

**May 23, 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
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: 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Camacho: I'm going to go over a few house rules. We understand that we're in a network situation with connectivity issues, we ask that you mute your computers or cell phones until you're called. We operate under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, any transactions, all of our testimony, and discussions between Commissioners is done in the open and totally transparent. When we do call cases and we experience connectivity issues we will pause that case, proceed to the next case, and allow you to reestablish connectivity with us. Additionally, I'll explain the procedure, the Director will call the case, I'll swear in whoever is going to be testifying, after the testimony is taken, I'll ask for a motion, someone will second the motion and then we'll take a vote. We normally have five Commissioners, but our Chairwoman isn't with us today and Commissioner Smith had to tend to an emergency.

Chief 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.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Country Club at Woodmore**, Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 12320 Pleasant Prospect, Mitchellville, 20721, Daniel Hayle to serve as General Manager instead of Jeffrey Marc Rosenberg, Authorized Person.

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

Commissioner Camacho 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 Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Country Club at Woodmore, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Enterprise Golf Course Class B(GC)**, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 2802 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, 20716, Steven Bowen to serve as Assistant Division Chief instead of William Sheehan, Division Chief.

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

Mr. Bowen states he oversees all three golf properties, however each location has an onsite manager.

Our agency attorney advised the Board they can proceed with this case, Mr. Bowen's testimony is sufficient.

Commissioner Camacho 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 initially unable to list the six forms of I.D., after pausing this case the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Enterprise Golf Course, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Henson Creek Golf Course**, Class B(GC), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1651 Tucker Road, Fort Washington, 20744, Steven Bowen to serve as Assistant Division Chief instead of William Sheehan, Division Chief. Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mr. Bowen states he oversees all three golf properties, however each location has an onsite manager.

Commissioner Camacho 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 initially unable to list the six forms of I.D., after pausing this case the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Henson Creek Golf Course, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Paint Branch Golf Course**, Class B(GC), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4690 University Blvd, College Park, 20740, Steven Bowen to serve as Assistant Division Chief instead of William Sheehan, Division Chief. Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mr. Bowen states he oversees all three golf properties, however each location has an onsite manager.

Commissioner Camacho 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 initially unable to list the six forms of I.D., after pausing this case the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Paint Branch Golf Course, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Prince George's Equestrian Center**, Class B, ECR, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 14955 Pennsylvania Avenue, Upper Marlboro, 20772, Bryan D. Anthony to serve as General Manager instead of William Sheehan, Division Chief.

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

Commissioner Camacho 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 initially unable to list the six forms of I.D., after pausing this case the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Prince George's Equestrian Center, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Substitution of Corporate Officer application, **t/a MGM National Harbor**, Class B(EF), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 101 MGM National Avenue, Oxon Hill, 20745, Efrain Perez Agosto to serve as Authorized Person and Michael Weaver to serve as Authorized Person.

Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Weaver is the Vice President of Hospitality for MGM and has been in this industry for about thirty years. He has worked in management industry for over twenty years.

Mr. Perez is the CFO and was formerly the property TIPS trainer from 2016 to 2019.

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 applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a MGM National Harbor, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION:

Rodney Chambers, Managing Member, Ronald Covington, Managing Member, Sky High Sports & Entertainment, LLC, t/a PartyHQ, 15606 Emerald Way Bowie, Maryland 20716. Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from other than a Wholesaler of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No 11 Other than a Wholesaler, of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; that on or about Friday, April 14, 2023, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Inspectors Clinkscale and Farmer-Johnson conducted an Entertainment inspection at the licensed premises located at 15606 Emerald Way, Bowie, Maryland. During the inspection, there were several boxes in the establishment without labels while other boxes were addressed to "Stop and Shop Liquor."

Licensees do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Inspector Johnson of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on April 14, 2023.

Mr. Chambers states eleven bottles were returned, they were able to provide invoices to Inspector Glenn. The bottles were dropped off by a band who wanted to provide everyone with champagne for their first concert at Party HQ. We never served this champagne to any of our patrons.

Mr. Covington states we do keep records of our inventory, we don't have those items in question on our menu.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Party HQ in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500 and training, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

SUNDAY OFF SALES PERMIT

1. **t/a C.D. Liquors**, Sandipkumar G. Modi, Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of A&K Modi, LLC., t/a C.D. Liquors, 4945 Marlboro Pike, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743. – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

The licensee agrees to spend the \$50,000 capital investment within one year of today's date.

The upgrades include but are not limited to replacing, painting, and cleaning up the interior and exterior of the premises.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Special Sunday Sales Permit for t/a C.D. Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

DELIVERY PERMIT

1. **t/a Chillum Wine and Spirits**, Baljinder Singh, Managing Member, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Burke Liquors Limited Liability Company, t/a Chillum Wine and Spirits, 5813 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville 20782. – Request for a Delivery Permit.

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

Mr. Singh states customers have been requesting delivery, especially the elderly customer base. Deliveries will be made in a company vehicle.

Commissioner Camacho expressed a concern that the establishment is right on the District line and wanted to make sure that deliveries were not made to the District.

Licensee acknowledge that there will not be deliveries to DC.

Commissioner Camacho also reviewed the key points of delivery that the Board is very firm on.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve a Delivery Permit for t/a Chillum Wine and Spirits, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER

Niruben K. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Manokeek Wine and Spirits Corporation, **t/a Manokeek Liquors**, 7091 Berry Lane, Suite B, Accokeek, 20607 transfer from Manokeek Wine and Spirits Corporation, t/a Manokeek Liquors, 7091 Berry Lane, Suite B, Accokeek, 20607, Jalpan K. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

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 Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Manokeek Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Jude Agendia, Member, for a Class D(R), Beer and Wine for the use of TS&A Group, LLC, **t/a Peoples Convenience Store**, 4025 Silver Hill Road, Silver Hill, 20746 transfer from EPT, LLC, t/a Peoples Convenience Store, 4025 Silver Hill Road, Silver Hill, 20746, Paulos Araya, Member-Manager.

Represented by **Abraham Hurdle, Esquire**.

Mr. Hurdle 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.

All employees will be Alcohol Awareness certified; the POS system will be upgraded; and closing will take place within a month.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class D(R) license for t/a Peoples Convenience Store, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. Magdalena Gebrekristos, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Love Life Coffee, LLC, t/a **Love Life Coffee**, 929 Washington Blvd, Laurel, 20707. Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire**.

Deputy Chief Mendoza gave a maps presentation.

Ms. Scudder states Love Life Coffee will be a unique take on the coffee experience.

We submitted a revised floor plan, two Alcohol Awareness certificates, and a petition of support to the Board.

Ms. Scudder 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.

Ms. Gebrekristos states she has been in the restaurant business since 2020. Love Life Coffee will be a vegetarian and vegan restaurant with coffee.

There will be eight employees and all staff members will serve alcohol.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Love Life Coffee, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC