December 6, 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
Jason DeLoach, 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: 7:01 p.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.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. t/a Greenbelt Liquors, Sunita Bhagat, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Lashit Gaind, Vice President, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, P K Liquors, Inc., 6000 Greenbelt Road #68, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770. – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. Represented by Benjamin Carter, 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 shelving in the entire store, several lights will be replaced, new ceiling tiles, employee bathrooms will be remodeled, and new reach in coolers.

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

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. t/a Watkins Park Liquors, Jayamala Chinchode Reddy, Managing Member, Cindy Lou Schlauch, Authorized Person, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Watkins Park Liquor Maryland, LLC, 12140 Central Avenue, Mitchellville, 20272. – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. Represented by Benjamin Carter, Esquire.

Mrs. Jayamala Reddy was excused from this hearing.

Mr. Carter states the Board approved a transfer of location in July 2023 for Watkins Park Liquors, as a part of the transfer process my client had to reapply for the Sunday Sales Permit for the new location. We're currently in the process of opening early next year. However, there's still several expenditures that need to be paid for and ordered to include walk-in coolers.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Special Sunday Sales Permit for t/a Watkins Park Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. t/a El Toro Liquors, Harjinder Singh, Member/Authorized Person, Sunanda S. Rana Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Adelphi Spirits, LLC, 9107 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783 – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire.**

Mr. Kim states we submitted a detailed request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit a list of items that we plan on upgrading. El Toro Liquors is open and operating, there's a few remaining tasks we need to beautify the establishment.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Special Sunday Sales Permit for t/a El Toro Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington D.C. Area, Margery A. Breneman, Vice President/Assistant Secretary, Annette London, Assistant Secretary, Terrell L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Marriott Hotel Services, LLC,156 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states he conducted a site inspection, viewed their cameras, and discussed the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

Ms. Schrecengost states this location previously held a Special Entertainment Permit for years successfully with no issues, we missed the renewal deadline due to miscommunication. There will be no changes with the entertainment. Respectfully, I ask the Board to regrant the Special Entertainment Permit.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to AC Hotel National Harbor Washington D.C. Area, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

5. t/a Residence Inn National Harbor Washington D.C. Area, Margery A. Breneman, Assistant Secretary, Annette London, Edwin Peters, Assistant Secretary, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, Residence Inn by Marriott, LLC, 192 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, Maryland 20745. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states he conducted a site inspection, viewed their cameras, and discussed the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

Ms. Schrecengost states this location previously held a Special Entertainment Permit for years successfully with no issues, we missed the renewal deadline. Respectfully, I ask the Board to regrant the Special Entertainment Permit.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Residence Inn National Harbor Washington D.C. Area, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. t/a King Pollo, Alexander Asong, Authorized Person, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Zactech Solutions LLC, 8321 Annapolis Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20784. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states initially we had some issues with the paperwork, we worked that out and discussed the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

The plans for King Pollo if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have karaoke, live music with Spanish and African music, and a DJ focusing on old time music.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to King Pollo, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. t/a Mango Café, Ashley Watson, Vice President, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Jaah & Bakar Associates, Inc., 4719 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Maryland 20710. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Abigale Bruce-Watson, Esquire. Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states we discussed

the Rules and Regulations and viewed the cameras. The security plan is adequate.

Ms. Bruce-Watson states we've held a Special Entertainment Permit since 2011, due to unforeseen circumstances with the Use and Occupancy Permit we were unable to renew. We've never had a violation while holding the permit. There will be no changes to the entertainment.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Mango Café', seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

8. Martha Moscoso Managing-Member, t/a El Rodeo Restaurant, 6258 Kenilworth Avenue Riverdale Park, Maryland 20737, Class D(R), Beer and Wine, 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. To wit; on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at approximately 2:55 am, Inspectors Price and Hamilton of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners entered El Rodeo, located at 6258 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737. The establishment should have been closed at 2:00 am. While inside, Inspectors Price and Hamilton noticed patrons with beer bottles in their hands and on tables. All alcoholic beverages should have been removed from the possession of all patrons and tables by 2:00 am. 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 from November 1, 2023, hearing.

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

Inspector Hamilton of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on September 9, 2023.

Ms. Moscoso states I spoke with the manager, and he left the assistant manager in charge that night. I've informed my staff they can't operate after hours. We apologize for this incident.

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

After Board vote, the motion carries.

9. Tao Li, President, t/a Latao-Sushi Cuisine, 8700 Baltimore Avenue, Suite A & B College Park, Maryland 20740, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation R.R. No. 11 Purchases by authorized retailer: No license holder shall purchase any alcoholic beverages except from a duly licensed manufacturer or wholesaler and RR#35 Trade Name: The Board of License Commissioners shall approve the trade name of the licensed premises. To wit; on or about Sunday, September 21, 2023, at approximately 1:30 p.m., Inspector Golato of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners conducted a Routine Inspection at the licensed premises, located at 8700 Baltimore Avenue, Suite A & B, College Park, MD 20740. Inspector Golato noticed the

sign located on the outside of the establishment was different from the name on the license. Additionally, while inside the establishment Inspector Golato noticed 10 open alcohol bottles sitting on a countertop. The manager Mr. Zheng, admitted he purchased them from LAX Wine, Spirits and Bistro. 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 from November 1, 2023, hearing.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms asked the licensee if he would like to proceed without an attorney. The licensee stated he would like to retain an attorney to represent his case. The BOLC has evidence that he was properly summonsed, his employee never notified him of this matter.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to continue case to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

This case has been postponed for a later date.

10. Seongmuk Sim, Managing Member, t/a Kangnam BBQ, 8503 Baltimore Avenue College Park, Maryland 20740, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation RR#35 Trade Name: The Board of License Commissioners shall approve the trade name of the licensed premises. To wit: On or about Friday, October 6, 2023, at approximately 2:00 p.m., Deputy Chiefs Mendoza and Toles of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners visited Kangnam BBQ, located at 8503 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, MD 20740, the Board received a public advertisement that Kangnam BBQ has is now has the name change to (Meetup). We arrived and noticed a sign in the front of the restaurant with Meetup. 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. Failure to obey this summons may result in you being held in criminal contempt of Court, and a warrant may be issued for your arrest and/or attachment against you in accordance with the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Deputy Chief Mendoza testified about the incident that occurred on October 6, 2023. **Mr. Kim** states we don't dispute the accusations, the licensee came to the Liquor Board to file an application to change the name of the establishment. An application for a transfer was filed on October 5, 2023, and a management agreement.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Kangnam BBQ, in violation, as charged, with a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

Adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes *Administrative Aide BOLC*