

August 24, 2021
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing

Present:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Jamie Schaefer, 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 for the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

- 1) Durgesh Gupta, Member/Authorized Person, Nidhi S. Gaind, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine & Liquor for the use of Capitol Liquors, LLC., t/a **Southern Avenue Liquors**, 5420 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, 20746 transfer from Capitol Liquors, LLC, t/a Southern Avenue Liquors, 4259 Southern Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743, Durgesh Gupta, Member/Authorized Person, Nidhi S. Gaind, Member/Authorized Person. Continued from July 27, 2021. Transfer of

Location represented by **Eddie Pounds, Esquire**. Opposition represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Pounds: I have an update. In respect to the Transfer of Location, let the record reflect, in light of the mounting opposition, Southern Avenue Liquors would like to respectfully withdraw its application. This is very unfortunate because the applicant has been trying to relocate from what is already an alcohol dense zone for the past 3 years. They have been met with opposition at every turn. We put in the work with this community, we did the outreach, and we have over 200 individuals of the community who are in support of this business. We respect Senator Benson and the members of the community who are in opposition, so we will respectfully withdraw.

Mr. Kim: I'm sure you're ecstatic that you don't have to hear from me this morning.

Ms. Forbes: You and Mr. Pounds are welcome friends in this house. Commissioners, we have a request to withdraw. I will need a motion.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the withdrawal the Transfer of Location for t/a Southern Avenue Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

- 2) Mona Gulati, Member, Daljit Singh, Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine & Liquor for the use of DEM Corks & Bottles, LLC, t/a **Cork and Bottles**, 516 Main Street, Laurel, 20707 transfer from Chester C. Kim, Inc., t/a Cork and Bottles, 516 Main Street, Laurel, 20707, Maninder Singh, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Stephan Fogleman, Esquire**.

Mr. Daljit Singh is sworn in.

Mr. Fogleman: I have a preliminary matter. I received a call from the agency regarding the immigration status of the applicant, Mona Gulati. Ms. Gulati is not a permanent resident and cannot become one until her asylum claim is adjudicated. We respectfully request to move that the application be amended to remove Ms. Gulati as an applicant on this license.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. DeLoach, does that seem like the right process going forward?

Mr. DeLoach: It is. Does she have a financial interest? (**Mr. Fogleman-** Yes.) As to the other applicant—(**Mr. Fogleman-** He is a United States Citizen.) So, Madam Chair, we can move forward in qualifying the citizen and hold off on Ms. Gulati for now.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. Fogleman, indulge me because I want to get it right, we are amending the application by withdrawing from the application to become a licensee, Ms. Mona Gulati. Is that correct?

Mr. Fogleman: That is correct, thank you.

Ms. Forbes: I just want to do a double check with Patty, Katrice, and Keyanna; are you guys good with what action we're taking?

Katrice James: Yes. I have one quick question—Is Mr. Singh going to have 100% interest or will Ms. Gulati be a 50% stockholder?

Mr. Fogleman: Whatever the Board needs done we'll do. At least in regard to the operating agreement for the transfer.

Mr. DeLoach: I think that before you move forward, you need to give the Board clarification on how you plan to proceed with the membership interest.

Mr. Fogleman: Is there any prohibition against a non-permanent resident owning 50% of stock of the licensed corporation? I don't think there is.

Mr. DeLoach: Yes, they just cannot be a licensee.

Mr. Fogleman: Right. So, that having been said, they want to keep the original arrangement.

Ms. Forbes: Thank you, Katrice for bringing up that issue. Okay, just to be clear, we are removing Ms. Mona Gulati as a licensee and transferring her to a 50% stockholder position.

Mr. Fogleman: That is correct.

Ms. Forbes: Let me get a motion to amend Ms. Gulati from licensee to stockholder with a 50% interest.

Commissioner Camacho: So, moved.

Commissioner Sparkman: I second that.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Ms. Forbes: The motion has been approved to make Ms. Gulati a stockholder at 50%, making Mr. Singh the sole licensee to qualify today. Mr. Fogleman I'll hand it back over to you.

Mr. Fogleman: Cork and Bottles has been around for a long time. It's been around since at least 1980. It has served the community well. It changed ownership about 4 years ago and now Mr. Singh and Ms. Gulati are in there and purchasing the real estate, everything. For them, it is a great opportunity to serve the community. Mr. Singh served for about 1 year on a liquor license for a business on Indian Head Highway called Courtside Liquors. Courtside reported no violations or problems during that time. I'd happy to review with Mr. Singh if any changes have been made since the application was filed. Mr. Singh, how old are you? (**Mr. Singh-** 56.) Are you a resident of Baltimore County? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) What percentage of the company do you own? (**Mr. Singh-** 50%) Do you have a financial interest in any other business with a liquor license? (**Mr. Singh-** No.) Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (**Mr. Singh-** No.) Have you ever been found guilty of violating any alcohol or gambling laws? (**Mr. Singh-** No.) Have you ever had a liquor license revoked or suspended? (**Mr. Singh-** No.) Have you ever worked for a business with a violation of liquor laws? (**Mr. Singh-** No.) Are you familiar with the Rules and Regulations of the Prince George's County Liquor Board? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) Can you tell me the 5 acceptable forms of identification for the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners?

Mr. Singh lists 5 acceptable forms of ID.

Mr. Fogleman: How many square feet are in the establishment? (**Mr. Singh-** 2,400) What will the Hours of Operation be? (**Mr. Singh-** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.) How many days per week? (**Mr. Singh-** 6 days) What day must you be closed? (**Mr. Singh-** Sunday.) What will be your ID policy? (**Mr. Singh-** 100% ID check.) I have nothing else of this witness.

Ms. Forbes: Let's see if the Commissioners have any questions for Mr. Singh.

Commissioner Sparkman: We have 6 forms of identification for the purchase of alcohol now and you only had him give 5. We need one more.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. Fogleman, just to be sure, there are 6 forms of identification in Prince George's County if you could have your client recite the 6. This is something every client needs to know.

Mr. Fogleman: Can I request 2 minutes for a break?

Ms. Forbes: Just 2 minutes? Let me ask a few more questions and we'll see if you need a few more minutes. I appreciate that you asked your client if he is familiar with our laws, rules, and regulations, but I want to make sure he understands them. Mr. Singh, are you familiar with and do you understand the laws, rules, and regulations of this Board? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) Do you agree to abide by these laws, rules, and regulations if you are to get a license today? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) Do you agree to ensure the establishment is operating according to those laws, rules, and regulations? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) Are you aware that if you make any alterations to your business that you must first request permission from the Board? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) Are you aware that the Board will hold you accountable should a violation occur, even if you are not on the premises? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) Do you know the minimum age required to purchase alcohol? (**Mr. Singh-** 21.) What is the minimum age to sell or serve alcohol? (**Mr. Singh-** 18.) Let me go back to the 6 acceptable forms of ID. Mr. Fogleman, do you still need a few minutes?

Mr. Fogleman: This is a failure on my part because I haven't seen that in the rules. It doesn't have a photo in the rules.

Ms. Forbes: Okay. There are 6 acceptable forms of identification. I'm willing to give you 2 minutes, like you had asked, to make sure that you can sit down and counsel your clients on what those are, then we'll come back and ask Mr. Singh what those acceptable forms are.

Intermission: the next case will be heard before returning to finish this case.

Ms. Forbes: Okay, Mr. Fogleman, I'd like to remind you that your client is still under oath and that we took a pause to ensure that your client was able to identify for the Board the 6 acceptable forms of ID for purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Fogleman: Yes, thank you. Mr. Singh, what are the 6 forms of identification for purchasing alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County?

Mr. Singh successfully lists the 6 acceptable forms of identification for purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Fogleman: Again, I am sorry. If that were a snake, it would have bitten me.

Ms. Forbes: It's okay. That is a very important part of our criteria because we don't take kindly to sales of the underage.

Mr. Fogleman: I just have one more question. Mr. Singh, do you understand that the Board takes underage sales very seriously?

Mr. Singh: Yes, I do.

Ms. Forbes: Commissioners, any questions?

Commissioner Sparkman: I just have one question; maybe it was answered but I didn't hear it. Has Mr. Singh undergone alcohol awareness training?

Mr. Fogleman: Yes, but if I may ask him—Mr. Singh, are you TIPS certified as of yesterday? (**Mr. Singh-** Yes.) I have an invoice, but no actual certificate yet.

Ms. Forbes: Thank you. We are happy to receive the certificate in our office once you get it, okay?

Mr. Fogleman- Yes, thank you. One more thing really quickly. Ms. Gulati.

Ms. Forbes: Okay, let me get her sworn in.

Mona Gulati is sworn in.

Mr. Fogleman: Ms. Gulati, you will serve as manager at this establishment, right? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) And you have already received your TIPS certification, correct? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) You will be sending that to the Board, letting them know that education has been completed, correct? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) You have no criminal record, correct? (**Ms. Gulati-** Correct.) It is your hope that once you become a permanent resident that you will also become a licensee, correct? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) You know Mr. Singh? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) You also know that he will conform to all liquor laws, right? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) You have 50% ownership in this business, right? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) It is in your best interest that you continue running the business in full compliance, right? (**Ms. Gulati-** Yes.) That's all I have for Ms. Gulati.

Ms. Forbes: Thank you Mr. Fogleman and Ms. Gulati. Commissioners, if there is no further discussion, I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the transfer of t/a Cork and Bottles to Mr. Daljit Singh, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

- 3) Seong Min No, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine & Liquor for the use of ILNO, Inc., t/a **Fort Washington Liquors**, 10200 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, 20744 transfer from ILNO, Inc., t/a Fort Washington Liquors, 10200 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, 20744, Orland Galeng, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Seong Min No is sworn in.

Ms. Carter: Is the information on the original submitted applications, including your brother--who is a stockholder for this entity, still true and correct? (**Mr. No-** Yes.) You and your brother are working on the premises full time, correct? (**Mr. No-** Yes.) This is a family-owned business, your parents are the current licensees, correct?

Mr. No: My parents are not on the license, but otherwise, yes.

Ms. Carter: How long have you been working there? (**Mr. No-** 20-21 years.) Has a violation ever occurred in your time working there? (**Mr. No-** One time.) What happened and when was that? (**Mr. No-** It was 4-5 years ago. Someone did not properly check ID in front of an agent.) It wasn't you, correct? (**Mr. No-** That's correct.) Mr. No, are you Alcohol Awareness certified? (**Mr. No-** Yes.) Do you understand that the Board will hold you accountable for any violations on the property? (**Mr. No-** I understand.) Are you familiar with and have you read this Board's Rules and Regulations? (**Mr. No-** Yes.) What is the minimum age to purchase alcoholic beverages? (**Mr. No-** 21.) How old must someone be to serve? (**Mr. No-** 18.)

Mr. No proves his knowledge of the 6 acceptable forms of ID for purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Ms. Carter: I have no further questions of my client.

No further questions of the Commissioners.

Ms. Forbes: I have a few questions. Mr. No, you said you read our Rules and Regulations; do you agree to abide by these Rules and Regulations? (**Mr. No- Yes.**) Will you ensure the establishment operates according to our Rules and Regulations? (**Mr. No- Yes.**) Do you understand that any alterations to the business should be brought to the Board before they occur? (**Mr. No- Yes.**) Do you understand that should any violations occur, you will personally be held responsible, even if you are not there to witness it? (**Mr. No- Yes.**) I have no further questions. Commissioners, I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the transfer for t/a Fort Washington Liquors to Seong Min No, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

Director Sheppard: Before I return to t/a Cork and Bottles, we need to address the Southern Avenue Liquors case. I believe that there are still some people on this call and wanting to know about the case. So, just to let everyone know, that in regard to the Southern Avenue Liquors transfer, that application has been withdrawn by the attorney. So, that will not be heard today.

- 4) Himanshu S. Amin, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine & Liquor for the use of Route 301, LLC, **t/a Rip's Country Inn**, 3809 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716 transfer from Superior Management, Inc., t/a Rip's Country Inn, 3809 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716, Marshale E. Burgess, President, Anne M. Walsh, Vice President, Julie B. Bryant, Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Paul Jackson, Esquire**.

Mr. Jackson: Good morning. I am here with the sole applicant, Mr. Himanshu Amin. I have a preliminary matter before we get started. I would like to request amending the application to reflect Rip's Management, LLC rather than Route 301, LLC. The affidavits will need to be amended to reflect this as well.

Ms. Forbes: So, Mr. Jackson, we are amending the application from Route 301, LLC to Rip's Management, LLC, is that correct? (**Mr. Jackson- Correct.**) Then secondly, we will amend the affidavits to reflect the actual entity, which is Rip's Management, LLC on the application documents.

Mr. Jackson: That is correct. That in addition to Mr. Amin's membership interest in Rip's Management, LLC.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. DeLoach, are we on the same page?

Mr. DeLoach: We are, Madam Chair.

Ms. Forbes: Thank you, Mr. Jackson, for that preliminary matter. Would you like to proceed?

Mr. Jackson: Yes ma'am, thank you.

Katrice James: I have a quick question. Will the financial interest be changed? One says 66% and the other says 34%. (**Mr. Jackson- Yes.**) Okay.

Mr. DeLoach: I'm sorry, I want to make sure I understood. Mr. Jackson, the affidavit you will submit on behalf of the entity is going to change the membership interest?

Mr. Jackson: Correct. Mr. Amin has a 27% interest in Rip's Management, LLC. So, it will be changed from 34% to 27%.

Mr. DeLoach: And you will file those updated ones with the Board? (**Mr. Jackson-** Yes.)

Ms. Forbes: Alright, I think we have a good understanding, but we will revisit once more before we are done today. Mr. Jackson, if I can get your client sworn in, we may proceed.

Mr. Amin is sworn in.

Mr. Jackson: Thank you. Mr. Amin, you stated your address as you were sworn in. How long have you been at this address? (**Mr. Amin-** 4 years.) Are you a citizen of the United States? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) Are you associated with Rip's Management, LLC? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) Who are the authorized persons for Rip's Management, LLC? (**Mr. Amin-** Me, myself.) Are there any other authorized persons? (**Mr. Amin-** No.) Do you have an ownership interest in Rip's Management, LLC? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) What is that ownership interest? (**Mr. Amin-** 27%.) If this application is approved, how much time will you spend on the premises? (**Mr. Amin-** around 40 hours per week.) Do you have or have you ever had a financial interest, directly or indirectly, with any other business in Maryland with a liquor license? (**Mr. Amin-** No.) Have you ever been convicted of a felony, gambling laws, or liquor laws? (**Mr. Amin-**No.) Have you read the Rules and Regulations of this Board? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) Do you understand those rules and agree to abide by them? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) Do you understand that your staff are also required to abide by them? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) Do you understand that if you make any alterations to the business that you must first notify the Board? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) What is the legal age for purchasing alcoholic beverages? (**Mr. Amin-** 21.) What is the minimum legal age to serve or sell alcoholic beverages? (**Mr. Amin-** 18.) What are the 6 acceptable forms of photo ID for purchasing alcoholic beverages?

Mr. Amin proves his knowledge of the 6 acceptable forms of ID for purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Jackson: Do you understand that you will be personally liable for any violations should one occur on the premises? (**Mr. Amin-** Yes.) I have no further questions, Madam Chair. We simply ask that the Board approve this transfer of license for Mr. Amin. He is looking forward to serving the community and Prince George's County.

Ms. Forbes: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Amin, and Mr. Jackson. Commissioners, do you have any questions?

Commissioner Camacho: Could Mr. Amin repeat the 6 forms of ID? I only heard 5.

Mr. Amin repeats the 6 acceptable forms of ID.

Ms. Forbes: If there are no more questions, I will entertain a motion.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the transfer of t/a Rip's County Inn to Mr. Himanshu Amin, as amended by the attorney, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

Ms. Forbes: For the record, the amendment is in regard to the name change of the LLC, having that reflected on the supporting documents, and the change in membership interest.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5) Johnny West, Executive Director, for a Class C, CLF, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Artsgroup, Inc., t/a Artsgroup, 4719 Stamp Road, Temple Hills, 20748. No representation.

Maps Presentation Chief Clark: In the matter of t/a Artsgroup, there are no churches within 500 feet and no schools within 1,000 feet of the establishment. There are 4 liquor selling establishments within a one-mile radius.

Ms. Forbes: Thank you, is there anything else to add?

Chief Clark: Just for the record, Madam Chair, there was a location that we had originally thought to be a church that was also within 500 feet of the business. After checking with DPIE, they informed us that they were not officially on record as a church according to their Use & Occupancy permit.

Ms. Forbes: Thank you, sir. Mr. West, are you with me?

Mr. West: Good morning, Madam Chair.

Ms. Forbes: Good morning, sir. Are you not represented by an attorney today?

Mr. West acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to continue without representation.

Johnny West is sworn in.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. West, tell us why you're here today and then I'll get through the process of qualifying you.

Mr. West: I am here applying for a liquor license for our community art center. We currently have a room inside of a community center that we are renting out for the purpose of fundraising.

Ms. Forbes: Have you ever held a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages?

Mr. West: We were approved by you guys about a year ago, just before the pandemic. We had some discrepancies with the address, which has been corrected, and now we have a legitimate and correct address for the location.

Ms. Forbes: Is there any financial interest in this particular Artsgroup?

Mr. West: No ma'am. I am the executive director and we are governed by a nonprofit organization.

Ms. Forbes: Have you ever been convicted of a felony? (**Mr. West-No.**) Tell us what you want to do inside that space in the community center.

Mr. West: We are developing a small community center working with small productions. What we are looking to do is have a space to fundraise and attract different people and businesses to fundraise on our site.

Ms. Forbes: How many people can fit inside that establishment?

Mr. West: That is something that I would like to amend on the documents. Right now, it is 50 persons. The amendment we are requesting is to change the capacity on page 2 of the application from 150 people to 50 people. Also, the square footage on that page should be 890, instead of 3,000. Let me check with the administrative staff; did you guys get that? The request to change the capacity from 150 to 50 and the square footage from 3,000 to 890? (**Mr. West-** That is correct.)

Katrice James: It has not been updated.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. West, are there any more amendments to the application so that we can get a motion to approve those? (**Mr. West-** That is all, thank you.)

Commissioners, can we get a motion to approve the amendments of the capacity to 50 people and the square footage to 890 on the application for t/a Artsgroup?

Commissioner Camacho: So, moved.

Commissioner Sparkman: So, second.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. West, please continue with your testimony and I'll finish by asking you any questions that you may not have answered.

Mr. West: I'd like to thank the Board for this opportunity. I am a former Navy intelligence analyst that has Prince George's County my home for the past 12 years. I'm also a technologist in digital inclusions, so I have also been an expert for D.C. government for the 12 years. I am in a position of trust and am obligated to report all of my offsite activities to the Board of Ethics in D.C. each year. My request today is for the approval of a Class C liquor license in effort to fuel our organization. We are located in Temple Hills, Maryland and a 501-c3 nonprofit organization that was created to support artists. We've nurtured it through multiple countries and phases to get to the point where we are now. Our project is a community center and it focuses on a retail space for businesses, investments are there from D.C. government, and currently, there are hundreds of art contributions from local artists in the area. Our location is also supported and lightly funded by some D.C. employment services where we work with them for employment, training classes, job placement, and arts development services. The work and support of our artists has created a unique and one-of-a-kind location in Prince George's County and this is one of the few industries of the east coast that has been recognized for film, tv, and music. As the executive director of this organization, I am responsible for overall activity within the organization. I take full responsibility for the order of operations for all functions, which include direct oversight of all forms of fundraising, management of all alcohol sales, and any associated operations. Our location has been "U&O'd" as a community arts center. So, the operations are that of a private membership organization, like a gathering spot, VFW, or a Country Club. So, the significant investment in security controls we have here include multiple security cameras, gated entry with north and south gates, and door access codes for about 80% of the building. We do this to harden our position because we are located in Temple Hills, Maryland. We've also developed a membership program to provide loyalty benefits. We have an experienced staff and event managers that include other government officials. We also have TIPS certified bartenders and I am Alcohol Awareness certified as well. All members are required to have a background check, several of those being our partners as well. So, anyone that we hire is always going through some type of background check to add an extra layer of security for the business. With that said, I am fully aware of the seriousness and responsibility attached to this type of request. I don't have any convictions, no violations except for some parking tickets, I have no criminal record, and I work to support my community. As an owner, I am required to make sure that I am Alcohol Awareness certified, regardless of anyone working behind the bar at any given time. I understand that

the legal age to purchase alcohol is 21 and the legal age to serve and sell alcohol is 18.

Mr. West proves his knowledge of the 6 acceptable forms of ID for purchasing alcoholic beverages.

Mr. West: With the pandemic affecting a lot of the organizations such as ours, we have had to navigate through several types of CDC guidelines, we have had to limit ourselves due to masks, capacity changes, and social distancing. We have limited ourselves to doing mostly small productions of no more than about 10 people and those are focused on podcasting, productions, photo shoots, and music videos. We have some literary works that come out of here as well. We need this license approved that we are requesting to be a primary way of raising money and continuing to work in our community. I will turn it over to anyone that has any questions.

Ms. Forbes: Mr. West, thank you for that. Your testimony was very thorough. I do have a few more questions for you if you will indulge me. I appreciate you listing the ages to serve and sell as well as the 6 acceptable forms of ID, but there are many more rules that you, as a licensee, must be familiar with. Are you familiar with all of the Rules and Regulations of this Board? (**Mr. West-** Yes.) Do you understand those rules, laws, and regulations? (**Mr. West-** Yes.) Do you agree to abide by those rules, laws, and regulations? (**Mr. West-** Yes.) Will you ensure that your establishment is also abiding by those rules, laws, and regulations? (**Mr. West-** Yes.) Are you aware that if you make any alterations to your business that you must first request permission from the Board? (**Mr. West-** Yes.) Are you aware that the Board will hold you accountable for any violations should one occur, whether or not you were present to witness the violation? (**Mr. West-** Yes.) Do you have any questions for us?

Mr. West- No ma'am. I don't have any questions.

Ms. Forbes: Is there anything else you would like to add before I turn it over to the commissioners for questions?

Mr. West: Nope. Any questions I will answer.

Mr. Forbes: Are there any questions from the commissioners?

Commissioner Camacho: This is in regard to your membership roster and how many members you have. As a fraternal organization, I believe you must have a minimum of 100 members. Can you tell us, have you submitted your membership?

Mr. West: I have our list of membership. We have several buckets; 700 members in one bucket and for artist membership and production we have about 1,000 people that have come here to sign up or on our website. I can produce this immediately or screenshare if you would like to see it, sir.

Commissioner Camacho: It would be nice. You may admit it electronically to the staff.

Mr. West: Yes, sir.

Ms. Forbes: If there are no further questions, I'll call for a vote.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the new Class C license to t/a Artsgroup, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries granted Mr. West turn in documentation of the membership roster.

No questions or further commentary from the Commissioners, staff, or public.

Adjourned: 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Schaefer
Administrative Aide BOLC