

May 21, 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  
Kenneth Miles, Commissioner  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, 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: 10:02 a.m.

In the matter of Parvez Ahmed, Managing Member, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of OTI of Largo, LLC, **t/a Olde Towne Inn**, 7710 Harkins Road, Suite 103, Lanham, 20706.

Applicant is represented by Jason DeLoach, Esquire.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that the matter will be continued to June 25, 2019 due to the requirements not being met for the posting of the hearing.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Fratelli Italian Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 5820 Landover Road, Cheverly, 20784, Bernard Tsai, to serve as Secretary/Treasurer in the place and stead of Terry Y. Brown, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

William Conway stated that he is a resident of Poolesville.

Bernard Tsai stated that he is a resident of Potomac.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that they are here for an application for a Substitution of Corporate Officers; that both are currently licensees; that Ms. Terri Brown resigned and is to be removed and Mr. William Conway is to receive her shares; that the application needs to be amended for the address for William Conway to show he lives in Poolesville; that there are no other changes. Mr. Camacho moved to amend the application to reflect that William Conway lives in Poolesville, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for a Substitution of Corporate Officer seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Hector A. Garcia, President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Galicia Restaurant & Cantina, Inc., **t/a Galicia Restaurant & Cantina**, 10907 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, 20744, transfer from Sli, Inc., t/a Darrah's Cafe, Yuxiu Li, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Hewitt H. Mudd, Vice President.

Applicant is represented by V. Daniel Palumbo, Esquire.

Hector Garcia stated that he is a resident of Fort Washington.

Maria Garcia stated that she is a resident of Fort Washington.

Joseph Hall stated that he is a resident of Fort Washington.

Sandra Hall stated that she is a resident of Fort Washington.

V. Daniel Palumbo, Esquire stated that the restaurant is taking the place of Darrah's Café; that Darrah's Café had been there for 7-8 years; that the property owner and previous owner is present; that Darrah's Café closed in October 2018 when Mr. Garcia purchased it; that Mr. Garcia has made extensive renovations; that they have had conversations with the community; that they would like to amend the hours to 6:00 a.m. to midnight everyday instead of the 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. listed previously in an attempt to work with the community; that it will be full service breakfast, lunch and dinner; that Mr. Garcia and his wife live in Fort Washington where the restaurant is located and many of his employees are from there as well.

Hector Garcia stated that he is the owner of Galicia's Restaurant and Cantina; that he has been a Prince George's County Resident for approximately 14 years; that he has a Permanent Resident Card; that he has received TIPS certification; that he will be at the restaurant daily; that his wife will run the restaurant when he is not there; that he also has another manager; that him, his wife or the assistant manager will be there at all times; that all of them have been TIPS certified; that they will serve Mexican and El Salvadorian food; that the hours currently are 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.; that they are changing the hours to 6:00 a.m. to midnight; that they will serve breakfast, lunch and dinner; that a large percentage of their revenue is food; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that they will card everyone.

V. Daniel Palumbo, Esquire stated that they have filed an operating agreement previously and then filed the transfer application; that they understand the Special Entertainment Permit does not transfer.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the hours of operation to 6:00 a.m. to midnight, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Mr. Camacho stated that the alcohol awareness certificate presented has the name Hector Galicia listed which is different than the application submitted.

V. Daniel Palumbo, Esquire requested to amend the application to show the full name of the applicant.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the applicant's name to Hector Alexander Galicia Garcia, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Mr. Camacho stated that the application reflects the seating capacity to be 100, but the Department of Permitting, Inspection and Enforcement limits the capacity to 62.

V. Daniel Palumbo, Esquire requested to amend the application to show the updated seating capacity.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the seating capacity to 62, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Mr. Camacho stated that if Mrs. Garcia and the Assistant Manager are TIPS certified their certificates need to be provided.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that the affidavit question “Have you ever been employed at an establishment that sold alcoholic beverages?” has been answered “No”.

V. Daniel Palumbo, Esquire stated that Mr. Garcia owns the business, but is not employed there; that they can amend the application to say yes if it is considered that he is employed there regarding the operating agreement; that the intention was not to mislead.

Mr. Camacho moved to amend the affidavit for Mr. Garcia, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that they are not insinuating that there was wrongdoing; that it is important to ensure the record is correct.

Sandra Hall stated that she has been a Maryland resident since the 90’s; that her main concern was the Special Entertainment Permit; that she wanted to make sure it wasn’t transferred as well; that she was also concerned about the 2:00 a.m. closing time; that they enjoyed Darrah’s Café; that she is a fan of Latin food; that she has concerns about the Special Entertainment Permit hours and entertainment provided; that she also doesn’t like the way some of the employees dress; that there was a girl in there with an overly short skirt; that family restaurants shouldn’t have that.

James Hall stated that he frequented Darrah’s Café; that the previous owner was very friendly; that he enjoyed the atmosphere; that there were all kinds of people there; that he went there for breakfast; that when it changed to Galicia’s Restaurant and Cantina they said they would continue having breakfast, but that they eventually stopped; that they have televisions and they only have programs with Spanish speaking; that a show had nudity and he tried to complain since there were children present and there was a language barrier; that he is concerned about the changes bringing a bad atmosphere; that they cater to Spanish heritage; that it is not family friendly; that he is not happy about the changes; that he understands the Special Entertainment Permit is not being transferred today.

Sandra Hall stated that the girl that was wearing revealing clothing was by the door on the phone; that she was an employee or family; that she has eaten there; that the food and service is ok, but the cleanliness needs to improve; that it is improving.

James Hall stated that he has been there several times; that he has gone more than his wife; that when they first changed they served a mix and now they only serve Latin food.

Hector Garcia stated that they do serve breakfast; that they stopped to do the remodeling according to the Health Department; that once finished they will do breakfast again; that he believes the work will take approximately four months to complete; that children are allowed; that he will not have shows on that are inappropriate for children; that he will work towards a sense of community; that they will serve breakfast after renovations, but it will be Mexican food.

Mr. Camacho stated there is opposition; that comments made previously about putting drunk patrons in an Uber is not acceptable.

Maria Garcia stated that she understands the concern; that it is important that no one leaves intoxicated; that she will be there most of the time.

James Hall stated that he was told they were phasing out American breakfast; that doing so cuts off part of the community.

Ms. Forbes Turpin stated that the Board can’t govern food; that they are only in charge of the alcoholic beverage license; that they can’t change the menu items.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license t/a Galicia Restaurant and Cantina with a one-year probationary period at which point they will reassess the transfer and after a successful probationary period will accept an application for a Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Mr. Miles and made unanimous by Ms. Norman, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of James S. Taggart, President, Colleen L. Taggart, Vice President, for a Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sunshine, Inc., **t/a Ledo Pizza Bowie**, 6814 Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie, 20715, transfer from Huntington City Restaurant, Inc., t/a T.J. Elliott's, Teresa L. Marcos, President, Susan G. Marcos, Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Ryan Beard, Esquire.

James Taggart stated that he is a resident of Crofton.

Colleen Taggart stated that she is a resident of Crofton.

James Marcos stated that he is a resident of Bowie.

Susan Marcos stated that she is a resident of Bowie.

Ryan Beard, Esquire stated that they are here to transfer the license; that T.J. Elliott's current President is not present; that James Marcos is here on his behalf; that the new licensees have been Alcohol Awareness certified; that Mr. Taggart owns the Ledo Pizza in Crofton and has an interest in the license there.

James Taggart stated that he is a United States Citizen; that he is registered to vote; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has been on the license for the business in Anne Arundel county for 20 years; that he does not hold a license in Prince George's county; that he is the President and has a 50% interest in the business; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he will also ensure his employees abide by the regulations; that he will be there every day; that he will split his time between the two restaurants; that they will be open 11:00 a.m. to midnight seven days a week; that the location is not open currently; that they hope to open by August.

Colleen Taggart stated that she is the Vice President of the company; that she has a 50% interest in the company; that she will alternate with James on which restaurant to be at; that one of them will always be there; that she has her Alcoholic Beverages certification.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of license, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Cameron Arterton, Managing Member/Authorized Person, for a Class D (NH), Beer and Wine for the use of East Coast Shellfish, LLC, **t/a Mason's Famous Lobster Rolls**, 156 National Plaza, Oxon Hill, 20745.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that there are 14 seats; that there are 12-16 on the patio; that it is a franchise; that having beer and wine would accommodate their patrons; that they expect their sales from alcohol to be approximately 5-10%.

Cameron Arterton stated that the application is true and correct; that the statements Ms. Carter made are correct; that she is the 100% owners; that they will open at 11:00 a.m. year-round and close in winter Sunday through Thursday at 9:00 p.m. Friday 10 p.m. and Saturday 11:00 p.m. and in the summer close at 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and midnight on Saturday; that she understands she must notify the Board if the hours change; that

some employees are under 18 and will not be allowed to touch, sell or deliver the alcohol; that employees will receive Alcohol Awareness training.

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

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the application for a Class D(NH) Beer and Wine license, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Mr. Miles, Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett  
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 11:02 a.m.