

**October 26, 2021
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

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

Start Time: 10:16 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 only add information to the record that has been discussed in this hearing today.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a College Park Liquors**, Class A, Beer Wine and Liquor, 8147 Baltimore Ave, Unit E & F, College Park, 20740, Susan Hui to serve as President in the place instead of Kig Chan, President.

No Attorney represented this case. All parties were sworn in and decided to move forward without an attorney. In this matter the Board Chair asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Once the series of questions were completed, Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the substitution and Commissioner Norman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed unanimously.

TRANSFER

Franklin De La Rosa, Authorized Person, Fanny Fernandez, Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Franklin & Fernandez Associates, LLC, **t/a Leyla's Cafe**, 5607 Sargent Road, Hyattsville, 20782 transfer from Leyla's Cafe, Inc., t/a Leyla's Cafe, 5607 Sargent Road, Hyattsville, 20782, Yolanda Navarrete, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

No attorney represented this case. All parties were sworn in and decided to move forward without an attorney. An interpreter was also sworn in to assist in this case. The Board Chair asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license, which included their roles and responsibilities. Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the transfer of the license and Commissioner Sparkman seconded the motion to approve, pending the clarification and submission of a corrected affidavit. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed.

Shantukumar Patel, Sole Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine & Liquor for the use of Dev Krupa, LLC, **t/a Livingston Woods Liquors**, 7408 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745 transfer from Livingston Woods Spirits, Inc., t/a Livingston Woods Liquors, 7408 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745, Shamsher Shamsher, President.

This case was represented by Attorney William Ray Ford. All parties were sworn in and the attorney asked his client Mr. Patel standard questions used to qualify the transfer of the license. Once the series of questions were completed, Commissioner Camacho and Board Chair Turpin-Forbes asked several additional questions of Mr. Patel. Once the series of questions were complete, Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the transfer of the license and Commissioner Sparkman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed. Commissioner Norman abstained to vote, in this case.

Vera Nikolaeva, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine & Liquor for the use of Triangle Liquors, Inc., **t/a Drinx Market**, 1409 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights 20743 transfer from Triangle Liquors, Inc., t/a Drinx Market, 1409 Ritchie Marlboro Road, Capitol Heights, 20743, Andrey Nikolaev, President/CEO.

This case was represented by Attorney Leanne Schrecengost. All parties were sworn in and the attorney asked her client, Ms. Nikolaeva standard questions used to qualify the transfer of the license. Once the series of questions were complete, Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the transfer of the license and Commissioner Norman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed unanimously

NEW DISTILLERY PERMIT

Arthur Shmidt, Co-Owner, for a Distillery Permit, for the use of Shmidt Spirits, LLC, **t/a Shmidt Spirits**, 10360 Southard Drive, Beltsville, 20705.

No Attorney represented this case. Chief Liquor Inspector Clark gave a maps presentation. All parties were sworn in by the Board Chair. In this matter the Chair asked Commissioner Camacho to take over as the Chair because she had an emergency. Commissioner Camacho asked the standard questions used to qualify a Distillery Permit. The Chair returned and asked Mr. Shmidt to explain the operation of the business. Once the series of questions were complete, Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the Distillery Permit and Commissioner Norman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed. Chair Turpin-Forbes abstained to vote, in this case, due to the fact she was not present during most of the presentation.

NEW CLASS B(AE), BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

Jeffery Miskiri, Owner, for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Suga & Spice, LLC, **t/a Suga & Spice**, 5557 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 100, Hyattsville, 20781.

No attorney represented this case. Chief Liquor Inspector Clark gave a maps presentation. All parties were sworn in by the Board Chair and decided to move forward without an attorney. The Chair asked the standard questions used to qualify the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses. Once the series of questions were complete, Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the new license and Commissioner Norman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed unanimously. This Beer, Wine and Liquor license was not part of the competition due to the fact the establishment is in an Arts and Entertainment District, which allows certain exemptions.

NEW CLASS B(BLX), BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

Kang Chen, Owner, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of The Twisted Crab – Bowie Towne Mall, LLC, **t/a The Twisted Crab Seafood and Bar**, 15535 Emerald Way #E11E, Bowie, 20716.

This case was not represented by an attorney. The Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Brewer, did make an appearance and gave testimony. All parties were sworn in by the Board Chair. The Chair asked the standard questions used to qualify a Class B, (BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor License. Once the series of questions were complete, Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the license and Commissioner Sparkman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed unanimously.

NEW CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

The Chair provided an explanation of the competition process that would be utilized to determine which establishments would be granted the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses. The Chair further explained there were only 3 licenses that would be granted and that there were 6 establishments competing. The process involved a point system. After all cases are heard, in the competition, the involved establishments are ranked from most points to least number of points. The top 3 establishments with the most points are then granted the Class B, Bee, Wine and Liquor License.

Robert L. Dawkins, President, Diana M. Dawkins, Vice President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Oasiz Bar & Grill, LLC, **t/a Oasiz Bar & Grill**, 5723 Tuxedo Road, Hyattsville, 20781.

The case was represented by Attorney Paul Jackson. A maps presentation was given by Chief Liquor Inspector Clark and all parties were sworn in by the Chair. Attorney Jackson gave a detailed presentation covering the inside and outside of the establishment, reasons why his clients deserve the license and community support notations. Each proposed licensee was given an opportunity to speak about the establishment, their roles while working at the business and why they deserve the license. The attorney also asked standard questions that would typically qualify them for this type of license. The attorney concluded his presentation. There was no opposition from anyone regarding this establishment.

Yutao Gao, President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of GAO IGROUP, Inc., **t/a Iron Pig Grill & Bar**, 6107 Greenbelt Road, College Park, 20740.

The case was represented by Attorney Amier Gibbs. A maps presentation was given by Chief Liquor Inspector Clark. Attorney Gibbs gave a detailed presentation covering who Mr. Gao is, his experience with selling alcohol and reasons why his client deserves the license and why it would benefit the community. The attorney also asked standard questions that would qualify his client for this type of license. The attorney concluded his presentation. There was no opposition from anyone regarding this establishment.

Heath Wilkins, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Krab King, LLC, **t/a Krab King**, 5720 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772.

The case was represented by Attorney Linda Carter. A maps presentation was given by Chief Liquor Inspector Clark. All parties were sworn in. Attorney Carter gave a detailed presentation

covering the inside and outside of the establishment (including exhibits), reasons why her client deserves the license and community support notations, which included over 700 signatures, letters and community supporters that testified. Each proposed licensee was given an opportunity to speak about the establishment, their roles while working at the business and why they deserve the license. Attorney Carter also asked standard questions that would typically qualify them for this type of license. The attorney concluded her presentation. There was no opposition from anyone regarding this establishment.

Chandra Moore, President, Tara Pendergrast, Vice President, Shannon Jordan, Secretary for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Mix and Mingle, Inc., **t/a Mix and Mingle Coffee Lounge**, 8923 Woodyard Road, Clinton, 20735.

The case was represented by Attorney Abigale Bruce-Watson. A maps presentation was given by Chief Liquor Inspector Clark. All parties were sworn in by the Board Chair. Attorney Bruce-Watson gave a detailed presentation covering the business plan, inside and outside of the establishment (including exhibits), reasons why they deserve the license and community support notations, which included over 400 signatures, letters and community supporters that testified. Each proposed licensee was given an opportunity to speak about the establishment, their roles while working there and why they deserve the license. Attorney Bruce-Watson also asked standard questions that would qualify the business for this type of license. The attorney concluded her presentation. There was no opposition from anyone regarding this establishment.

Christopher Ojo, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Ameriflag Limited Liability Company, **t/a Notes & Jokes**, 23 C Street, Laurel, 20707.

The case was represented by Attorney Eddie Pounds. A maps presentation was given by Chief Liquor Inspector Clark and all parties were sworn in by the Board Chair. Attorney Pounds gave a detailed presentation covering the inside and outside of the establishment, as well as the type of food and music they intend on providing. Attorney Pounds also provided reasons why this establishment is needed in the community and the fact that it's the only one of its' kind. There were also community supporters that testified. The proposed licensee was given an opportunity to speak about the establishment, his role while working there and why he deserves the license. The attorney also asked standard questions that would qualify him for this type of license. The attorney concluded his presentation. There was no opposition from anyone regarding this establishment.

Ruben D. Adrade, Member-Manager/Sole Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Galaxy 21, LLC, **t/a Galaxy 21**, 2031 University Blvd East, Suite B, Hyattsville, 20781.

This case was taken off the agenda by request of the owner of Galaxy 21. The case would have been represented by Attorney Robert Kim.

Jian Zheng, Member/Authorized Person for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of CDJ of New Carrollton, LLC, **t/a Crab Du Jour**, 8305-8307 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, 20784.

The case was represented by Attorney Robert Kim. A maps presentation was given by Chief Liquor Inspector Clark and all parties were sworn in by the Chair. Attorney Kim asked Mr. Zheng standard questions that would typically qualify him for this type of license. Attorney Kim gave a detailed presentation covering the inside and outside of the establishment, as well as the type of food the owner intended on providing. Attorney Kim also advised he received over 150 signatures as community support, which was submitted to the Board. The proposed licensee was given an opportunity to speak about the establishment and his role while working there. The attorney concluded his presentation. There was no opposition from anyone regarding this establishment.

Beer, Wine and Liquor Competition Results (Top 3 establishments with highest points scored received the license)

- 1) **Mix and Mingle Coffee Lounge 55 Points**
- 2) **Krab King 50 Points**
- 3) **Oasiz Bar and Grill 20 Points**
- 4) Crab Du Jour 18 points
- 5) Notes and Jokes 13 points
- 6) Iron Pig 3 points

NEW – CLASS C, FRATERNAL, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

James Riley, Executive Director, for a Class C, CLF, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Veterans Cigar Club, Inc., **t/a Veterans Cigar Club**, 6409 Old Alexandria Ferry Road, Clinton, 20735. Continued from October 13, 2021.

This case was represented by Attorney Linda Carter. Attorney Carter changed the License request to a Class C, Beer and Wine. This case was a continuation from a previous date and the testimony from that previous Hearing was continued over to this Hearing. Commissioner Camacho gave a motion to approve the Class C, Beer and Wine License and Commissioner Sparkman seconded the motion to approve. A vote was conducted amongst the commissioners and the motion was passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Clark
Chief Liquor Inspector BOLC