

**October 25, 2022  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present:**

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
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  
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

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

**Commissioner Forbes:** This is an open meeting for the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners. Welcome to our House. To ensure compliance with the law (Maryland Open Meetings Act) and our goal of transparency, to please identify yourself when speaking and speak audibly. As a professional courtesy, when not speaking, please mute your device. If someone from the public that is not providing testimony as a witness today, I will recognize you in the hearing and give you an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Everyone's voice matters at the BOLC. We understand that some of you may be passionate about what you have to say and that passion, in this regard, is permissible. What is not permissible is if truth, facts, and respect are not grounded in your voice. Thank you in advance for being truthful, respectful, and honest during the entire proceeding.

**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 The Hotel at the University of Maryland**, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7777 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, Jacqueline Baker-Nees to serve as Member/Authorized Person.  
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.  
The Hotel at the University of Maryland has entered a Property Use Agreement with the city of College Park.  
**Mr. Robert Ryan** (Director of Services College Park) testified that the Mayor and Council approved and support this application.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a The Hotel at the University of Maryland, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

### NEW- CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR:

2. Charles Shih, Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of 12300 Baltimore Boulevard, LLC, **t/a Gringada Mexican Restaurant**, 12300 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705.  
Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation. There is a church located within five hundred feet of the establishment.  
Their attorney argued that this establishment didn't renew their liquor license due to not being able to obtain a trader's license.  
The Board of License Commissioners confirmed with the District Court they will not issue a trader's license if there's a tax hold.  
Due to a tax hold on the establishment not being released until June 3, 2022, after the May 31, 2022, extension deadline Gringada Mexican Restaurant was unable to renew.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to dismiss the application for a Class B license based on proximity, for t/a Gringada Mexican Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

### REGULAR SESSION

#### TRANSFER:

1. Chirag Patel, Member-Manager, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Chesapeake 1, LLC, **t/a Chesapeake Liquors**, 8853 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735 transfer from Clinton Crossing Wine and Spirits, Inc., t/a Chesapeake Liquors, 8853 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Henry Ho Seok Shin, President/Secretary/Treasurer.  
Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.  
The applicant, Mr. Chirag Patel, previously held a liquor license in the state of New York in 2008.  
During his tenure as a license holder, there were no violations.

**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.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Chesapeake Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

#### **NEW- CLASS C(CLV), BEER WINE AND LIQUOR:**

1. William Speight, Finance Officer, for a Class C(CLV), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Suitland Post, No. 196, Inc., t/a **Suitland American Legion Post 196**, 5716 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, 20747.

**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.

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

The applicant previously held a license with this Board, during his tenure as a license holder there were no violations.

**Commissioner Forbes** 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.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class C, CLV, license for t/a Suitland American Legion Post 196, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

#### **NEW- CLASS B(AE), BEER WINE AND LIQUOR:**

1. Jody Wildy, Managing Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Bahtom Up, LLC, t/a **Artful N Soul**, 3409 Perry Street, Mount Rainier, 20712.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.

**Ms. Carter** and her client have been working with the city of Mt. Rainier. This will be a facility where artists can display their art and sell it.

**Ms. Carter** 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.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B(AE), license for t/a Artful N Soul, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

**NEW- CLASS B(DD), BEER WINE AND LIQUOR:**

1. Christopher A. Tomasso, CEO/President, Henry M. Hope III, CFO, Jay A. Wolszczak, Secretary/CLO, for a Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of First Watch Restaurant, Inc., **t/a First Watch Restaurant (Laurel)**, 14700 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 102, Laurel, 20707. Continued from July 26, 2022.  
Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.  
Mr. Wolszczak was selected to speak on behalf of all applicants.  
This establishment will have internal training and take the SERV Safe course for Alcohol Awareness. An I.D. will be requested for any customers ordering alcohol.  
**Ms. Schrecengost** 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.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B (DD) license, for t/a First Watch Restaurant (Laurel), seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

**NEW- CLASS B(BLX), BEER WINE AND LIQUOR:**

1. Kimberly Burke, Owner/CEO, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Skyline Enterprises, Inc., **t/a Half Note Lounge**, 6210 Thompson Lane, Oxon Hill, 20745.  
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.  
All front of the house employees will be Alcohol Awareness certified.  
**Ms. Carter** 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.  
An amendment to the application there will be no off sale, this establishment is 5,600 square feet.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B, BLX, license for t/a Half Note Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**
2. Jose Portillo, President for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of La Curva, LLC, **t/a La Curva Restaurant Bar and Grill**, 5810 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770.  
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.  
The applicant has previously held a license in 2018, there was a violation for selling to a minor. The server was fired following the incident.  
**Ms. Carter** 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.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B, BLX, license for t/a La Curva Restaurant Bar and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

**NEW- CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR:**

1. Christopher A. Tomasso, CEO/President, Henry M. Hope III, CFO, Jay A. Wolszczak, Secretary/CLO, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of First Watch Restaurant, Inc., **t/a First Watch Restaurant (Bowie)**, 15471 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, 20716. Continued from July 26, 2022.  
Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.  
Mr. Wolszczak was selected to speak on behalf of all applicants.  
This establishment will have internal training and take the SERV Safe course for Alcohol Awareness. An I.D. will be requested for any customers ordering alcohol.  
**Ms. Schrecengost** 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.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license, for t/a First Watch Restaurant (Bowie), seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**
2. Benedict Ijomah, Managing Member, Sunny G. Chimezie, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Nile River Holding, LLC, **t/a The Palms Restaurant & Bar**, 7729 Finns Lane, Lanham, 20706.  
Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.  
Both applicants have completed Alcohol Awareness training, a copy has been submitted to the Board.  
**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.  
**Ms. Ify Cisse** and **Mr. Christopher** (members of the community) testified in support of this application.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license, for t/a The Palms Restaurant & Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**
3. Mozuenorinmi P. Okolie, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Calabar Kitchen & Lounge, LLC, **t/a Calabar Kitchen & Lounge**, 3524 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716.  
Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire**.  
**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.  
The applicant previously held a license in another country.  
All guests will be required to show I.D. if purchasing alcohol.

**Mr. Peter** was asked to speak on behalf of the establishment. He made a general statement that he and the applicant are neighbors at the same shopping center in Bowie, Maryland and that they are waiting for him to get more traffic in so they can sell more goods.

**Ms. Scudder** 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.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license, for t/a Calabar Kitchen & Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

4. Tyes Cook, Owner, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Bread Schedule, LLC, t/a **Manifest Bread**, 6210 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 114, Riverdale Park, 20737. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

**Chief Robert Clark** gave a maps presentation.

This establishment is still in the construction phase.

**Ms. Carter** 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.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license, for t/a Manifest Bread, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

**Adjourned: 12:18 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Alecia L. Hughes**  
*Administrative Aide BOLC*

