.

**Commissioner Camacho** ensures that the licensee knows that although patron dancing is listed on the U&O, the Board does not give permission for it. It comes from the County Council.

**Mr. Carter** states Mr. Ijiti understands that he cannot operate a dance hall without the approval of the county.

**Commissioner Camacho** motions to grant the Special Entertainment permit for Mason Restaurant and Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, motion carries.**

3. Malwinderpal Singh Randhawa, President, Secretary Treasurer, Mohinder Singh, Vice President, **t/a Chuck’s Liquors**, 3416 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland 20712, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of an

alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. #11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and R.R. #26 A (7) "The failure of any licensee to keep records required by the Maryland Code or by the Rules and/or Regulations of this Board or the refusal to allow inspection of such records by duly authorized persons". To wit; on or about Monday, January 8, 2024, at approximately 6:31 p.m., Inspector Farmer-Johnson of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners conducted a Routine Inspection at the licensed premises, located at 3416 Road Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, MD. Inspector Farmer-Johnson discovered a box containing six (6) bottles of Mr. Boston's Holiday Nog 30 proof addressed to AJ Liquors. A second box was discovered on a shelf in the same storage area, though empty, was also addressed to AJ Liquors. However, there were two (2) 1.75 liters bottles of Mr. Boston's Holiday Nog on the shelf next to the empty box. Inspector Farmer-Johnson enquired about invoices/records for proof of purchase from the authorize wholesaler; the owner was unable to produce an invoice or receipt. The licensee had a previous violation dated February 08, 2023, for R.R. #1 Sale to a minor, fined \$1,500. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

**Inspector Farmer-Johnson of the BOLC** testified about the incident that occurred on January 8, 2024.

**Mr. Carter** states the licensees had the opportunity to review the report and everything happened exactly as reported. They apologized for the mistake, and it will not be repeated.

**Chief Clark** mends the charge down to R.R. 11.

**Commissioner Camacho** moves to find the licensees for t/a Chucks Liquors in violation, as charged, with a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, motion carries.**

4. Kashmir Singh, President/Secretary/Treasurer, **t/a Brother's Liquors**, 12788 B Old Forte Road, Fort. Washington, Maryland 20744, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. No. 11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and R.R. #26 A (7) "The failure of any licensee to keep records required by the Maryland Code or by the Rules and/or Regulations of this Board or the refusal to allow inspection of such records by duly authorized persons". To wit: on Wednesday, January 29, 2023, at approximately 8:31 p.m., Inspector Farmer-Johnson of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners conducted a Routine Inspection at 12788 B Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, Maryland 20744 (Brother's Liquors). Inspector Farmer-Johnson observed seven (7) cases of Flavored Barefoot Wine missing the shipping label and no current invoices. This is a violation on of R.R. #11 purchasing alcoholic beverages form other than a wholesaler and R.R. #26 A(7) failure to keep records. **Director Sheppard** informs the Board the licensees requested a continuance to the hearing dated in May.

5. Kai Tang, President, Meng Wang, Secretary/treasurer, **t/a Diamond Crab (formerly Urban Crab shack)**, 15810 A Crain Highway, Brandywine, Maryland 20613, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for non-payment of fines related to violation of R.R. #35 – Trade Name of the Rules and Regulations of Prince George’s County. To wit: on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at approximately 8:30 p.m., Inspector North, conducted a Routine Inspection, at the Urban Crab Shack. While outside, he noticed a black banner covering the original trade name. The banner was labeled Diamond Crab Seafood and Bar, which covered the previously approved trade name Urban Crab Shack.

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

**Inspector North** testified about the incident that occurred on January 2, 2024.

**Mr. Tang** states that in November of 2023, his purpose for the name change was to rebrand the business. He has email receipts in which he requested that his lawyer apply for a name change in December. Inspector North came and saw the banner with the new name although the application was still being worked on.

**Commissioner Camacho** moves to find the licensee for t/a Diamond Crab in violation, as charged, with a fine of \$1,500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, motion carries.**

6. Trang Thuy Duong Nguyen, **t/a Saigon Street**, 101 MGM National Avenue, Retail 5, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745, Class B(EC), Beer, Wine, and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. #11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit: on Thursday, February 15th, 2024, at approximately 9:50 pm, Inspector Farmer-Johnson conducted a Routine Inspection at Saigon Street, located at 101 MGM National Avenue, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20745. Inspector Farmer-Johnson noticed boxes that were not labeled and requested invoices for proof of purchase from an authorized wholesaler. The manager on site, Ms. Huyeng, presented invoices on letterhead from a retail liquor store named, "Good Ole Reliable Liquors", located at 1513 Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Washington, DC. Inspector Farmer-Johnson explained to Ms. Huyeng that “Good Ole Reliable Liquors” is not a licensed wholesale distributor. Ms. Huyeng was informed, the invoices provided and the lack of proof of a wholesale purchase, caused Saigon Street to be in direct violation of Rule and Regulation #11. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

**Inspector Farmer-Johnson** testified about the incident that occurred on February 15, 2024.

**Mr. Carter** states the licensees had the opportunity to review the report and everything happened exactly as reported. They apologized for the mistake, and it will not be repeated.

**Commissioner Camacho** moves to find the licensees for t/a Saigon Street in violation, as charged, with a fine of \$1,500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, motion carries.**

7. Rhonda Hall, Managing Member, **t/a Ladies 1st Cigars**, 402 Coventry Way, Clinton, Maryland 20735, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of R.R. #58 A(2) and A(5) There shall be employed a sufficient number of chefs and /or cooks to prepare food at all hours that the establishment is open. The licensee shall not deviate from the operating conditions allowed and defined by the Board concerning the operation of the restaurant. The operating conditions of the establishment include but are not limited to the hours of operation, type of menu, availability of food, and the number of tables and chairs provided for patrons. & R.R. #37 (E) Change in Mode of Operation (Permitting smoking in the establishment) To wit: on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at approximately 10:00pm, Inspector Farmer-Johnson of the Board of License Commissioners entered the Ladies First Cigars, located 6402 Coventry Way, Clinton, MD. While inside she ordered food but was advised the chef left and that they had no food to offer. Also, Inspector Farmer-Johnson noticed patrons smoking cigars inside the establishment. This is a direct violation of R.R. #58 A(2) and A(5). Also, a violation of R.R. #37 (E) Change in mode of Operation. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing. Continued from February 7, 2024, Regular Session Hearing, and Continued from March 6, 2024, Regular Session Hearing. Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire**. **Ms. Scudder** states the ten-day rule was exercised; extra documentation was provided to the Board regarding the violation. Ms. Hall has decided to close her business and did not renew her license for the upcoming year. Since the license is still active, she asked the Board whether they can forfeit their license in lieu of the fines. **Commissioner Camacho** moves to find the licensee for t/a Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Cigars, as charged, with a fine of \$7,500, payable over 90 days in three payments. **Commissioner Sparkman** seconds the motion. **Commissioner Norman** requests that an amendment be made to the motion that involves the payment requirement in case of forfeiture of the license. **Commissioner Camacho** amends the motion to find the licensee for t/a Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> Cigars, as charged with a fine of \$7,500 made payable over 90 days unless the licensee consents to forfeiting her license. If the licensee decides to reapply for another Alcoholic Beverage License, it will be the Board's discretion to assess the \$7,500 as being owed. **Commissioner Norman** seconds the motion. **After Board vote, motion carries.**
8. Ronald Freckleton, Owner, **t/a Junction Jamaican Restaurant**, 1527 University Blvd. Hyattsville, Maryland 20783, Class B, Beer and Wine, is summoned to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. No. 11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, - Purchases by an authorized retailer from an unauthorized source and R.R. No. 6 – Drinking or possession of alcoholic beverages not authorized under license. To wit; on or about Monday, January 2, 2023, at approximately 6:10 p.m., Inspector Kinney of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners

conducted an inspection at the licensed premises located at 1527 University Blvd., Hyattsville, MD. Inspector Kinney observes various bottles of liquor above 15.5% which is not authorized under this license. When Inspector Kinney inquires about the invoices, the manager admitted purchasing from a retailer. This licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

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

**Inspector Kinney of the BOLC**, testified about the incident that occurred on January 2, 2024.

**Mr. Freckleton** states the remnants of alcohol bottles found by Inspector Kinney were from a staff party for New Year's in which they were allowed to bring their own bottles. He stated he had asked the staff to take them home with them after the party when they left and left earlier than his staff. However, the next day, the bottles of alcohol were still left on the table. He also stated to have personally purchased the rum for rum cakes sold in the restaurant. He will inquire the rum from the correct distributor and not make any more rum cakes until then.

**Commissioner Camacho** moves to find the licensee for t/a Junction Jamaican Restaurant, as charged with a fine of \$4,000 made payable over 90 days. The payments will be made in the form of two payments of \$1,500 and one payment of \$1,000, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, motion carries.**

**Chief Clark** asks the licensee to please contact the Board of License Commissioners' office for proper guidance on permits from the state to use for cooking and to go over the Rules and Regulations for his license.

**Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Ariana Posada-Mejia**  
*Administrative Aide BOLC*