

**February 2, 2022
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, 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

Start Time: 7:03 p.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.

REGULAR SESSION:

1. **t/a Famous Lounge** – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s Police Department) informs the Board he hasn’t done a site inspection yet, they need an updated U&O, it expired on December 24, 2021, and the fire capacity certificate needs to be obtained.
This matter is postponed until March 2, 2022, pending the proper documentation.

2. Neville Nugent, CEO, Food Vision, LLC, **t/a Mad Cow Grill**, 310 Domer Avenue, Laurel, 20708, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Maryland Annotated Code 26-1903 a licensed holder may not provide entertainment unless authorized to do and R.R. No. 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George’s County.
Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire.**
Inspector Treadway of the BOLC testified about this incident.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to fine the licensee for t/a Mad Cow Grill in violation as charged with a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Mad Cow Grill** – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire.**
Council President Brencis Smith (City of Laurel Board 2) testifies in support of this application.
Corporal Hunt hasn’t conducted a site inspection.
Mad Cow Grill needs an official amended U&O stating live entertainment is permitted.
This matter is postponed until March 2, 2022, pending the security plan and U&O with the resolution.

4. Giles Fletcher II, President/Vice President/Secretary/Treasurer, Strick's Inc., **t/a Strick's Restaurant**, 3211 Branch Avenue, Silver Hill, 20748, Class B, BL+, Beer, Wine and Liquor is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Maryland Annotated Code 6-304 selling alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one and R.R. No. 1 Sales to a minor of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit: On Tuesday October 26, 2021, at approximately 11:05 am one (1) underage male operative (20 yr. old) of the Prince George's County Cadet Program and one (1) undercover police officer from the Prince George's County Police Department entered Strick's Restaurant located at 3211 Branch Avenue, Silver Hill, MD 20748. The operative asked the bartender for one (1) 12 oz bottle of Miller Light (beer). The bartender did not checked ID and accepted the payment (money exchange).
Represented by **Kathleen Dolan, Esquire.**
Inspector North of the BOLC testified about this incident.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to fine the licensee for t/a Strick’s Restaurant in violation as charged with a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

**The fine can be paid over three equal monthly installments of \$ 1,000.
After Board vote, the motion carries.**

5. Sekwang Yoo, President, Jane Son Decruise, Secretary, 25 Hour, Inc., t/a **25 Hour Market**, 3316 Dodge Park Road, Landover, 20785, Class D(R), Beer and Wine is summonsed to show cause for non-payment of violation fines (\$9,500 plus \$500 late fee) assessed on August 24, 2021 related to RR 1 (Sale to Minor) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and 6-304 of the Maryland Alcoholic Beverage Annotated Code; RR 3 (Employee's Age) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and 26-1902 of the Maryland Alcoholic Beverage Annotated Code; RR 4 (Employees Records) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County; RR 83 (Alcohol Awareness) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and 26-1902.1 of the Maryland Alcoholic Beverage Annotated Code (An approved Alcohol Awareness Certified employee must be present on the licensed premises at all times); and RR 32 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County (Inspections: Uncooperative). To wit: On Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at approximately 2:10 p.m., one (1) underage male operative (20 years old) of the Prince George's County Cadet Program and one (1) undercover police officer from the Prince George's County Police Department entered the 25 Hour Market located at 3316 Dodge Park Road, Landover, MD 20785. The operative retrieved one (1) 4 pack bottles of Seagram's Escape Strawberry Daiquiri from the refrigerator while the officer watched. The cashier made the sale and did not request ID from the operative. The age of the employees could not be determined, employee records were requested but could not be produced, employees on the premises were not alcohol awareness certified and employees were uncooperative. Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire**.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoo were unable to attend this virtual hearing.

Summons was served by Inspector Treadway on January 6, 2022 and signed on behalf of Sekwang Yoo.

Based on the representation from Ms. Scudder on behalf of 25 Hour Market she will work with the agency to ensure the funds are transferred to the BOLC by February 4, 2022.

6. Harjinder Singh, Member/Authorized Person, Sunanda S. Rana, Member-Manager, t/a **El Toro Liquors**, 9107 Riggs Road, Adelphi, MD 20774, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 26-2102 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code and Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; That on or about June 28, 2018 a new application for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor was filed, that on or about August 28, 2018 approval by the Board was granted to the issuance of the license; the license has not been placed in use within the required time from the Board's approval on December 3, 2020.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim states we haven't reached our goal of completing the construction and obtaining a U&O.

Ms. Susan Boone (Construction Manager) testifies about the progress and obstacles during this project.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant an additional 180 days to effectuate the license for El Toro Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. Baldomero Avalos, **t/a El Charro**, 933 Fairlawn Avenue, Laurel, MD 20707, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 26-2102 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code and Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; That on or about July 20, 2020 a new application for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor was filed, that on or about October 27, 2020 approval by the Board was granted to the issuance of the license; the license has not been placed in operation after six months following approval being granted.

Joseph Trevino, Esquire is the attorney retained for this case.

No representation at the virtual hearing for t/a El Charro.

Summons was served by Inspector Treadway on January 21, 2022 and signed by Baldomero Avalos.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to postpone this matter to March 2, 2022, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

8. Oscar Hernandez, Member Manager, Paola S. Aguilar Diaz, Stockholder, Jose Valladares, Stockholder, **t/a OMG Restaurant Bar and Lounge**, 1401 University Blvd E, Unit # G-12, 13 & 14, Hyattsville, MD 20783, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 26-2102 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code and Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; That on or about August 4, 2020 a new application for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor was filed, that on or about October 27, 2020 approval by the Board was granted to the issuance of the license; the license has not been placed in use within the required time from the Board's approval in August 4, 2021.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim states Prince George's County will not issue a U&O for this space due to an elevator within the mall being out of order. He submitted a request to the Board on November 9, 2021, to amend the application so this establishment can operate on the old U&O Permit.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant an additional 90 days to effectuate the license for OMG Restaurant Bar and Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

9. Rhonda M. Hall, Managing Member, **t/a Ladies 1st Cigar**, 6402 Coventry Way, Clinton MD 20735, Class D, Beer and Wine, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 26-2102 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code and Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit; That on or about January 27, 2021 a new application for a Class D, Beer and Wine was filed, that on or about March 23, 2021 approval by the Board was granted to the issuance of the license; the license has not been placed in operation after six months following approval being granted.

Represented by **Traci Scudder, Esquire.**

Mr. Brian Barnett (Contractor) testifies about the progress and obstacles during this project.

The establishment is close to completion, there's been some challenges with the permitting office and satisfying WSSC.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant an additional 90 days to effectuate the license for Ladies 1st Cigar, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes

Administrative Aide BOLC