

**March 28, 2023  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present:**

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector  
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant  
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide  
Katrice James, Administrative Aide  
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

**Start Time: 10:04 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 Giant**, Class D(off), Beer and Wine, 7546 Annapolis Road, Landover Hills, 20784, Marianne Romines and Jodie Kan to serve as Assistant Secretary instead of Timothy Baker and Kevin Corradini, Assistant Secretary.

Represented by **Abigale Bruce-Watson, Esquire.**

**Ms. Jodie Kan** is the Regional Director of Human Resources for Giant Food and owns one share of stock. Ms. Kan will be taking Alcohol Awareness training in April.

**Ms. Marianne Romines** is the Compliance and Ethics Manager for Giant Food and owns one share of stock.

**Ms. Bruce-Watson** asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Giant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

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

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Mango Cafe**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4719 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710, Ashley M. Watson to serve as Vice President instead of Clifford David Parks, Vice President.

Represented by **Abigale Bruce-Watson, Esquire.**

**Ms. Ashley Watson** owns twenty-five percent of stock.

**Ms. Bruce-Watson** asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, 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 Mango Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

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

3. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Red Lobster (Lanham)**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8905 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706, Susan K. Pavel to serve as Assistant Secretary instead of William Rudd, Assistant Secretary.

Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.**

**Ms. Susan Pavel** is the Assistant Secretary of RL Maryland, the entity that holds the license for the Lanham, Laurel, and Suitland location. She holds ten shares of stock in the company. Ms. Pavel is the Chief People Officer of Red Lobster, overseeing all Human Resources aspects of the business to include operations in forty-six states.

The mode of operations will not change for any of the three locations.

**Ms. Schrecengost** asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, 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 Red Lobster (Lanham), seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

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

4. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, t/a Red Lobster (Laurel), Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 14368 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707, Susan K. Pavel to serve as Assistant Secretary instead of William Rudd, Assistant Secretary.

Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.**

**Ms. Susan Pavel** is the Assistant Secretary of RL Maryland, the entity that holds the license for the Lanham, Laurel, and Suitland location. She holds ten shares of stock in the company. Ms. Pavel is the Chief People Officer of Red Lobster, overseeing all Human Resources aspects of the business to include operations in forty-six states.

The mode of operations will not change for any of the three locations.

**Ms. Schrecengost** asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, 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 Red Lobster (Laurel), seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

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

5. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, t/a Red Lobster (Suitland), Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 5051 Auth Road, Suitland, 20746, Susan K. Pavel to serve as Assistant Secretary instead of William Rudd, Assistant Secretary.

Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.**

**Ms. Susan Pavel** is the Assistant Secretary of RL Maryland, the entity that holds the license for the Lanham, Laurel, and Suitland location. She holds ten shares of stock in the company. Ms. Pavel is the Chief People Officer of Red Lobster, overseeing all Human Resources aspects of the business to include operations in forty-six states.

The mode of operations will not change for any of the three locations.

**Ms. Schrecengost** asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, 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 Red Lobster (Suitland), seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

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

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**CONTINUATION – MARCH 8, 2023**

Michele Tekam, Member, **t/a Famous Lounge**, 5010 Brown Station Rd. Unit# 150 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of RR No.#7 Consumption of Bottled goods on licensed premises (Bottle Service) and RR# 37 Alteration and Addition of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's

County, Maryland. To wit: On Saturday November 12, 2022, at approximately 10:15 pm, two undercover Prince George's County Liquor Inspectors entered the Famous Lounge, located at 5010 Brown Station Rd. Unit #150, Upper Marlboro MD 20772. Once inside, they observed bottles of Patron in clear carafes being delivered to a table with sparkling lights, also igloos, which are structures used to seat patrons, were placed on the outside of the establishment, and being utilized without the Board's approval. 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. Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire. Continued from February 8, 2023, February 28, 2023 and March 8, 2023 Regular Session.

**It is the will of this Board that the fine remain in the amount originally described at the March 8, 2023 hearing. The licensee must pay a fine of \$13,500 in violation of Rule and Regulation No. 7 and No. 32.**

**No objections.**

**The first payment should be made in thirty days for \$5,000, the remaining balance shall be split at the sixty- and ninety-day mark.**

#### **CONTINUATION – FEBRUARY 28, 2023**

Malkit Singh, Managing Member/Authorized Person, Stephanie Carter, Member/Authorized Person, James L. Cook, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of MRK Liquors, LLC, **t/a Circle Spirits & Wine (Formerly known as Glenardern Wine & Spirits)**, 2019 St. Joseph's Drive, Suite 105, Bowie, 20721 transfer from 24/7 MH Grocery & Restaurant, LLC, t/a 24/7 MH Grocery & Restaurant, 3210 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Israt Jahan, Member-Manager.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to deny the transfer of Class B+ license for t/a Circle Spirits & Wine, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

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

#### **CONTINUATION – MARCH 8, 2023**

**t/a 5 Sisters Restaurant**, see email dated February 16, 2023, regarding a request to change the closing hours of operation: Continued from the February 28, 2023 Administrative Voting Session and March 8, 2023 Regular Session.

<b>Old Hours</b>		<b>New Hours</b>	
Monday	11:30AM – 11:00 PM	Monday	11:30AM – 1:00 AM
Tuesday	11:30AM – 11:00 PM	Tuesday	11:30AM – 1:00 AM
Wednesday	11:30AM – 11:00 PM	Wednesday	11:30AM – 1:00 AM
Thursday	11:30AM – 11:00 PM	Thursday	11:30AM – 1:00 AM
Friday	11:30AM – 12:00 AM	Friday	11:30AM – 2:00 AM
Saturday	11:30AM – 12:00 AM	Saturday	11:30AM – 2:00 AM
Sunday	11:30AM – 11:00 PM	Sunday	11:30AM – 1:00 AM

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

**Mr. Garold Stone** is in opposition of this request from the licensee.

**Ms. Mary Cook** on behalf of **Council Chair Thomas Dernoga (Prince George’s County Council)** is in opposition of this request from the licensee.

**Mr. Yancy Spencer (Manager of 5 Sisters Restaurant)** states they’re receiving negative feedback because they must rush customers out of the establishment due to cars being towed in the final hour.

**Mr. Garold Stone** states he trusts that the Board will continue to oversee 5 Sisters Restaurant. He has submitted a written testimony.

**Ms. Mary Cook** states her office frequently receives complaints about this establishment. In the beginning, 5 Sisters Restaurant agreed not to operate as a bar/night club. There’s a long history of violence at this location, there was a shooting in 2005-2007. They’re operating beyond their hours. She asked the Board not to approve this request.

**Corporal Hunt** gave a report of all calls to service in the system from November 2022 to present. In total, there were fifteen calls to service and nine of those calls were not attributing to this business.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to allow the establishment to change the closing hours of operation to 1:00 a.m., Monday through Friday provisionally for six months, the Board will revisit after October 1, 2023, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

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

### CONTINUATION – MARCH 8, 2023

**t/a Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge**, Edward Reynolds, Member, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge, LLC, 731 Cady Drive, Fort Washington, 20744. Clarification on the purchased agreement and information in the affidavit that was submitted with the application. Represented by **John Walker- Turner, Esquire**.

Continued from March 8, 2023 Regular Session.

After further review, the Board believes Mr. Edward Reynolds didn’t answer the questions on his application truthfully. On his affidavit, Mr. Reynolds answered “no” to questions in regard to

violations and if you've ever had an alcohol beverage license revoked. It was discovered that The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) of Washington, DC revoked a previous license for District Soulfood where Mr. Reynolds was the licensee. Mr. Reynolds never disclosed he had a license revoked.

**Mr. Reynolds** states he hasn't personally been charged with any violations. The violations were COVID related, such as social distancing the rules and regulations were changing daily. The violations had nothing to do with the consumption of alcohol. The license was never revoked, we worked out a deal with the landlord. The District Soulfood license is in safe keeping, we came to an offer and compromise.

**Mr. Walker-Turner** states they were surrendering the license anyway, due to the impact of COVID. Subsequently, Mr. Reynolds currently holds a license in Washington, DC issued by Abra.

**Mr. Reynolds** states he received the new license in August 2022, the doors of 1865 Steak Seafood & Cigars opened in September 2022.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to deny the Class B(BLX) license for t/a Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**Commissioner Smith votes no.**

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

#### **TRANSFER OF LOCATION:**

Claudia O. Adejare, Member, Ademola A. Adejare, Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant, LLC, **t/a Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant**, 202 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, 20707 transfer from Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant, LLC, t/a Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant, 1401 University Blvd E, Unit G109, Hyattsville, 20782, Claudia O. Adejare, Member, Ademola A. Adejare, Member.

Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire**.

**Chief Clark** gave a maps presentation.

There is no one present in opposition of this application.

**Ms. Mary Cook** is in support of this application.

**Ms. Scudder** states the applicants found a location they can own instead of rent.

**Ms. Scudder** asked the standard questions used to qualify for this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

All employees will be Alcohol Awareness certified.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of location application for t/a Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**This motion is conditioned upon receipt of a petition of support.**

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

Joonsung Hyun, Member, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of KHP Laurel, LLC, **t/a K Pot Korean BBQ and Hot Pot**, 351 Montrose Avenue, Laurel, 20707.

Represented by **Sean Morris, Esquire**.

**Chief Clark** gave a maps presentation.

**Mr. Joonsung Hyun** states K Pot Korean BBQ and Hot Pot will be the only restaurant that offers both Korean BBQ and Chinese style hot pot. This establishment will be a full-service restaurant. Approximately one point six million has been invested into this business. The tentative opening date is May 2023.

**Mr. Hyun** was previously the General Manager for the Rockville location for four years. There were no violations during his tenure at this location.

All staff will be Alcohol Awareness certified, all I.D.'s will be checked, and no vertical I.D.'s will be accepted.

**Mr. Morris** asked the standard questions used to qualify for this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

**Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the Class B, BLX, license for t/a K Pot Korean BBQ and Hot Pot, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

#### **NEW- CLASS B BEER AND WINE:**

Constance A. Ikechi, Managing Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Tropicana Grill & Food Market, LLC, **t/a Tropicana Grill & Food Market**, 3503-3505 Maryland Avenue, Cheverly, 20785. Continued from February 28, 2023 Regular Session. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

**Chief Clark** gave a maps presentation.

**Mr. Eddie Pounds (Representing the town of Cheverly)** states the town of Cheverly is retracting their opposition of this application, they wish to remain neutral.

**Ms. Mamie Small (Resident of Radiant Valley)** testified in opposition of this application.

**Mr. Pounds** states the town of Cheverly worked out details to a Property Use Agreement the potential licensee will have to adhere to.

**Ms. Carter** shared the details of the Property Use Agreement.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to the Class B license for t/a Tropicana Grill & Food Market, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

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

**Adjourned: 1:11 p.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

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

