

June 28, 2022
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing

Present:

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:04 a.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.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington, DC Area**, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 156 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Edwin S. Peters to serve as Assistant Secretary in place of Richard Sawyer, Assistant Secretary.

Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Edwin Peters is sworn in.

Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application.

Ms. Schrecengost asked what the five acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland are, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Mr. Peters is the general manager of the property.

Mr. Peters previously held a license at the Residence Inn at the National Harbor. They didn't have any violations during his tenure as a license holder.

Commissioner Forbes states we have six acceptable forms of I.D.

Commissioner Forbes asked for the missing form of I.D., Mr. Peters only named five.

Mr. Peters: The approved biometric device, my apologies.

Commissioner Forbes: I noted that in the application Mr. Peters comes to us by way of invoking the Palmer rule to replace Mr. Sawyer. Can you give us a little background on what happened with Mr. Sawyer?

Ms. Schrecengost: Mr. Sawyer left Marriott hotel services; we were unable to track him down at his forwarding address to sign off on it. We didn't have a letter of resignation in the file. We had no way of getting in touch with him. I sent a letter to his last known home address, but it got returned to me.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington, DC Area, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.
2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Rosa Mexicano**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 153 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Kevin Matthew Johnson to serve as Authorized Person in place of Christopher Wescott, Authorized Person/Managing Member.

Linda Carter, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Kevin Johnson is sworn in.

Ms. Carter asked the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Mr. Johnson is the regional director of Rosa Mexicano. There are seven units under his leadership. This location has not had any violations. Corporate policy is you must be 21 years old to be a bartender.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Rosa Mexicano, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION:

CONTINUATION- APRIL 13, 2022 & APRIL 26, 2022

Hyattsville Spirits & Grill 2022-2023 Renewal Protest

Commissioner Forbes: We have been ideating on this particular renewal matter for a couple of rounds. We've come to the point where through testimony and documentation; the Board has taken this matter under advisement and we're ready to make a decision today.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to deny the protest and allow Hyattsville Spirits & Grill to apply for renewal, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

1. t/a El Paraiso Bar and Grill: Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

The licensee had difficulties logging on to the virtual hearing.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Ms. Erika Tellez Cardenas is sworn in. **The person on the zoom call represented herself as Ms. Erika Cardenas and was sworn in.**

Director Sheppard: Is there any way this person can come on camera? Is this Janet or is this Erika?

Ms. Cardenas: I'm Erika. I do have a manager whose name is Janet.

Commissioner Forbes: But this Erika Cardenas Tellez?

Ms. Cardenas: Yes.

Ms. Cardenas: If we're granted the Special Entertainment, we'd like to have a DJ and karaoke.

Commissioner Forbes: Director, can you confirm the U&O aligns with the type of entertainment we currently contemplate here?

Director Sheppard: Yes, it does.

Commissioner Norman: On the application it doesn't indicate the closing hours for Sunday?

Ms. Cardenas: We open 8:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Commissioner Norman: On Sundays too? Your application reflects 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. on Sunday there's no ending time.

Ms. Cardenas: I apologize. It'll be 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.

Commissioner Norman: Can we have that updated?

Commissioner Forbes asked **Ms. Katrice James** to update the application to reflect the closing hours on Sunday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m.?

Commissioner Camacho: On your application it says a DJ once or twice a month live entertainment. Your U&O doesn't permit that.

Ms. Cardenas: I removed that, I submitted one application at the beginning, and I received clarification that I couldn't do that. I resubmitted another application and made those corrections.

Ms. Katrice James of the BOLC: She did submit an amended page three of the application for it to reflect that the entertainment they would be having is a DJ only Monday through Sunday.

Commissioner Forbes: Is it a DJ only? I thought I heard karaoke.

Ms. Cardenas: Karaoke as well, Thursday through Sunday.

Commissioner Forbes asked Ms. James to update the application.

Commissioner Forbes: Is there any objection to approve the amendment to reflect DJ only Monday through Thursday and karaoke Thursday through Sunday? No objection.

Corporal Hunt: On May 10, 2022, I conducted a site inspection I met with Ms. Romero and Ms. Tellez. I went over the rules and regulations, camera overview, and did a walk through. I advised them they were not eligible to have live entertainment per their U&O, strictly karaoke and a DJ. The security plan is adequate, and their letter was signed off on. I have the same concern as the Director to who we're currently speaking with. At the time that I was, I went out there was a language barrier, this doesn't sound like Ms. Tellez.

Ms. Keyanna Little of the BOLC: That is not Ms. Erika.

Commissioner Forbes: Mr. DeLoach, I'm concerned we're not speaking with the person who will be responsible for the permit.

Mr. DeLoach: The Board has the authority to postpone this matter or dismiss it.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to dismiss the Special Entertainment Permit for t/a El Parasio Bar and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Forbes: For the record, we're not sure if we're speaking to the person that would be held responsible for the Special Entertainment Permit this matter is being dismissed.

Director Sheppard informs the applicant to contact the office. This establishment would need to reapply for the Special Entertainment Permit.

2. **t/a Restaurant 55:** Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Mr. Michael Isley is sworn in.

Ms. Tonya Dodson is sworn in.

Mr. Carlos Isley is sworn in.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) is sworn in.

Ms. Carter: I don't believe I was present at the June 1st hearing, when this case was originally heard before the Board. I'm assuming Corporal Hunt needed more information.

Corporal Hunt: We were having some issues as far as the paperwork. We got all of that corrected. The site plan is complete. The security plan is adequate. There's one minor verbiage correction that needs to be made in the security plan; before I can present it to be signed off by the Major.

Ms. Carter: We would respectfully request that subject to that one minor correction in the security plan be made, that the Board approve the Special Entertainment Permit.

Commissioner Forbes: Director Sheppard, do you have any documentation at all? It sounds like it's pending the forwarding of Corporal Hunt's report.

Director Sheppard: As far as my knowledge, I know we were waiting on the fire capacity certificate, and we do have that. Corporal Hunt is that what you're referring to?

Corporal Hunt: That was, but the only correction that needs to be made in the security plan is that it states patron dancing. At this point, they currently don't have a dancehall Permit. All the other documents we do have and they're in proper order.

Corporal Hunt: I did go out to conduct the site inspection, I did a walkthrough, went over the security plan, and I went over the rules and regulations. The security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Forbes: Corporal Hunt, what's your expected timing for you to finalize everything, secure the proper signatures, and get that to the Board of License Commissioners?

Corporal Hunt: I anticipate having that to the Board on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.

Director Sheppard: On our documents it doesn't say anything about patron dancing. We're good on that.

No further questions.

Commissioner Camacho makes motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Restaurant 55, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER:

1. Jatinder S. Gosal, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Ayva Rai, Inc., t/a **A-1 Restaurant and Liquor Store**, 7910 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway, Glenarden, 20706 transfer from Ayva Rai, Inc., t/a A-1 Liquor & Bar 7 Days, 7910 Martin Luther King Jr. Highway, Glenarden, 20706, Pardeep Kaur, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Robert Kim, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Jatinder Gosal is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question. Mr. Gosal has completed Alcohol Awareness training. A copy of the Alcohol Awareness certificate has been submitted to the Board.

Mr. Gosal is a former licensee at Bill's Wine & Liquor, they didn't have any violations during his tenure as a license holder.

Commissioner Forbes: Where was Bill's Wine & Liquor located?

Mr. Gosal: It was located in Hyattsville.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a A-1 Restaurant and Liquor Store, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Gurpreet Bhinder, President, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of AJR Group, Inc., **t/a Pleasant Liquors**, 5704 Martin Luther King Highway, Seat Pleasant, 20743 transfer from Seat Pleasant Spirits, LLC, t/a Pleasant Liquors, 5704 Martin Luther King Highway, Seat Pleasant, 20743, Rashminkumar Patel, Member-Manager.
William Ray Ford, Esquire is representing.
Ms. Gurpreet Bhinder is sworn in.
Mr. Ford asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol.
Ms. Bhinder has completed Alcohol Awareness training.
Commissioner Forbes: Mr. Ford, I trust that the Alcohol Awareness certificate will be submitted to the Board.
Mr. Ford confirms the Alcohol Awareness certificate will be submitted to the Board.
Commissioner Forbes: I heard five of the six acceptable forms of I.D. Can you please give me those again?
Ms. Bhinder names the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland.
No further questions.
Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Pleasant Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
3. Sandeep Singh Deol, President, Harwinder Singh, Vice President, Jatinder Pal Singh, Secretary/Treasurer for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of JSG, Inc., **t/a Party Time Liquors**, 3307 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, 20712 transfer from Party Time Liquors, Inc., t/a Party Time Liquors, 3307 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, 20712, Jaskinder Gill, President/Treasurer.
Linda Carter, Esquire is representing.
Mr. Sandeep Deol is sworn in.
Mr. Harwinder Singh is sworn in.
Mr. Jatinder Singh is sworn in.
Ms. Carter: We would respectfully ask the Board to amend the application for the corporate name to be changed back to Party Time Liquors Inc. The applicants will be acquiring the stock for Party Time Liquors in equal shares. Everything else in the application remains the same except for the corporate entity.
Commissioner Forbes: For the record, you're asking for a change to the corporate name to read Party Time Liquors Inc.?
Ms. Carter confirms that is correct.
Commissioner Forbes: Hearing no objections, the desired action is approved we will amend the application to reflect the new corporate name as Party Time Liquors Inc.
Ms. Carter asked **Mr. Deol** the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to

purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question. The applicants are scheduled to take Alcohol Awareness training on July 6, 2022.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Party Time Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Peter Thomas Nuzback, Estate Executor for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, **t/a Nuzback's Lounge & Bar**, 14405 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707 transfer from t/a Nuzback's Lounge & Bar, 14405 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707, Kathryn Nuzback, Owner.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Mr. Peter Nuzback is sworn in.

Commissioner Forbes asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Mr. Nuzback previously held a license in 1973 in Dickson City, Pennsylvania. He had no violations during his tenure as a license holder.

Mr. Nuzback states he read the rules and regulations of the Board of License Commissioners in Prince George's County, Maryland but is still comprehending the volume of laws.

Commissioner Forbes states it's your obligation to abide and understand the rules and regulations of this Board.

Commissioner Camacho: The application shows that on Fridays and Saturdays you'll be open until 3:00 a.m. Do you have a Special Entertainment Permit?

Mr. Nuzback: I don't know if there's a Special Entertainment Permit. My brother and his bookkeeper are running the establishment. I had to get my name on the license because my mother passed away and I was appointed the executive of the estate.

Ms. Keyanna Little of the BOLC: This establishment does have a Special Entertainment Permit.

Corporal Hunt: It was issued on September 6, 2021.

Commissioner Forbes: How much time will you be spending at the establishment?

Mr. Nuzback: I'll be spending about ten percent of my time there. My brother will continue running the place.

Commissioner Forbes: Do you know if your brother is Alcohol Awareness trained?

Mr. Nuzback: My brother is trained in Alcohol Awareness as well as the bookkeeper Jessica.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Nuzback's Lounge & Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. Kathy Jean Voss, Member-Manager, Mackenzie Q. Kitburi, Member-Manager, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Little Miner Taco Brentwood, LLC, t/a **Little Miner Taco**, 4308 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, 20722 transfer from Brentwood Deli, Inc., t/a Little Miner Taco Brentwood, 4308 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, 20722, Constantin Christos Rodousakis, President/Secretary/Treasurer. **Robert Kim, Esquire** is representing.

Ms. Kathy Voss is sworn in.

Mr. Mackenzie Kitburi is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked **Ms. Voss** and **Mr. Kitburi** the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Alcohol Awareness certificates for Ms. Voss and Mr. Kitburi have been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Sparkman: Could she repeat the six acceptable forms of I.D. again? I think I heard State I.D. twice.

Ms. Voss states the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Little Miner Taco, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Devon Maria Hall, Member-Manager, Gwendolyn Y. Sanders, Member-Manager for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of K&W Kitchen, LLC, t/a **Andrew's Restaurant**, 6407-11 Suitland Road, Suitland, 20746 transfer from Potts in the Kitchen, Inc., t/a Andrew's Restaurant, 6407-13 Suitland Road, Suitland, 20746, Thomasine Yeung, President.

Robert Kim, Esquire is representing.

Ms. Devon Hall is sworn in.

Ms. Gwendolyn Sanders is sworn in.

Mr. Kim asked **Ms. Hall** and **Ms. Sanders** the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

Mr. Kim: Ms. Hall has received Alcohol Awareness training. I've submitted a copy of the Alcohol Awareness certificate; I'd like it to be an exhibit. Ms. Sanders took her Alcohol Awareness class on Saturday. I haven't received the certificate yet. Upon receiving, I'll submit the certificate to the Board.

Commissioner Camacho: There's a slight discrepancy between the old address and the current address.

Mr. Kim: I think the current owners have it through thirteen but I'm not sure it was revised.

Commissioner Camacho: You're saying it was the exact space that was occupied previously?

Mr. Kim: My understanding is it's the same space but the address that I submitted in our application has the correct address based upon the information I have from the client. I will confirm with the post office and the U&O permit.

No further questions.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Andrew's Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS B(BLX), BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR:

1. Ype Von Hengst, Authorized Person, Robert T. Giaimo, Authorized Person for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Silver Diner NH, LLC, **t/a Silver Diner**, 108 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745.

Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector Mendoza gave a maps presentation.

Linda Carter, Esquire is representing.

Mr. Ype Hengst is sworn in.

Mr. Robert Giamio is sworn in.

Ms. Carter: We have submitted an exhibit book; we'd like it to be the applicant's exhibit one. We have active locations both at Woodmore and in Greenbelt. The construction costs will be between four and five million dollars. We anticipate serving 7,000-8,000 people per week. We will have one hundred employees. This establishment will be a more upscale experience.

Ms. Carter asked **Mr. Hengst** and **Mr. Giamio** the standard questions used to qualify the applicant for this license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Silver Diner, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

NEW- CLASS D, BEER AND WINE:

1. Pamela Laverne Scruggs, Member, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Accokeek Seafood Plus, LLC, **t/a Accokeek Seafood Plus Restaurant**, 15790 Livingston Road, Accokeek, 20607.

Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector Mendoza gave a maps presentation.

Linda Carter, Esquire is representing.

Ms. Pamela Scruggs is sworn in.

Ms. Carter: We have submitted an exhibit book; we'd ask that it be admitted as applicant's exhibit one. The full menu is available from open to closing. Two of their daughters have just taken Alcohol Awareness course, one of them is always on the premises. Ms. Scruggs is scheduled to take the Alcohol Awareness course in July. The restaurant is serving about five hundred people weekly. Accokeek Seafood was in the community for many years, my clients reopened it back in March. They put \$85,000 worth of improvements in the restaurant. The chef has been in the restaurant industry for many years. They will have eight to nine employees.

Ms. Carter asked the standard questions used to qualify the applicant for this license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D. in the state of Maryland, and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

No questions from Commissioners.

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class D license for t/a Accokeek Seafood Plus Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

Adjourned: 11:51 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC

