

**January 24, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
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
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:02 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.

TRANSFER:

1. Xing Chen, President, Cui E. Lin, Vice President for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sea and Sky, Inc., **t/a GI Liquors**, 6712 Suitland Road, Suitland, 20746 transfer from Sea and Sky, Inc., t/a GI Liquors, 6712 Suitland Road, Suitland, 20746, Soyeong Chun, President/Treasurer, Qiping Liao, Vice President/Secretary. Represented by **Bruce Kurlander, Esquire**.
Xing Chen and **Cui Lin** have completed Alcohol Awareness training.
Xing Chen is currently the manager at GI Liquors, there have been no violations during his tenure.
Mr. Kurlander 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 applicants were able to answer each question.
An amendment has been made to the application to reflect the hours of operation will be 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a GI Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Forbes**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
2. Jose De Leon, Co-Managing Member, Natividad De Leon, Co-Managing Member for a Class B(R), Beer and Wine for the use of Flordom, LLC, **t/a Curzi's Seafood Restaurant**, 3006 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20782 transfer from Flordom, LLC, t/a Curzi's Seafood Restaurant, 3006 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20782, Domingo Manana, President/Secretary/Treasurer.
Represented by **Wesley Japp, Esquire**.
Jose De Leon previously held a liquor license in Montgomery County.
Mr. Japp asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol.
The applicants were able to name five of the acceptable forms of I.D.
Mr. Japp explained to his clients, that the biometric device that can be accepted as a form of I.D.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B(R) license for t/a Curzi's Seafood Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Forbes**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
3. Monir Hossain, President for a Class D(R), Beer and Wine for the use of Nassir, Inc., **t/a Orbit Beer & Shop**, 9900 Greenbelt Road, Suite J, Lanham, 20706 transfer from Orbit Beverage, LLC, t/a Orbit Beer & Wine, 9900 Greenbelt Road, Suite J, Lanham, 20706, Dinesh Madaan, Managing Member.
Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.
Commissioner Norman 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.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class D(R) license for t/a Orbit Beer & Shop, seconded by **Commissioner Forbes**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Antoniese Ruffin, Owner for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Wine for the use of Cheers at 301, LLC, **t/a Nipsey's Restaurant & Grill**, 5753 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772 transfer from Lonnie Moses JR, LLC, t/a Nipsey's Restaurant & Grill, 5753 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772, Lonnie Moses, Jr., Member.
Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Commissioner Norman 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.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Nipsey's Restaurant & Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Forbes**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. Aishu Pandya, Managing Member/Authorized Person, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Rajshakti, LLC, **t/a Lucky Mart**, 4201 Bladensburg Road, Colmar Manor, 20722 transfer from Lucky Mart, LLC, t/a Lucky Mart, 4201 Bladensburg Road, Colmar Manor, 20722, Jaskaran Singh Gill, Managing Member, Tammy D. Stubblefield, Assistant Managing Member.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Aishu Pandya is Alcohol Awareness certified.

Ms. Carter 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.

Aishu Pandya has been working in a liquor store for the past year, there have been no violations during his tenure.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class D license for t/a Lucky Mart, seconded by **Commissioner Forbes**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS C(CLV), BEER WINE AND LIQUOR:

1. Felicia Powell, Commander, Melvin F. Graves, Judge Advocate, Ryland Alston, 1st Vice Commander, for a Class C(CLV), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Glenarden American Legion Post 275, Inc., **t/a Glenarden American Legion Post 275**, 8201 Martin Luther King Jr. Hwy, Glenarden, 20706.
Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.
Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
The Glenarden American Legion Post 275 is a veteran's organization, and their mission is to make sure veterans have a place to come socialize and give back to the community.

Commissioner Sparkman asked the standard questions 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 applicants were able to answer each question.

Ms. Powell states membership is thirty-five dollars annually and there are seven hundred and twenty-four members currently on role. Six hundred and twenty-five veterans are current on their dues.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Class C (CLV) license for t/a Glenarden American Legion Post 275, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

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

1. Edward Reynolds, Member, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge, LLC, t/a **Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge**, 731 Cady Drive, Fort Washington, 20744.

Represented by **John Walker Turner, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge is a full-service restaurant serving southern food and has been in business for approximately a year and a half.

Mr. Reynolds has never held a liquor license in the state of Maryland. He's currently a license holder in Washington, DC for his restaurant 1865. There have been no violations at this location.

Mr. Reynolds previously held a liquor license in Washington, DC at District Soul Food, this restaurant is no longer in existence. There were no violations during his tenure.

Mr. Reynolds is TIPS certified, all bartenders and servers will be certified as well.

Mr. Turner asked the standard questions 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.

An amendment has been made to the application to reflect the hours of operation will be 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Mr. Reynolds states he is the sole owner of Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge. He was previously a fifty percent investor/silent partner. He bought out everyone that invested in the restaurant. He will oversee the day-to-day operations.

Clout Southern Cuisine will be exempt from the residency requirement because this license is a BLX.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Class B, BLX, license for t/a Clout Southern Cuisine & Lounge, pending ownership documentation received and approved by the Board, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR:

1. Luis Ponce, Member, Maria Delgado, Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of El Chaparral, LLC, **t/a El Chaparral**, 15101 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 111, Laurel, 20707.

Represented by **Kyung Hwan Lee, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

El Chapparral currently has a Class BW license and would like to upgrade to Beer, Wine, and Liquor. Customers have requested cocktails and margaritas to go along with the authentic Mexican food.

The applicants have completed Alcohol Awareness training, a copy will be provided to the Board.

Mr. Lee asked the standard questions 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.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a El Chaparral, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.
2. Alexander Asong, Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Zactech Solutions, LLC, **t/a King Pollo**, 8321 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, 20784. Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

King Pollo currently has a Class BW license and would like to upgrade to Beer, Wine, and Liquor. This license has increased the customer base, now customers have inquired about liquor.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a King Pollo, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.
3. Luis R. Villatoro, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sabor Latino Restaurant, Inc., **t/a Sabor Latino**, 2338 University Blvd East, Hyattsville, 20783.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Sabor Latino currently has a Class BW license and would like to upgrade to Beer, Wine, and Liquor. Customers have requested liquor with the Salvadorian food.

There have been no violations since holding the current liquor license.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions 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.

A petition with one hundred and sixteen signatures in support of this application has been submitted to the Board.

There are four witnesses present at the restaurant. Each person states their name, address, and their support for this application.

Mr. Villatoro and his employees have completed Alcohol Awareness training. A copy has been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Sabor Latino, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC

