

April 23, 2019
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Derrick Anthony, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:05 a.m.

In the matter a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Maryland News Center**, Class D, Beer and Wine, 2912 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20782, Benjamin Ricker, Secretary to serve in the place and stead of Deborah Anne Skelly, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Benjamin Ricker stated that he is a resident of Annapolis.

Linda Carter stated that this application is being done because the transfer is not ready to be effectuated; that they are waiting for the Use and Occupancy Permit; that the information provided at the previous hearing is true and correct.

Daphne Turpin Forbes stated that one of the affidavits says there was a violation at the establishment and one says there has not been a violation.

Benjamin Ricker stated that it is because the violation occurred between eight and ten years ago; that he worked on the premises at the time, but was not a licensee, just an employee.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the substitution of corporate officers application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Surjit S. Gosal, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Jatinder Gosal, Inc., **t/a Kenilworth Liquors**, 5401 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, 20737, transfer from Jatinder Gosal, Inc., t/a Kenilworth Liquors, Jaswinder Kaur, President.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Surjit Gosal stated he is a resident of Burtonsville.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that the application is to transfer the stock only; that the applicant's mom currently owns the establishment; that the entity will stay the same.

Surjit Gosal stated that he is a United States citizen; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 15 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he was on the license for A-1 Liquor & Bar 7 days; that he sold it in March 2017; that while he was on the license there was a violation; that it was for a Sunday sale; that he has never had a license revoked; that he doesn't have a

financial interest in any other license in Prince George's County; that he is the 100% stockholder; that he is the President/Secretary/Treasurer; that he will be there approximately 40 hours per week; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that the legal age to consume alcohol is 21, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he will be on premises approximately 40 hours per week; that if approved they will comply with all of the Rules and Regulations and ensure the staff does as well; that he understands that if there is a violation he is responsible.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Nikunj Kumar D. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Zenash G. Tadesse, Assistant Secretary for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Barnabas Liquors, Inc., **t/a Barnabas Liquors**, 4620 St. Barnabas Road, Store A, Temple Hills, 20748, transfer from Tu Corporation, t/a Barnabas Liquors, Thi Tu, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Zunash Tadesse stated that she is a resident of Fort Washington.

Nikunj Kumar Patel stated that he is a resident of Georgia.

Robert Kim, Esquire requested to amend the application to show Ms. Tadesse's birthplace as Ethiopia and that the zip code for her current residence is 20744.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Zunash Tadesse stated that she is a United States citizen; that she has been a resident of Maryland for 28 years; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not violated the laws governing the sale of alcoholic beverages; that she has never had an alcoholic beverages license revoked; that she was on the license for Allentown Liquors from 2014 until July 2018 when it was sold; that she will be there 25% stockholder and be the Assistant Secretary; that she will be there approximately ten hours per week; that they are waiting for the Board's approval before they close on the sale; that she has been Alcohol Awareness certified; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that she understands she is obligated to respond to the Board regarding any problems or questions they may have.

Nikunj Kumar Patel stated that he is permanent resident; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that he has not had a license revoked; that he has not held an alcoholic beverages license previously; that he is the 75% owner stockholder; that he is the President and Secretary; that he has been Alcohol Awareness certified; that if approved he will ensure all employees follow the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application; that he understands he is obligated to respond to any questions regarding the operations the Board may have.

Mr. Camacho stated that there is a tax hold from the comptroller regarding withholding.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that the matter will be taken care of at closing.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Edward Antonetti, Resident Agent, for a Class C, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Troon Beverages of Maryland, LLC, **t/a Lake Presidential Golf Club**, 3151 Presidential Golf Drive, Upper Marlboro, 20774, transfer from LP Beverage, LLC, t/a Lake Presidential Golf Club, Joseph D. Livingood, Managing Member, Edward Antonetti, Resident Agent.

Applicant is represented by Bradley Farrar, Esquire.

Edward Antonetti stated that he is resident of Upper Marlboro; that he is a network engineer for Prince George's County Public Schools; that he is a United States resident; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 38 years; that he is a 25% owner; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling laws or laws governing the sale of alcohol; that he does not have a financial interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverages license; that Troon Beverages of Maryland, LLC holds a 75% interest; that if approved he will conduct personal visits at least twice per month; that at his current job he has been employed for 13 years; that he has experience in this industry with a position at Ledo's for 21 years; that he is the resident licensee of the outgoing license; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certification; that he understands that as the licensee he is responsible for ensuring the employees follow the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he will be responsible for any violation that may occur; that he is familiar with the requirements for a Class C license; that he understands he may not be sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off premises; that the manager will be Craig Rorgash; that they will be open 7 days a week; that their hours of operation allowed by law are 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.; that the hours of operation they will operate under is 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; that they will card anyone that appears under 31.

Bradley Farrar, Esquire requested to amend the application to reflect the change in hours of operation.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Ms. Norman asked Mr. Antonetti will work at the establishment.

Edward Antonetti stated that he will only be there for periodic inspections.

Craig Rorgash stated that he is a resident of Virginia; that he is the General Manager at Lake Presidential; that he has been the manager since February first of this year; that he oversees the entire operations of food, beverage and golfing; that he works approximately 50 hours per week; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certification; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any laws governing the sale of alcohol; that there are 165 seats at the entire facility; that there is a separate bar and grill area; that the grill can seat 44 people; that they have a full menu and kitchen; that they do not plan to change the mode of operation; that he has been in golf course management for 20 years; that he has been directly responsible for food and beverages for five years; that the patrons will be residents and dues paying members and their guests; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there is training in place for employees in regards to serving alcohol.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Jaspal Kaur Hundal, President/Treasurer, Kuldip Singh, Secretary, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of M&M Beverages Corp, **t/a Suitland Liquors**, 7601 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, transfer from M&M Beverages Corp, t/a Suitland Liquors, 4700 Suitland Road, Suitland, 20746, Jaspal Kaur Hundal, President, Kuldip Singh, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that they are here to apply for a transfer of location of the alcoholic beverage license; that this is the second attempt to transfer the location; that the last time they thought they were in the same election district, but were really right over the line; that they are taking the location of t/a Buno's Supermarket, which is currently a class D, Beer and Wine license; that they will be adding liquor to the establishment; that they are moving due to the State Highway Administration purchasing their location; that they also request to transfer the Sunday Sales Permit, but a previous separate court hearing upheld the Board's decision that the permit does not transfer location; that they are not moving voluntarily.

Kuldip Singh stated that he is a resident of Parkville; that he is a citizen of the United States; that he has been a resident of Maryland for 12 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had a license revoked; that he is the current licensee for Suitland Liquors; that he does not have a financial interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license; that he is the 25% owner and secretary; that they have been closed since October; that he will be there 20 hours per week; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that he has his alcohol awareness certification; that he will ensure the employees comply with the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he understands he is responsible if a violation occurs.

Jaspal Kaur Hundal stated that she is a resident of Virginia; that she is a citizen of the United States; that she has never been convicted of a felony; that there was a violation in 2016 for a cup of ice; that she has never had a license revoked; that she had a licensee in Washington, D.C.; that she does not have a financial interest for any other business in Prince George's County; that she will be the 75% stockholder; that she will be on the premises 40 hours per week; that she is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application; that she understands that she is obligated to respond to any questions the Board has; that they petitioned the existing customers of t/a Buno's Supermarket and received over 400 signatures of customers that wanted to be able to purchase liquor as well; that they do not want to relocate, but are being forced to do so; that the store has been closed since October; that this new location is currently also a grocery store; that it is 5,000 square feet; that they want to keep it a grocery store and add liquor; that they will spend approximately \$100,000 in renovations; that there are not any other liquor stores in a 1.6 mile radius; that Fish Market Restaurant is in the same shopping center; that she believes the license will accommodate the public; that she has no reason to believe it will disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood; that they will keep the parking lot clean and help deter loitering.

Blaise K. Miller stated that he is a resident of Dunkirk; that he is the owner of t/a B.K. Miller Super Liquors; that he is in opposition to the transfer of location application; that he is speaking on behalf of several of the other businesses in the area; that they are community oriented; that there is a liquor store next door to the proposed location; that t/a Fish Market Restaurant is a liquor store and restaurant; that his business is two minutes away from this location; that t/a

Allentown Liquors, t/a S & W Liquors, t/a the Hangar Club, are all nearby; that they don't need another liquor store in Clinton; that his family put the first church, post office, and more for the community; that they have done a lot of good in the community; that he would like to know what they did for Suitland before they lost the property; that he is 61 years old and has been at the business for 55 years; that they do a lot for the community; that many of other businesses are as well; that it is a semi-rural area; that it is more of a downtown Clinton area; that the other businesses are as follows; t/a Hanger Club 1.2, t/a B.K. Miller Super Liquors 1.4, t/a S & W Liquors 1.6, t/a Allentown Liquors 1.9, t/a Tucker's Liquors 2.2 and t/a Piscataway Liquors 2.2. Robert Kim, Esquire stated that the Board measures a one mile radius; that that is all the Board looks at; that the new licensees won't turn it into a dump; that he doesn't believe that t/a B.K. Miller Super Liquors will be impacted; that t/a Fish Market Liquors is a B+; that they operate more as a restaurant with a small liquor store component; that they aren't here in contest of the license.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho stated that they have a choice to make; that they want to accommodate the public, but not overcrowd the area; that there are six businesses nearby and one next door.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that they are not putting in a new license but replacing it and, in the process, upgrading the license; that many people want it there; that he believes it will foster healthy competition.

Jaspal Kaur Hundal that they made contributions to the community in Suitland; that they gave donations when asked; that they donated to the Fire Department; that they will be more involved with the community if approved.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that it is very important that they take an active role in the community; that they make measurable outreach to the community.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Benjamin Epstein, Owner, Brian McClimens, Owner, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Ben & Brian Games, LLC, **t/a The Board and Brew**, 8150 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740.

Benjamin Epstein stated that he is a resident of Baltimore; that they have a beer and wine license currently; that he does not have an interest in any other business with an alcoholic beverage license; that that they had a violation in December; that the manager sold to an underage individual; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling laws; that he understands he is responsible for any violations; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that if there are any alterations to the business he understands he must notify the Board; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve.

Brian McClimens stated that he is a resident of Columbia; that the violation they had in December was corrected by sending the employee through TIPS training; that he did not take the time to ask for identification; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling laws; that he understands he is responsible for any violations; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that if there are any alterations to the business he understands he must notify the Board; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that with their business customers pay five dollars to play unlimited games that they have available; that there are 95 seats.

Benjamin Epstein stated that they are not a bar; that even though he doesn't want to be called a coffee shop that is what they resemble more; that there are couches; that there is board games and a full menu; that their beer does not include cheaper beers, but craft and local beers; that they want to do something similar with liquor; that they want to have boozy milkshakes, Irish coffee; that they will not do shots; that they don't have a bar and don't intend to add one.

Brian McClimens stated that they are aware that it is a college town; that they want to avoid having people coming in underage; that they put their price points higher to keep people out that are just looking to get drunk.

Benjamin Epstein stated that they have an agreement with the town; that they don't do pitchers of beer; that they don't even have taps; that they can have up to 25% in alcohol sales, currently they are at 8%.

Robert Ryan stated that he is the Director of Public Services for College Park; that they use property use agreements with most of the licensees; that it has been updated to reflect the change in alcohol; that the maximum sales businesses are allowed is 25% alcohol; that other restrictions they place on businesses is no pitchers, minimum price of two dollars per drink; that they drafted a new agreement; that they came to the city council meeting; that the city council recommends approving the application.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the new application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Jovan Stevens, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Jovan Stevens, LLC, **t/a Jody's Good Mood Café**, 10606 A Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Jovan Stevens stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that they recently opened the restaurant portion; that they chose the location for this business because it is close to his current business; that there was a previous restaurant at this location which made it easier when doing renovation's; that his current business is AAA Fire Services; that the café opened seven days ago; that he signed the lease in late January; that business is doing better than expected; that he believes it is necessary to accommodate customers; that the application needs to be amended for five seats at the bar.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested the application be amended to reflect an additional five seats at the bar.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Jovan Stevens stated that there will be 35 seats available to customers inside the establishment; that there will always be a full menu available; that the hours are Monday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday the hours 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested the application be amended to reflect the change in hours of operation.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Jovan Stevens stated that they will be closed on Sunday; that \$55,000 was spent on renovations; that most of the money was spent on cosmetic improvements, utensils, a fryer, refrigerator, and

more; that the chef and restaurant manager is Oscar Gomez; that he was the manager for Green Turtle; that he was there for approximately seven years; that he hired him for his experience; that he has a petition with 80 signatures from customers requesting this license; that those signatures were obtained in just over a week; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he understands he is responsible for any violations; that he will be there approximately 60-80 hours per week; that other than the amendments the application is true and correct; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that he doesn't believe the granting of the license will be a threat to the peace and safety of the community; that he intends to be a form of influence on the community; that the name came from wanting to be a positive place; that he has inspirational quotes on the walls; that he wants to host networking events; that there will be outside dining on the upper deck; that he understands the deck must be closed off; that he will provide a layout; that he will notify the Board of any changes.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the new application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of German E. Escobar, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer and Wine and Liquor for the use of ARE Corporation, **t/a La Chiquita**, 5705 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, 20737.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested to amend the application to a request for a transfer of location for a Class B, Beer and Wine license from t/a The Board and Brew.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

German Escobar stated that he is a resident of Shadyside; that he has appeared before the Board previously; that he has other businesses with licenses in Prince George's County, t/a CHI'BAL Tequila Bar & Mexican Restaurant and t/a La Chiquita Restaurant III.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested to amend the application to reflect that it is German and Dora Escobar only with an interest in the business.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

German Escobar stated that he chose the location because he has a number of other businesses in the area; that he knows the area; that he believes the area needs a family restaurant; that the other restaurants have bars; that he has new menu; that it is a full menu; that he will serve breakfast at 7:00a.m.; that he has 200 signatures from the community in support; that he attained the signatures by going out into the community and even from other businesses; that he will have an outdoor eating area with a railing; that construction is in process; that it was a clothing store; that it will have 90 seats when he is finished; that he hopes to open in June; that he will have 35 employees; that he will be there 20 hours per week; that the General Manager will be present when he is not there; that he will have Alcohol Awareness training for employees; that he will go through TIPS for his training; that he will go over the Rules and Regulations internally with all employees; that they have a very talented and experience chef; that they expect 450 customers per day; that his family has four licenses in Prince George's county; that they have not had any

violations at their restaurants; that he is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of location application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Kun Chen Wang, Secretary, Chun Xi Yang, President/Secretary, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Shakin Crab, Inc., **t/a Rock & Toss Crab House**, 15500 Annapolis Road, Bowie, 20715.

Chun Xi Yang stated that he is a resident of Virginia.

Martin Johnson stated that he is a resident of Ellicott City.

Kun Chen Wang stated that he is a resident of Rockville; that there have been no changes since they were before the Board at the last hearing; that he is here today to apply to replace the license with a Beer, Wine and Liquor license; that they currently have Beer and Wine license; that they want to be able to serve mixed drinks; that the customers have requested specifically to add liquor to the business; that it affects his business; that most people assume they serve liquor and some people leave because they don't; that he loses business without it; that they need it to compete with similar restaurants.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Miss Norman asked if it is a full sit-down restaurant and what their hours are.

Kun Chen Wang stated that it is a full sit-down restaurant; that the hours are noon to 10:00 p.m. except Friday and Saturday, they are open until 10:30 p.m.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the new application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Gary McGowan, Member/Authorized Person, Gregory McGowan, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of ROD Holdings, LLC, **t/a The Game Room**, 731 Cady Drive, Fort Washington, 20744.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire requested to amend the application from a new license application for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor to a transfer of location of a Class B, Beer and Wine License from t/a Rock and Toss Crab House due to not being able to reach the minimum investment.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the request to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Gary McGowan stated that he is a resident of Brandywine.

Greg McGowan stated that he is a resident of Waldorf; that they picked the location because it fell into their lap; that they didn't want to miss the opportunity; that they have a business in Charles County; that it is called the Social at 228; that they haven't had any violations since they have been open; that their previous owner of the Game Room also owns the shopping center; that there are 100 seats approximately; that their chef has come from South Carolina; that they were a chef and a manager at Applebee's; that they picked her up from there; that they will assist in the management of the business; that they anticipate in being open in approximately 90-days; that the kitchen is small; that they have a limited menu; that they will have traditional wings; that they're still figuring out how much food they can cook there; that he understands they have to

provide a menu; that Monday through Wednesday they will be open 3:00 p.m. to midnight and Thursday through Sunday 3:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.; that the menu will have handheld items; that he know of problems the previous owner had; that he wants to improve the business; that he thinks the area could use a sit down restaurant in Fort Washington that wasn't at National harbor; that it will give a more family oriented restaurant; that the application is true and correct; that he will be there approximately 20 hours per week; that he understands he is still responsible for any issues if he isn't on the premises at the time; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification.

Gary McGowan stated that the application is true and correct; that he will be there approximately 20 hours per week; that he understands he is still responsible for any issues if he isn't on the premises at the time; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that they have one of the previous managers to assist in the transition; that there are approximately 35 employees.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark. The Board did not have an opportunity to properly measure for the class of license the application was amended to.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of location application under the condition that the license meets the requirements, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 12:07 p.m.