

**September 7, 2022  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present:**

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
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: 7:00 p.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.

**Chief Liquor Inspector Clark:** 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 El Paraiso Bar and Grill** – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.  
An amendment was made to the original application to reflect the hours of operation are 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.  
**Corporal Hunt** needs an updated security plan to reflect entertainment seven days a week from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.  
The request was made at the hearing to change Sunday’s opening hours to 8:00 a.m., the licensee must submit a letter to update the application for the license.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to El Paraiso Bar and Grill, with condition that the permit will not be issued until an updated security plan is sent to the police department, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.**
- 2. Grace Thume, President / Secretary / Treasurer, t/a El Tejano Bar and Grill, 6847 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland 20912 Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Maryland Annotated Code 6-311 Purchase any alcoholic beverage except from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler and R.R. #11 Other than a Wholesaler of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George’s County, to wit; That on Tuesday, May 31, 2022, at approximately 11:15am Inspector Tredway entered El Tejano Bar and Grill at 6847 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland to conduct a routine inspection. While checking inventory boxes, Inspector Tredway came across three (3) cases of (36 bottles/750 ml each) of Nuvo Sparkling Liqueur. The establishment could not produce invoices to show that the alcohol belonged to El Tejano Bar and Grill.  
**Inspector Tredway of the BOLC** testified about this incident.  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a El Tejano Bar and Grill in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.  
**After Board vote, the motion carries.****
- 3. Patrick Nwaokwu, Managing Member, t/a GQ Palace, 8833 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, 20770 Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, or an alleged violation of Section 26-902, 26-1616 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. #7 Consumption of bottle goods on licensed premises of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; That on July 31, 2022, at approximately 12:25 a.m., Inspector Jerry Glenn was conducting an Entertainment Inspection at GQ Palace, located at 8833 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. During the inspection the inspector observed an employee leaving a bottle of Hennessy - 750ML on the table for the patron to serve themselves. Furthermore, the licensee was previously found in violation of: R.R. #11, Other than a Wholesaler, alcoholic beverages were confiscated on October 14, 2020, and a fine of \$6000 was imposed. R.R. #16, Noise, that will not disturb the peace, safety,**

and tranquility of the neighborhood where the business is located on August 22, 2020, and a fine of \$1,500 was imposed.

**Inspector Glen of the BOLC** testified about this incident.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a GQ Palace in violation as charged with a fine of \$7,500, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

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

**No objections to an installment for three months, a payment of \$2,500 each month.**

The installment dates will be September 28, 2022, October 28, 2022, and November 28, 2022.

**Adjourned: 7:47 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Alecia L. Hughes*  
*Administrative Aide BOLC*