

**January 26, 2021
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Meeting**

Present:

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Kenneth Miles, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Council
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
Jamie Schaefer, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:04 a.m.

1. In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers (SCO) application, **t/a Gaylord National**, Class B-CC, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Allen Smith to serve as Assistant Secretary in the place of Justin Castle, Assistant Secretary. Licensee is represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire**. Licensee, **Mr. Allen Smith**, swears in. **Ms. Schrecengost** asks her client if any changes have been made after completion and submission of the application to which **Mr. Smith** replies “No”. She then asks her client to describe his position with the establishment. **Mr. Smith** says he will be working approximately 60-hours per week, but the hotel is currently closed, and they will not make any changes. **Mr. Smith** attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages. **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the SCO for **t/a Gaylord National**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, motion passes.
2. In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 5652 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710, Moises Juan Ramirez, to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. **Moises Juan Ramirez** swears in. Licensee acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to continue without representation. **Chairwoman Forbes** asks licensee what other role he intends to take at the business. **Mr. Ramirez** says he will be the general manager. **Mr. Ramirez** attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve

alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages. **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the SCO for **t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, motion passes.

3. In the matter of **t/a Capital Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 5950 Martin Luther King Highway, Seat Pleasant, 20743 - Request for a Drive-Thru Window. Licensee is represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**. Licensee, **Gurpatap Randhawa**, swears in.

Chairwoman Forbes provides opportunity for opposition to make themselves known. No opposition is present.

Linda Carter (to licensee): You bought this establishment in 2018? (Mr. Randhawa- Yes.) You also bought the shopping center? (Mr. Randhawa- Yes.) You also are renovating the outside and are continuing to renovate the inside of the establishment? (Mr. Randhawa- Yes.)

Linda Carter brings the Board's attention to the exhibit book with a proposed plan for the Drive-Thru window along with the road. The interior layout of the establishment will change by moving the counter to where the Drive-Thru window is proposed to be. **Ms. Carter** brings the Board's attention to the petitions provided with more than 500 signatures, all from customers of the establishment, in support of the Drive-Thru window.

Mr. Randhawa: We have been getting requests for a Drive-Thru window daily; those requests have multiplied 20-fold within the last year. It would make customers more comfortable. We would still like the inside of the store to remain presentable and available for use as well.

Renovations on the floor are about 70% complete.

Linda Carter (to licensee): Should the Board approve the Drive-Thru window, future renovations should reach approximately \$100,000? (Mr. Randhawa- Yes, maybe more.) Have you had an increase in customers? (Mr. Randhawa- Yes.) Does your store accept vertical ID's? (Mr.

Randhawa- No. We have a good record for over 20 years and all our customers will be carded.) And you are doing this for the convenience of your customers? (Mr. Randhawa- Yes.)

Commissioner Norman: My concern is that this is an area with many liquor stores; is installing the window to gain the upper hand with your competition?

Mr. Randhawa: This is for my customers and their convenience. I'm giving them another option if they do not wish to come inside.

Chairwoman Forbes: Help me understand the traffic flow including the window.

Mr. Randhawa: There could be 6-7 cars leading up to the Drive-Thru. There is also plenty of parking for those who wish to wait for the line or come inside for their purchase.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Drive-Thru window for **t/a Capital Liquors**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.

4. In the matter of Dinesh Malhotra, Managing Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sunrise American, LLC, **t/a Zach Liquors**, 6519 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, 20784, transfer from Yaani, LLC, t/a Zach Liquors, Sushilaben Patel, Managing Member/Authorized Person. Licensee is represented by **Sean Morris, Esquire**. **Dinesh Malhotra** is sworn in.

Mr. Morris (to licensee): How long have you lived in Maryland? (Mr. Malhotra- 30 years.) And you will be the primary manager for the establishment? (Mr. Malhotra- Yes.) And the goal is to expand and improve inventory? (Mr. Malhotra- Yes.) Do you intend to be at this store full time? (Mr. Malhotra- Yes.) Are you Alcohol Awareness Certified? (Mr. Malhotra- Yes.) Are you responsible? (Mr. Malhotra- Yes.) What is your professional background?

Mr. Malhotra: I have a background in management for 7-Eleven.

Mr. Morris: Serving alcoholic beverages? (Mr. Malhotra- Yes.)

Mr. Malhotra attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the transfer for **t/a Zach Liquors**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, motion passes.

5. In the matter of Jin Park, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Cobran, Inc., **t/a Silver Hill Liquors**, 4519 Silver Hill Road, Suitland, 20746, transfer from HP Beverages, Inc., t/a Silver Hill Liquors, Tamara Guerrero, Secretary, Baljit Singh, President/Treasurer. Licensee is represented by **Jay S. Yoo, Esquire. Jin Park** is sworn in. Mr. Yoo (to licensee): Have there been any changes to the business or application since its completion and submission to the Board? (**Mr. Park**- No.) Have you held a job at any establishment selling alcoholic beverages?

Mr. Park: I was previously a general manager at a restaurant that sold Beer, Wine, and Liquor. I have no Off-Sale experience.

Mr. Yoo: You have gone through Alcohol Awareness Training and now have knowledge of all BOLC Rules and Regulations? (Mr. Park- Yes.)

Mr. Park attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Yoo: How often will you be on the premises?

Mr. Park: I will be there 100% of the time until things are up and running. I will work with my wife, who is also Alcohol Awareness Certified. It is an honor and a privilege to be before the Board and to have the opportunity for business in Prince George's County.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the transfer for **t/a Silver Hill Liquors**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, motion passes.

6. In the matter of Kajal C. Makwana, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Govind Krupa, LLC, **t/a Sunnybrook Tavern**, 9001 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, 20744, transfer from Mac-Jim, Inc., t/a Sunnybrook Tavern, JoAnn Nutter, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Licensee is represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire. Kajal Makwana** is sworn in.

Linda Carter: You filed an application with this Board; all the information is still the same? (**Ms. Makwana**- Yes.) What is your educational background? (**Ms. Makwana**- I have a degree in Program Management.) So, she has never worked with alcohol, but she does know the rules.

Ms. Makwana attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.

Linda Carter: Some employees are working in the store 30-hours or more. All servers and staff are TIPS certified. She has agreed to stick with hours of operation during Covid-19, being 9 a.m. to midnight.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the transfer for **t/a Sunnybrook Tavern**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.

7. In the matter of Peter Siegel, Managing Member, Sandy Patterson, Member, for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Gateway Food Hall, LLC, **t/a miXt**, 3809 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, 20722, transfer from Local Integration, LLC, t/a Community Cocktail, April

Richardson, Member. Licensee is represented by **Leonard Lucchi, Esquire. Peter Siegel** and **Sandy Patterson** are sworn in.

Mr. Lucchi: miXt food hall is a “culinary arts incubator,” built to provide housing and promote the arts. Both Mr. Siegel and Ms. Patterson are TIPS certified.

Mr. Siegel and Ms. Patterson attest to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages. They also agree to awareness of responsibility for any violations on premises.

Ms. Patterson: I’m the Director of Operations and lead manager on site, working more than 50-hours per week. I’ve been in food service for 2 years now.

Chairwoman Forbes: Food Hall? Can you help me distinguish a food hall from a food court?

Mr. Siegel: A food court is associated with chain restaurants while a food hall helps promote new small businesses.

Chairwoman Forbes: Teenagers tend to hang out in places such as this. Is that the demographic?

Mr. Siegel: No, although the Food Hall is family oriented. We will check all ID’s.

Chairwoman Forbes: So, there would be no opportunity for underage drinking, even if the alcohol was provided for them by non-employees?

Ms. Patterson: There will always be a manager on staff for floor duty and vigilance regarding that sort of issue.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer for **t/a miXt**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.

8. In the matter of Un Jin Shin, President/Treasurer, Jenny J. Kim, Vice President/Secretary, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of S & K Enterprises, Inc., **t/a Dodge City Market**, 7409 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747, transfer from Hee Woon, Inc., t/a Dodge City Market, Donald Lee Dent, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Do Ok Park, Vice President. Licensee is represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire. Jenny Kim** and **Un Shin** are sworn in.

Mr. Kim (to Mr. Shin): Have there been any changes to the business or information on the applicant since its completion and submission to the Board? (**Mr. Shin-** No.) You are the fulltime President, Treasurer and stock owner and are familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board? (**Mr. Shin-** Yes.) Do you understand you are under obligation to answer any questions from the Board and agree to follow and enforce the rules and regulations? (**Mr. Shin-** Yes.) You are Alcohol Awareness certified? (**Mr. Shin-** Yes.)

Mr. Shin attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.

Mr. Kim (To Ms. Kim): Have there been any changes to the business or information on the applicant since its completion and submission to the Board? (**Ms. Kim-** No.) You are the fulltime Secretary, with 25% stock ownership and are familiar with the rules and regulations of the Board? (**Ms. Kim-** Yes.) Do you understand you are under obligation to answer any questions from the Board and agree to follow and enforce the rules and regulations? (**Ms. Kim-** Yes.) You are Alcohol Awareness certified? (**Ms. Kim-** Yes.)

Ms. Kim attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages. **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer for **t/a Dodge City Market**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.

9. In the matter of Kai Tang, President, Men W. Wang, Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Urban Crab Shack 1, Inc., **t/a Urban Crab Shack**, 15810 A Crain Highway, Brandywine, 20613. Licensee is represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.
Maps Presentation by Rob Clark: There are no churches within 500 ft. of the establishment and no schools within 1,000 ft. of the establishment. There are 9 liquor stores within a one-mile radius.
Kai Tang and Men Wang are sworn in.
Linda Carter: (to Board) You may remember these licensees from when they first opened in September 2020 for carry-out only, due to the challenging circumstances caused by Covid-19.
Mr. Tang: Carry-out is doing well; however, we still aren't making that much profit.
Linda Carter: You were a Fuddrucker's originally, but did not meet the criteria for a BLX license when you appeared before, correct? (**Mr. Tang-** Yes.) What is your policy with your employees?
Mr. Tang: All our servers are Alcohol Awareness certified and a manager is always on the floor and on phones.
Kai Tang and Men Wang attest to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.
Linda Carter: Have customers complained over you not being able to sell mixed drinks? (**Mr. Tang-** Yes.) Do you have entertainment? (**Mr. Tang-** No.) What are your hours? (**Mr. Tang-** 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. for carry-out only.) You previously appeared before this Board, have there been any changes since then? (**Mr. Tang-** No.) Ms. Wang also appeared before this Board; any chances since that time? (**Ms. Kim-** No.)
Commissioner Norman: What will your reopening hours be?
Mr. Tang: After Covid-19, closing at 10/10:30 p.m. and opening at 11/11:30 a.m.
Linda Carter: Should you wish to change those hours; you must notify the Board. Could we amend to application to reflect those hours?
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to amend the hours on the application, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.
Linda Carter: We will send a letter.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant a new Class B, BLX liquor license to **t/a Urban Crab Shack**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.
10. In the matter of Jemima Ablorh, Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Aroma Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, **t/a Aroma Ultra Lounge**, 4000 Town Center Blvd, Bowie, 20716. Licensee is represented by **Eddie Pounds, Esquire**. **Jemima Ablorh** and **Perry Umoh** are sworn in.
Mr. Pounds: Mr. Umoh plans to re-energize the Bowie Town Center and wants to bring more money back into the County. He was born in Nigeria, received his Green Card and was naturalized in Silver Spring, Maryland. (to Mr. Umoh) What will your role be in the establishment?
Mr. Umoh: I'm the operating member holding 75% stock.
Mr. Pounds: You are a tenant at the Bowie Town Center. Who is the landlord?
Mr. Umoh: Bowie Town Center Management.
Mr. Pounds: Can you describe the space?
Mr. Umoh: It was previously DuClaw Brewery.
Mr. Pounds: Any changes to the layout?
Mr. Umoh: Mostly interior.
Mr. Pounds: How much have you invested into the business so far?
Mr. Umoh: One Million dollars.
Mr. Pounds: Can you describe the type of restaurant you'll be running?

Mr. Umoh: Upscale African dining. Hours will be 11 a.m.-12 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.- 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Mr. Pounds: And you will serve food the entire time you are open? (**Mr. Umoh-** Yes.)

Mr. Umoh: We are under renovation and will be ready to open by April of 2021. We are creating an indoor to outdoor area. Due to Covid-19, a patio door/walkway will provide clean, free-flowing air. Marie Gardener, a councilmember of the Bowie Town Center, is a supporter of the business.

Chairwoman Forbes: Do you plan to offer Music and Entertainment? (**Mr. Umoh-** Yes, daily- though not currently available.) Do you understand you will need a Special Entertainment Permit? (**Mr. Umoh-** Yes.)

Chairwoman Forbes: Explain to me the outdoor situation.

Mr. Umoh: The place is surrounded by palm trees and there will be outdoor grilling and live music. We wish to keep tax dollars in the County.

Chairwoman Forbes: Are you Alcohol Awareness certified?

Mr. Umoh: We will be in the first week of February 2021.

Mr. Umoh attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages. **Chairwoman Forbes:** of the 31-41 employees, how many will be allowed to serve alcoholic beverages?

Mr. Umoh: Seven servers as of right now. We never accept vertical ID's.

Chairwoman Forbes: How many table-tops and chairs?

Mr. Umoh: We want 310, but with Covid-19 restrictions, 108 to 110 will be extended from the indoor to outdoor settings.

Chairwoman Forbes: How long until you will be ready to serve alcohol?

Mr. Umoh: Around March/April of 2021.

Mr. Pounds (to Ms. Ablorh): You were born in Ghana, naturalized in 1992 in Chicago, IL, and a resident of Maryland for 20 years? (**Ms. Ablorh-** Yes.) What is your role here?

Ms. Ablorh: Supervisor with 25% stock ownership.

Mr. Pounds: Can you describe the business?

Ms. Ablorh: African Cuisine with Caribbean and American dishes. Hours are 11 a.m.- 12 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m.- 2 a.m. on weekends- with plans for a Special Entertainment permit. All employees are to be Alcohol Awareness trained.

Ms. Ablorh attests to having read, knowing, and understanding the rules and regulations, lists the 6 acceptable forms of ID in order to serve alcoholic beverages, and provides the legal ages for employees to serve and sell alcoholic beverages.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the New Class B, BWL Liquor License to t/a **Aroma Ultra Lounge**, seconded by **Commissioner Miles**. After Board vote, the motion passes.

Adjourned: 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Schaefer

Administrative Aide BOLC