March 12, 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
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: 7:05 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

1. t/a Hyattsville Spirits and Grill – status hearing to comply with the Circuit Court Order remanding the case back to the BOLC.

Letter received from attorney Skip Cornbrooks, representing the city of Hyattsville regarding a request to continue the case.

Commissioner Camacho motioned to continue this matter to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Mark Srour, President / Secretary / Treasurer, t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft, 7325 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, for an alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County R.R. No. 1- Sales to Or Possession by Underage Persons and R.R. No. 83-Alcohol Awareness.

Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Inspector Farmer-Johnson of the BOLC gave a report.

Ms. Carter states their last violation was either in 2013 or 2014. They have approximately 75 employees and have provided the Board with 4 Alcohol Awareness certificates. There will be about 25 employees attending an Alcohol Awareness class being held the following week to assure compliance with training. Mr. Srour uses doormen to keep underage out of the establishment. They only accept vertical IDs for people that are out of state. The individual who served will be included in attending the Alcohol Awareness training,

An exhibit book has been provided that has several documents including their training manual which has had some minor revisions since created. The new policy they created requires that every employee be certified within one month of hiring.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find the licensee t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft in violation of R.R. No. 1 and R.R. No. 83 assessing a fine of \$1,750.

Ms. Carter contested the fine for both violations citing 26-2102 F.

Commissioner Camacho moves to amend the violation to a fine of \$1, 500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. t/a C Crab, Vu Phi Hoang, Vice President, James Pham, President, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Crab Tales of Camp Springs, Inc., 4823 Allentown Road, Suitland, 20746. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Licensees are not represented by an attorney, are aware of their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he met with the licensees and reviewed the rules and regulations for a Special Entertainment Permit, and the security plan, which is adequate, as proposed.

The plan for C Crab is to open one hour longer. They are a family restaurant and want to be an open space for Birthday Celebrations and family friendly entertainment.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a C Crab, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. t/a Restaurant La Curva, Maria Valladares, Member/Authorized Person, Jose Portillo, Member/Authorized Person, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Los Comales Bar and Grill, LLC, 15107 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, 20707. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he met with the licensees and reviewed the rules and regulations for a Special Entertainment Permit, and the security plan, which is adequate, as proposed.

There will be no changes to the application.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Restaurant La Curva, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. t/a Terrapin Station, Teri Constantinou, Member/Authorized Person, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Terrapin Station MD, LLC, 4738 Cherry Hill Road, College Park, 20740. Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he met with the licensee and reviewed the rules and regulations for a Family Entertainment Permit, and the security plan, which is adequate, as proposed.

The plan is designed just to bring in a couple more guests into the establishment. Ms. Constantinou understands any changes made must be presented to the Board.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Family Entertainment Permit to t/a Terrapin Station, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**,

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Derrick Williams, Owner, t/a Infuse Restaurant, 6339 Allentown Road, Temple Hills 20748, for an alleged violation R.R. No. 6(8) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Drinking or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages Not Authorized Under License: (B). A license holder shall not have in their possession, or in the possession of their agents, employees, or patrons or at any place on the licensed premises any alcoholic beverages not permitted to be sold under the establishment's alcoholic beverage license.

Licensee is not represented by an attorney, are aware of their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Tredway of the BOLC gave a report.

Mr. Williams stated that he lost his liquor license on May 31, 2024. He then removed the alcohol from the bar and put everything into a locked cage. He took the keys away from anyone with access. He then applied a month later for a new license and did not qualify for the license. He went to apply for a Beer and Wine which was denied. The next week there was an inspection from the fire department, and they were told that they cannot have alcohol on the premises. There have been multiple inspections done by inspectors and were never told that the alcohol could not be in the locked cage. Mr. Williams was not aware of this.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find the licensee in violation of R.R. No. 6(8) assessing a fine of \$1, 500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. Kishor N. Rajpara, President / Secretary / Treasurer, t/a Hangar's Sports Bar and Lounge, 6410 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, 20748, for an alleged violation of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County R.R. No. 37-Alteration and Additions. Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Inspector Clinkscale of the BOLC gave a report.

Mr. Kim stated he thought he sent the request to the Board about removing the furniture in the restaurant, but he could not find the letter. He admits to the violation and respectfully asks the Board for leniency in the assessment of a fine since it was not the licensee's fault.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find the licensee in violation of R.R. No. 37 assessing a fine of \$2, 500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia *Administrative Aide BOLC*