

September 10, 2014

County Service Building  
Hyattsville, Maryland 20781

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT: Franklin D. Jackson, Chair  
Shaihi Mwalimu, Vice Chair – arrived late  
Earl Howard, Commissioner  
David Son, Commissioner - absent  
Charles Caldwell, III, Commissioner  
Edmond B. O’Connell, Counsel  
Diane M. Bryant, Administrative Assistant  
Kelly E. Markomanolakis, Administrative Aide  
Albert J. Fanelli, Chief  
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief

Time: 6:15 p.m.

In the matter of **t/a Golden Bull**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License – Board request licensees presence to discuss proposed alterations to the licensed premises.

- Statements were provided by:  
Mohammed Salah (Witness for establishment)
- **Mr. Jackson stated that the off sale must be from the main bar in the main dining room; that this plan is not in compliance with the law; that the plan shows a visualization of a liquor store; that there is no main bar in the main dining room; that there are three pending violations scheduled for October 1, 2014 and he would like to continue this matter also to October 1, 2014.**

In the matter of **t/a Chocolate Martini Bar**, New approved but not effectuated Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License failure to renew– Board request applicants presence to discuss the renewal application.

- **The Board took notice of the non-appearance of the applicants.**

In the matter of Adamu Lemu, President, Shagga LLC, **t/a Shagga Coffee and Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, 6040 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781 is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 6-201(r)(5)(i) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 26(A)(2), 66 and 29 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George’s County, to wit: That on Sunday, June 22, 2014, at approximately 2:50 p.m., Inspector Robert Lambert and Susan Crossley of the Prince George’s

County Board of License Commissioners ordered and was subsequently served a run and coke; that the licensee of the establishment does not possess a Special Sunday Sales Permit for the sale and service of on sale liquor on Sunday.

- Statements were provided by:  
Adamu Lemu (Licensee)  
Robert Lambert (Liquor Inspector)  
Cristian Mendoza-Munoz (Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector)
- **Mr. Caldwell moved that the licensee be found in violation of the charge as indicated in the summons and that a fine of \$1,500 be assessed, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of Brian Lutton, Authorization Person, Thurman Charleston, Jr., Authorized Person, Potomac of Prince George's, LLC, **t/a Applebee's (Largo)**, Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1000 Largo Center Drive, Largo, Maryland 20774, is summonsed to show cause for alleged violations of Section 12-108(a), 12-108(d), 12-109 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 1(A), 1(B), 1(C), 2(B), 26(a)(3), 26(B)(3), 26(B)(4), 29 and 32 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit: That on Friday, June 20, 2014 at approximately 6:42 p.m., Inspector Johnny R. Toles, Jr. and Timothy McIntosh of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners observed a minor who was working in an undercover capacity purchase and possess a twelve (12) ounce bottle of Heineken Beer; further that the licensee's agent was not cooperative with the Liquor Inspector; and the alcoholic beverage was furnished by an agent of the licensee, licensee represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Counsel.

- Statements were provided by:  
Johnny Toles (Liquor Inspector)  
Leanne Schrecengost (Attorney)  
Kevin Hyland (Witness for establishment)
- **Mr. Caldwell moved that the licensees be found in violation and that a fine of \$2,500 be imposed, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of Joseph A. Giovannoni, President, Sherry Giovannoni, Vice President, Fish Market Restaurant of Maryland, Inc., **t/a Fish Market Restaurant**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, Maryland 20735, is summonsed to show cause for alleged violations of Section 12-108(a), 12-108(d), 12-109 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 1(A), 1(B), 1(C), 2(B), 26(a)(3), 26(B)(3), 26(B)(4), 29 and 32 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit: That on Friday, March 21, 2014 at approximately 6:45 p.m., Inspector James Golato and Ivan Estrada, Liquor Inspectors for Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners observed a minor who was

working in an undercover capacity purchase and possess a twelve (12) ounce bottle of Corona Extra bottles; further that the licensee's agent was not cooperative with the Liquor Inspector; and the alcoholic beverage was furnished by an agent of the licensee, licensees represented by Regis Johnston, Counsel.

- Statements were provided by:  
Sherry Giovannoni (Licensee)  
Cristian Mendoza-Munoz (Deputy Liquor Inspector)  
Harold Jones (Witness for establishment)
- **Mr. Jackson stated that he would like to continue this matter until the Regular Session of November 5, 2014.**

In the matter of Danny Medina, President, Yarnira E. Merlos, Secretary, for a New Class B(AE), Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for the use of Mi Patio Sports Bar Lounge and Grill, Inc., **t/a Mi Patio Restaurant**, 4400 Rhode Island Avenue, North Brentwood, 20722 – Continued from the Regular Session on August 26, 2014, applicant represented by Matthew Gorman, Counsel.

- **Mr. Jackson stated that this matter will be continued until the Regular Session of September 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**

In the matter of **t/a El Puente de Oro Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, 1401 University Blvd., Units G-5 & G-6, Hyattsville, Maryland, 20783 – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit, applicants represented by Traci Scudder, Counsel

- Statements were provided by:  
Traci Scudder (Attorney)  
Sergeant Renee Plumb (Police)  
Circo Castro (Licensee)  
Cesar Castro (Licensee)
- **Mr. Caldwell moved approval of the request for a Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of **t/a Gee's**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, 3415 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland 20781 – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

- Statements were provided by:  
Geneva Curry (Licensee)  
Sergeant Renee Plumb (Police)

- **Mr. Caldwell moved to approve a Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of Thomas E. Stuehler, Owner, **t/a La Fontaine Bleu**, Class B(BCE), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7963 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Section 9-217(n) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 26(a)(3), 26(B)(12), 32 and 75 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit: That on Sunday, June 22, 2014, at approximately 12:10 a.m., Chief Inspector Albert J. Fanelli of the Board observed that an event was occurring that was being operated by a promoter; that the licensee was not operating pursuant to the Security Plan that was approved and sanctioned by the Prince George's County Police Department – Office of Secondary Employment; that additionally patrons were dancing without the issuance of a dance permit from DPIE, applicant represented by James Rouse, Counsel.

- Statements were provided by:  
Officer Tammy Cicale (Police)  
Albert J. Fanelli (Chief Liquor Inspector)  
Aucensio Vasquez (Witness for establishment)  
Thomas Stuehler (Licensee)  
James Rouse (Attorney)
- **Mr. Caldwell moved that the licensee be found in violation of the charges as outlined in the summons dated July 17, 2014; that a fine in the amount of \$2,500 be imposed for the charges relating to the licensee not operating within the scope that they were approved for in regard to their Special Entertainment Permit; that additionally \$2,500 be imposed for the non-cooperation with a representative of the Prince George's County Police Department who contacted the licensee to promote the safety and general welfare of the community; that also, the Special Entertainment Permit is suspended until such time as a security plan is approved by the Prince George's County Police Department – Office of Secondary Employment. Motion was seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of Jeremy R. Harris, Member-Authorized Person, Kalpesh R. Patel, Member-Manager, DHEER, LLC, **t/a Marlboro Pike Restaurant & Liquors**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 5205 Marlboro Pike, Capital Heights, Maryland 20743, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Sections 12-113(b), 12-113(c), 12-113(d) of Article 2B of Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 18, 26(A)(3) and 29 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit: That on Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at approximately 1:20 p.m., Chief Liquor Inspector Albert J. Fanelli and Deputy Chief Cristian Mendoza of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners observed the unlawful keeping and possessing of containers of alcoholic beverages which have tampered with or refilled, licensees represented by Robert J. Kim, Counsel.

- Statements were provided by:  
Cristian Mendoza-Munoz (Deputy Liquor Inspector)  
Albert J. Fanelli (Chief Liquor Inspector)  
Robert J. Kim, Counsel (Attorney)
- **Mr. Caldwell moved to find the licensee in violation of the charges as outlined in the summons and that a fine of \$2,500 be imposed, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of Kishor N. Rajpara, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Urzula Crandall, Assistant Secretary, Bucks-Up, Inc., **t/a Hanger Club**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, 6410 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, Maryland 20748, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Sections 9-217(n), 10-401(a)(2) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 26(A)(3), 26(B)(13), 26(B)(14), 29 and 75 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit: That on June 23, 2014 at approximately 0025 hours, a shooting took place in the parking lot of the establishment; that two patrons of the establishment were gunshot victims; that the establishment poses a threat to the peace and safety of the community; that additionally the licensee is not in compliance with their security plan and entertainment was being provided at a day and time not authorized by the Board of License Commissioners.

- Statements were provided by:  
Sergeant Renee Plumb (Police)  
Robert J. Kim, Counsel (Attorney)
- **Mr. Caldwell moved that the Special Entertainment Permit be revoked, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

In the matter of Kishor N. Rajpara, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Urzula Crandall, Assistant Secretary, Bucks-Up, Inc., **t/a Hanger Club**, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor License, 6410 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, Maryland 20748, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Sections 6-201(r)(2)2(V), 10-401(a)(IV) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rules 26(A)(3), 26(B)(12), 34, 58 AND 60 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County, to wit: That on June 27, 2014, Lieutenant Jordan of the Prince George's County Police Department informed the Chief Liquor Inspector that JAG had closed the restaurant portion of the licensed establishment; that at approximately 7:00 p.m., on Friday, June 27, 2014, Chief Liquor Inspector Albert J. Fanelli of the Board of License Commissioners observed that the restaurant portion of the licensed establishment was closed; that the off sale portion of the business was open and operating, licensee represented by Robert J. Kim, Counsel.

- Statements were provided by:  
Albert J. Fanelli (Chief Liquor Inspector)  
Dipak Rajpara (Witness for establishment)

Robert J. Kim, Counsel (Attorney)

- **Mr. Caldwell moved to find the licensee in violation of the charges as outlined in the summons and that a fine of \$500 be imposed, seconded by Mr. Howard and made unanimous by Mr. Mwalimu and Mr. Jackson.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane M. Bryant  
Administrative Assistant

Adjourned: 10:30 p.m.