

June 25, 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
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Derrick Anthony, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:04 a.m.

In the matter of a Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Blow Fish Restaurant**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 11436 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, 20705, Yue Zhi Lin, to serve as President in the place and stead of Bin Yao, President.

This matter was continued to allow the applicant time to fully complete the application.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers applications, **t/a Marlboro Country Liquor**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 14808 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, 20772, Nileshkumar V. Patel to serve as President, Anitaben N. Patel to serve as Secretary in the place and stead of Nileshkumar V. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Nileshkumar Patel stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he is here to add his wife to the license; that she will be the Secretary; that he wants to do this to make things easier for her with his health concerns.

Antiaben Patel stated that she is not currently on the license; that she is familiar with the Rules and Regulations; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she is a resident of Maryland; that she has never been on a license before; that she understands the responsibility of being a licensee; that she understands that she is responsible for any violations; that she has not violated any gambling laws; that she is there all the time; that she does the paperwork; that she has caught underage patrons trying to buy alcohol; that she is there from open until close; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve.

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

In the matter of Meral Kantar, Member, Selim Kantar, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of REM Beltsville, LLC, **t/a Remington's Restaurant of Beltsville**, 11500 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705, transfer from REM Beltsville, LLC, t/a Remington's Restaurant of Beltsville, Inci Kantar, Authorized Person/Managing Member, Felix N. Samuel, Member.

Applicant is represented by Thomas Meachum, Esquire.

Selim Kantar stated that he is coming onto the license; that the business is family run; that Meral is his mother; that Inci is his grandma and she is retiring; that Felix is leaving to run other businesses; that his mother is staying on the license; that they serve American food; that he currently works there and has worked there for ten years; that he started out doing dishes, cleaning the bathrooms, cooking, delivery, serving, bartending and every other job there; that he manages the business now; that he is there 60 hours per week; the he and his employees have taken Alcohol Awareness training; that he reminds his employees of the Rules and Regulations frequently; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he has a copy of the Rules and Regulations at the restaurant; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that the restaurant has been owned by the family since 2003; that they have not had any violations in that time.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of the license along with the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Sheng Gao, Member-Manager, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Blue Sunday Bar & Grill, LLC, **t/a Blue Sunday Bar & Grill**, 6868 Race Track Road, Bowie, 20715, transfer from Blue Sunday Bar & Grill, LLC, t/a Blue Sunday Bar & Grill, Du An Vu Le, President/Treasurer

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that this is a transfer of the interest in the company more than anything; that Mr. Gao has had a 25% interest since 2017; that they are transferring the other 75% to him as well; that in 2017 a disgruntled employee killed two of the owners; that interest in the restaurant has increased lately and that business is doing better.

Sheng Gao stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he is a United States citizen; that he has been a resident of Maryland for ten years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not had any alcohol or gambling violations; that he was not on the license previously; that he has never had a license revoked; that he doesn't have a financial interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's county; that he will be the 100% owner; that he will be there full time; that he is familiar with and will ensure that the employees comply with the Rules and Regulations; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certificate; that his manager is also certified; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there aren't any changes to the application; that there will be no changes to the operation of the business; that he understands he is obligated to answer to the Board; that he understands if there are any violations he is responsible.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of the license along with the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Thomas C. Joyner, Member/Authorized Person, James W. Lokoff, Member/Authorized Person for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Milkboy College Park, LLC, **t/a Milkboy Arthouse**, 7416 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, transfer from Milkboy College Park, LLC, t/a Milkboy Arthouse, James W. Lokoff, Managing Member, Thomas C. Joyner, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Thomas Joyner stated that he is a resident of Rose Valley, Pennsylvania.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she sent a letter to request James Lokoff be excused from the hearing; that he has appeared before the Board before; that there are no changes in the mode of operation; that the only changes are at the corporate level; that the only changes are those requested in the letter submitted to the Board for the Administrative Voting Session; that there are no changes to the application; that there have been no violations; that James and Thomas are the licensees, but their interest in the business is going to the LLC.

Daphne Turpin Forbes stated that there was no need to qualify the applicants again.

Mr. Camacho moved to approve the transfer of the license along with the Special Entertainment Permit, seconded by Ms. Norman and made unanimous by Ms. Sparkman and Ms. Turpin Forbes.

In the matter of Xiao Hang Zhang, Managing Member, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of PJZ, LLC., t/a Paul's, 513 Eastern Avenue, Fairmount Heights, 20743, transfer from PSY, LLC, t/a Paul's, Ae Sook Yu, Authorized Person.

Applicant is represented by Tae Kyong Chung, Esquire.

Xiao Hang Zhang stated that he is a resident of Laurel; that he has been a Maryland resident for 25 years; that the corporate name is PJZ, LLC; that he is the managing member; that he is the 100% sole member; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has had one alcohol violation; that he didn't fully understand the Rules and Regulations; that it was when he was still training and the store was full of people and he got overwhelmed; that he has not held a license for alcoholic beverages before; that he did not have any previous experience; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certificate now; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that the business is t/a Paul's; that there are no changes to the operation of the store or inventory; that there is not a school within 1,000 feet or a church within 500 feet; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that there will not be gambling on the premises; that there will not be free merchandise; that they will not serve intoxicated people; that they will keep invoices for two years; that the hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday; that the employees are family; that it is him and his wife that will work there; that he will consider community involvement in the future; that his wife also has her Alcohol Awareness Certificate.

Ms. Norman asked what the difference between the two corporations.

Xiao Hang Zhang stated that they are different people; that PSY, LLC is a different company and the previous owner.

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked what happened with the violation Mr. Zhang received.

Xiao Hang Zhang stated that the violation occurred during his training; that he thought the two people that came in were together; that he didn't ask for identification for all of them; that he sold to a minor; that he will now check everyone's identification; that he understands that this is a big deal; that there will be two employees and his father will help out occasionally.

Mr. Camacho asked when the violation occurred.

Xiao Hang Zhang stated it happened in January of this year.

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

In the matter of Yogi Dumera, Member-Manager, Richard Solomon, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of 7-Ten, LLC, **t/a 7-Ten Beer, Wine and Grocery**, 3664 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, 20746, transfer from GH&T, LLC, t/a St. Barnabas Beer and Convenience Store, Ghezaee Hagos, Member, Tedros Assefaw, Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that in reviewing the application submitted, there needs to be a correction for Mr. Dumera; that he had a violation at the business he owns in Virginia in October 2018; that the violation was for sale to a minor.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that the application will be updated to reflect the change.

Richard Solomon stated that he is a resident of Bethesda; that he is a United States citizen; that he has been a resident of Maryland for over 50 years; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that he has not held a license previously; that he has not had a license revoked; that he doesn't have a financial interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County; that he has a 25% interest in this license; that he has received his Alcohol Awareness certificate; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that he will ensure his employees comply with the Rules and Regulations; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that there are no changes to the application; that he understands he is obligated to appear before the Board.

Yogi Dumera stated that he is a resident of Virginia; that he is a United States citizen; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that other than the previously mentioned recent violation he has not received an alcoholic beverage violation; that he is still the licensee of the business in Virginia; that he does not hold a license in Prince George's County; that he has never had a license revoked; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that there are no other changes to the application.

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked what was done to correct the violation.

Yogi Dumera stated that he had all the employees go through Alcohol Awareness training; that he reminded the employees of their obligations.

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

In the matter of Hao Lin, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Crafty Crab Bowie, Inc., **t/a Crafty Crab – Bowie**, 6800 Race Track Road, Bowie, 20715.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Hao Lin stated that he is a resident of Lutherville; that he is a United States citizen; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that he has not held a license previously; that he has five years of restaurant experience; that it is a family business; that they have a business in Northern Virginia; that he has not had a license revoked; that he does not have an interest in any other business in Prince George's county with an Alcoholic Beverage license; that he is the President, Secretary and Treasurer; that they anticipate opening in August; that he will be there 40-50 hours per week; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certificate; that he understands the Rules and Regulations and will ensure his employees comply; 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 must answer to any questions the Board may have; that construction is going well.

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

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

In the matter of Xiao Yun Zhang, President/Treasurer, Ming Qiao Zhang, Vice President/Secretary for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Crafty Crab District Heights, Inc., **t/a Crafty Crab Seafood – District Heights**, 5644 Silver Hill Road, District Heights, 20747.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire requested to amend the application to reflect the square footage as being 10,500 with 339 seats.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that the application will be amended to reflect the change.

Xiao Yun Zhang stated that she is a resident of Washington, D.C.; that she is a permanent resident; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not had any alcohol violations; that she has not held a license before; that she doesn't have an interest in any other business in Prince George's county with an alcoholic beverage license; that she holds a 50% interest in this business; that the restaurant is not open yet; that she has read the Rules and Regulations and will ensure the employees comply; that she has her Alcohol Awareness certificate; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no other changes to the application; that she understands it is her responsibility to answer to the Board; that she accepts the responsibility; that she understands the minimum investment requirement; that there will be approximately 25 employees; that they hope to be open the beginning of August.

Ming Zhang stated that he is a resident of West Virginia; that he is not a Maryland Resident; that he is a Permanent Resident of the United States; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any laws regarding the sale of alcohol; that he has not held a license previously; that he does not have an interest in a business in Prince George's County that holds an alcoholic beverage license; that he has a 50% interest in this business; that he is the Vice President and Secretary; that he will be on the premises at least 40 hours per week; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certificate; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that he will ensure the employs comply with the Rules and Regulations as well; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that there are no other changes to the application than what was previously amended; that he understands it is his responsibility to answer to the Board for any violations.

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

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

In the matter of Steven R. Jennings, Managing Member, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of The Hall – CP Arts & Entertainment, LLC, **t/a The Hall**, 4425 Campus Drive, College Park, 20742.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that Steven Jennings is the sole licensee; that the current building is dilapidated; that the property is owned by the University of Maryland; that they have met with the City of College Park; that they have verbally agreed to a property agreement; that it will be a restaurant and café with a flex space; that Amy Larkin that is present and is Mr. Jennings' point person and has information regarding the project as well.

Steve Jennings stated that he is a resident of Fulton; that their chef for the project, Chad, has extensive experience and has been involved in restaurants in Maryland; that this is a tremendous opportunity; that the Board in College Park is very excited; that they know him and their Chef; that the Chef will be in charge of the operation; that he has never had a violation of the sale of alcohol.

Amy Larking stated that she is a resident of Towson; that she is very excited about this venture; that the goal is to bring entrepreneurship and collaboration to the area; that they also own the business WeWork in College Park; that they want this business to be café dining and a collaboration space; that their hope is people come in use the space for different things; that maybe there is yoga in the morning, fundraisers, weddings and more; that it will look beautiful when they are finished; that the packet they brought reflects their vision.

Steven Jennings stated that he understands the minimum investment for this class of license; that the project will exceed \$1 million; that they expect the project to be approximately \$4.2 million; that there are over 100 seats; that the application is true and correct; that he has never been convicted of a crime; that he understands the Rules and Regulations; that he does not have a financial interest in any other business in Prince George's County that holds an alcoholic beverage license; that he understands if a violation occurs, he is responsible.

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

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

In the matter of Larry Steele, Member, Nelson Pitts, Authorized Person, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Quball 1, LLC, **t/a Quball 1**, 7945 Central Avenue, Capitol Heights, 20743.

Larry Steele stated that he is a resident of Washington, D.C.; that he is here to apply for a Class D, Beer and Wine license; that he wants to expand his business; that they have been open for 15 years; that there are people there during the day and most of the customers are retired seniors; that it has a capacity of 70 people; that they are open 7 days a week; that he doesn't have a financial interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any alcoholic beverage or gambling laws; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that he understands that he must appear before the board for any violations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that they are open from 11:00 a.m. until midnight.

Nelson Pitts stated that he is a resident of Clinton; that has been a resident of Maryland for 30 years; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the five acceptable forms of identification; that he has his Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that he has read understands the Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Sparkman requested they clarify the hours.

Larry Steele stated the hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. every day if they get the license.

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

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

In the matter of Annie Esguerra, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of The Blossom Companies, LLC, **t/a Banana Blossom Bistro**, 6202 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 116, Riverdale Park, 20737.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire requested to amend the application to reflect that the business will be closed on Monday and that Ms. Esguerra, the applicant has read the Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Turpin Forbes stated that the application would be updated to reflect the changes.

Annie Esguerra stated that she is a resident of Hyattsville; that she has been a Maryland resident for five years; that she is a registered voter; that no personal information has changed; that she has not been convicted of a felony; that she has not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that she is the Owner Operator and Head Chef; that the restaurant is fast casual Vietnamese food; that they are currently open; that they have been open since February; that the customers have expressed interest in them serving beer and wine to accompany the meal; that they seat 66 inside and 30 outdoor; that there are 10 employees; that only about five will be involved with the alcohol, but all will be Alcohol Awareness certified; that they will card everyone who orders alcohol; that they will not accept vertical identification; that the hours will be Tuesday through Saturday 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; that she has read 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.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 11:39 a.m.