

**November 14, 2023
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
Todd Pounds, 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
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

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.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington DC Area**, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 156 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Terrell L. Johnson to serve as Assistant Secretary instead of Edwin Peters, Assistant Secretary. Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire**. **Mr. Johnson** is the Assistant Secretary of Marriott Hotel Services, LLC, and the Assistant General Manager at the hotel.

Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. 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 SCO for t/a AC Hotel National Harbor, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.
2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Greenbelt Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 6000 Greenbelt Road #68, Greenbelt, 20770, Lakshit Gaind to serve as President/Secretary/Treasurer instead of Sunita Bhagat, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Gaind is currently the forty-percent stockholder, he's entered a contract to buy out his partner. He will become the sole shareholder, Treasurer, and Secretary of P.K. Liquors, Inc.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. 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 SCO for t/a Greenbelt Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION:

TRANSFER

1. Baldevbhai T. Patel, Member-Manager, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Crain Highway Spirits, LLC, **t/a Osbourne Wine and Spirits**, 7603 Crain Highway, Suites F-110 and F-120, Upper Marlboro, 20772, transfer from Osbourne Wine & Spirits, LLC, t/a Osbourne Wine and Spirits, 7603 SW Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772, Kalpanaben K. Patel, Member-Manager.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Patel has never previously held a liquor license.

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.

A copy of Mr. Patel's Alcohol Awareness certificate has been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Osbourne Wine and Spirits, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Natasha Rucker, Managing Member, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of R&R Hospitality Group, LLC, **t/a CSC Restaurant & Lounge**, 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, transfer from Fish Market of Maryland, Inc., t/a Fish Market Restaurant, 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Sherry Lynn Giovannoni, Vice President/Secretary.
Director Sheppard states Ms. Rucker sent an email and asked that the case be moved to the next available hearing.

NEW- CLASS B, BEER AND WINE:

1. Dilsa Rosales Moscoso, President, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of El Tarro Bar & Grill, Inc., **t/a El Rancherito**, 6408 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, 20737.
Continued from August 22, 2023.
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.
Chief Robert Clark gave a maps presentation.
Ms. Carter asked that the following amendments be made to the application to reflect no off sale, 3,000 square feet on sale only, there is approximately ninety-three seats, there is a counter but no bar, the closing hours will be 10:00 p.m. seven days a week.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the proposed amendments, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
Ms. Carter states her client bought the business in January, they're serving approximately twenty-five customers a day and fifty customers on the weekends. There are six employees, three servers who will become Alcohol Awareness certified. Ms. Rosales Moscaso and her aunt who run the business are both Alcohol Awareness certified. All servers are at least thirty years of age, no vertical ID's will be accepted.
Ms. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of 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 El Rancherito, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

CONTINUATION FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2023

1. **t/a De Ranch Restaurant**, Paschal Agubuzo, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, De Revolution 2000, Inc., 3511 Maryland Avenue, Cheverly, Maryland 20785. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mr. Agubuzo states his business has been in operation for over twenty-one years, successfully selling food and alcoholic beverages for the last six years. Customers request a DJ, Jazz Bands, Live Bands, Karaoke, or spoken words when hosting private events.

Ms. Mamie Small and **Dr. Tonya Harrison** testified in support of this application.

Mr. Eddie Pounds (represents the town of Cheverly) states the Town of Cheverly submitted a letter of support for this application. The letter of support is designed to establish a standard for any restaurant doing business on Maryland Avenue. We asked Mr. Agubuzo to amend his Special Entertainment Permit application to reflect the following three conditions; no live entertainment or DJ administered music on the exterior perimeter of the restaurant, on Wednesday nights, to respect the residential community, live entertainment ends at midnight, and any live entertainment ends at midnight for six months on Fridays and Saturdays. Mr. Agubuzo agreed to make the amendments to his application.

Ms. Sandra Plenty and **Mr. James Carmon** testified in opposition of this application.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the provisional Special Entertainment Permit to De Ranch Restaurant with the three conditions from the Town of Cheverly for a period of six months, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **Moises Juan Ramirez, President, t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland, 5652 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Maryland 20720, Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor**, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of RR #9, No licensee, his/her agent, or employee shall allow consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by patrons on the licensed premises during the hours when such sales or consumption is not allowed by law and RR #32 Inspections: (Uncooperative) All license holders, their agents and employees, must cooperate with representatives of the Board of License Commissioners of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at approximately 3:23am, Inspector Pascual, entered Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland located at, 5651 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg MD 20710. While conducting Entertainment Inspections, he noticed 20 people inside drinking alcoholic beverages. The establishment should have closed at 3:00am and no patrons should have been drinking alcoholic beverages. Inspector Pascual asked the manager his name and to sign the violation report. The manager refused to sign the report and also, he refused to provide his name. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing. Continued hearing from October 11, 2023 & November 1, 2023. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Inspector Pascual of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on August 26, 2023.

Mr. Kim states Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland has a Special Entertainment Permit, they're permitted to stay open until 3:00 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Most of the people there at that time were employees. Mr. Ramirez should've given the Inspector his name and signed the report, I explained to him it's not an admission to guilt.

Mr. Ramirez states we had already closed, the reason the doors were open is because there's a patio section that needs cleaning once we close. The doors lock automatically, so we did

have the doors propped open. I should've signed the report, but I wanted to explain myself. Everyone left the establishment right after the inspector did. A few people at the bar were waiting on their taxi. We had approximately twenty- three employees working that night.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland, in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500 for the first violation and \$6,000 for the second violation, totaling \$7,500 and training, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

The fine can be made payable over three monthly installments.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC