

**February 25, 2025
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
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

Start Time: 10:01 a.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

1. **t/a Piano Keys Restaurant and Lounge**, Debra Louise McDowney, Managing Member/Authorized Person, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Piano Keys Restaurant and Lounge, LLC, 7651 Matapeake Business Drive, Brandywine, 20613. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Linda 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.
Ms. Carter states the business will continue to operate as it has been. Any changes made will be requested to the Board. Ms. Carter requests that the Board reauthorize this license to be used by the new licensees.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to reauthorize the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER

1. Jatinkumar K. Degadwala, Member-Manager, Bhavikkumar J. Patel, Secretary/Treasurer for a Class A, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Liquor Hub, LLC, **t/a Laurel Plaza Liquors**, 9626 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, 20707 transfer from LP 198, LLC, t/a Laurel Plaza Liquors, 9626 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, 20707, Brinda B. Patel, Member. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
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.'s, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.
There will be no changes to the mode of operation.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of this license, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. Jonathan Parsonnet, Area Director/Authorized Person, Marco Gomez-Camarena, General Manager/Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer and Wine and for the use of Shake Shack Maryland, LLC, **t/a Shake Shack**, 4394 Knox Road, College Park, 20740. Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire**.
Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
Mr. Parsonnet is the Area Director for the state of Maryland. He oversees 8 shacks. Each shack is a quick serve restaurant that specializes in burgers and shakes. The purpose of the alcohol is to accommodate guest requests. There will be 40 employees, and a carding policy will be in place to card everyone.
Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D.'s, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.
Mr. Gomez-Camarena has been a restaurant general manager for 12 years. He is the general

manager of the Shake Shack in College Park. He has received a copy of the Boards Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of t/a Shake Shack, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Lawrence A. Perez, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of SL Pizza, LLC, t/a **Ledo's Pizza**, 16224 Marketplace Blvd, Unit 500, Bowie, 20774.

Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

There are no changes to the mode of operation.

Mr. Perez has read the Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license.

Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D.'s, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of t/a Ledo's Pizza, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Edgar Flores, President, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Camifered Group, Inc., t/a **Mana Bar & Grill**, 4923 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, 20745. Represented by **Eddie Pounds, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Flores states there are currently 8 employees, 3 of them which will be serving alcohol.

There are 48 table seatings, and 10 table stools. Mana Bar and Grill offers authentic cuisine of traditional recipes with fresh quality ingredients. Mr. Flores has previous experience in the restaurant business and management. He has received positive responses from the community about his cuisine but one of the most common feedbacks he has received is a request for alcohol to accompany their meals.

Mr. Pounds asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license.

Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D.'s, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of t/a Mana Bar & Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 10:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC