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THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman Kenneth Miles, Commissioner Tammie Norman, Commissioner Jason A. DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel Terrence Sheppard, Director Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector Patricia L. Bell, Administrative Manager Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide Katrice James, Administrative Aide Leonard Vauss, Jr., Assistant to the Director

Preliminary Matter

In the matter of t/a Meyers Liquors, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3601 Old Silver Hill Road, Silver Hill, 20746 – Request for Substitution of Corporate Officers Kirti K. Patel to serve as Member/Authorized Person, in the place of Pragneshkumar G. Joshi, Member /Authorized Person. Licensee is represented by Bob Kim, Esquire.

<u>Bob Kim</u>: With the Board's permission, this is a transfer of 49% of interest in the limited liability company. My client will become the licensee with no changes to the mode of operations.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Kirti K. Patel).

<u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: I do. Name and address for the record is Kirti K. Patel, I reside at 5019 N. Timber Way, Indian Head, Maryland 20640.

Bob Kim: Are you a citizen of the United States? Ms. Kirti Patel: Yes

Bob Kim: Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Ms. Kirti Patel: No

<u>Bob Kim:</u> Have you ever been found guilty of violating any laws pertaining the sale of any alcoholic beverage? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: No

<u>Bob Kim:</u> Have you ever had an alcohol beverage license revoked? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: No Bob Kim: Have you ever held an alcohol beverage license? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: No

<u>Bob Kim:</u> Do you own any other business in Prince George's County that has an alcohol beverage license? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: No

Bob Kim: You will be a 49% interest owner for this BLLC? Ms. Kirti Patel: Yes

<u>Bob Kim:</u> How much time will you spend at Meyers Liquors? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: A minimum of 20 hours per week.

<u>Bob Kim:</u> Do you have a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Board? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: Yes, I do.

Bob Kim: You are familiar with these rules correct? Ms. Kirti Patel: Yes

<u>Bob Kim:</u> If the application is approved, you will ensure that all employees adhere to the rules and regulations? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: Absolutely

<u>Bob Kim:</u> Madame Chair, I want you to know that I emailed the Board Ms. Patel's Alcohol Awareness Certificate last week. The Board should have a copy of the document. <u>Mrs. Turpin</u> <u>Forbes</u>: We do, thank you.

Bob Kim will now ask questions based on the Rules and Regulations of the Board.

Bob Kim: How old do you have to be to purchase beer, wine and liquor? Ms. Kirti Patel: 21

<u>Bob Kim</u>: How old do you have to be to sell beer, wine and liquor? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: 18 <u>Bob Kim</u>: What are the 6 acceptable forms of identification? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: Valid state

driver's license with photo; military ID; MVA ID; Green Card or Alien Registration Card; Valid Passport; and/or any approved Biometric device.

<u>Bob Kim</u>: Do you have any changes to the application that was submitted at this time? <u>Ms. Kirti</u> <u>Patel</u>: No

<u>Bob Kim</u>: Ms. Patel, you and I have met on many occasions to discuss Meyers Liquors and your responsibility pertaining to summons and fines. Do you under your responsibility as the Licensee? <u>Ms. Kirti Patel</u>: Yes

Bob Kim: This is all I have for Ms. Patel.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Thank you Ms. Patel and thank you Mr. Kim. Commissioners do you have any questions for either Ms. Patel or Mr. Kim. Since I do not hear anyone or see any hands raised, I will call for a motion for the substitution of corporate office for Meyers Liquor.

Mr. Camacho: I move to accept the substitution of corporate office t/a Meyers Liquor.

Mrs. Turpin Forbes: Is there a second?

Mr. Miles: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the substitution of corporate office for the business t/a Meyers Liquor.

I will now call for a vote.

Commissioner Sparkman – aye Commissioner Camacho – aye

Commissioner Miles – aye Commissioner Norman – aye

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

Regular Session

TRANSFERS

In the matter of Mandip K. Gill, President/Secretary, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Billu, Inc., t/a Seitz Liquors, 6223 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745, transfer from Seitz Liquors Corporation, t/a Seitz Liquors, Mi Hyon Han, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Licensee represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Mandip K. Gill).

<u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: I do. Name and address for the record is Mandip K. Gill, I reside at 1450 Radium Heights Court, Haymarket Virginia 20169.

Linda Carter: Are you a United States Citizen? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: Yes

Linda Carter: You are currently a registered voter? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: Yes

Linda Carter: What is your occupational background? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: Accountant

Linda Carter: Who do you currently work for? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: Atlantic Holding Group

Linda Carter: How long have you work for this company? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: 3 years

Linda Carter: You hold a Bachelor of Art degree from Kumon College in India? <u>Ms. Mandip K.</u> <u>Gill</u>: Yes

<u>Linda Carter</u>: It came a point in time when you were presented with an opportunity to buy into what is now a closed business know as Seitz Liquors, is that correct? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes <u>Linda Carter</u>: You have filled out an application with the Board in which you have made a number of representations regarding yourself including the fact that you:

Never held an alcohol beverage license: <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: No

Never been charged with violating any law concerning the sell or control of alcoholic beverages: <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: No

<u>Linda Carter</u>: Are these facts and all the other facts contained in the application you submitted to the Board (way back when), accurate as we appear before the Board today?

Ms. Mandip K. Gill: Yes

Linda Carter: How much time will you be spending on the premises of this business:

Ms. Mandip K. Gill: 20 to 25 hours per week.

Linda Carter: Can you tell the board the answer to the following questions:

What is the minimum age to purchase alcohol in the state of Maryland? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: 21 What is the minimum age to sale alcohol in Prince George's County? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: 18

What are the six acceptable forms of identification? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Driver's License;

State I.D.; Military I.D.; Green Card; Passport; and Biometric.

You will not accept the Maryland Vertical Identification Card, correct? Ms. Mandip K. Gill: Yes

<u>Linda Carter</u>: You are going to replace the POS system, currently in place at the location with an I.D. scanner integration system. <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes, we are going to do that.

<u>Linda Carter</u>: You will have an additional 3 employees working for you? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes, three employees to include me.

<u>Linda Carter</u>: You understand if you are going to make any changes to the premises, you must notify/request with the Board prior to making the changes? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes

You must also notify the board of a possible name change and seek permission to make the change? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes

<u>Linda Carter</u>: Your plan hours of operations 8 in the morning to 12 midnight, is that correct? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes

<u>Linda Carter</u>: Last but not least, this is not a standard question but relevant to this transfer. You have no relationship with the seller other than the fact you are buying the business and land from them, is that correct? <u>Ms. Mandip K. Gill</u>: Yes

Linda Carter: Madame Chair, that conclude my questions

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Thank you Ms. Gill and thank you Ms. Carter. Commissioners do you have any questions for either Ms. Gill or Ms. Carter. Since I do not hear anyone or see any hands raised, I will call for a motion for the transfer of Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Seitz Liquors.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u>: I move to accept the transfer of Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Seitz Liquors.

Mrs. Turpin Forbes: Is there a second?

Mr. Miles: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the transfer of Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Seitz Liquors.

I will now call for a vote.

Commissioner Sparkman – aye Commissioner Camacho – aye

Commissioner Miles – aye Commissioner Norman – aye

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

In the matter of Akash G. Patel, Member /Authorized Person, Yogeshkumar M. Patel, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of YuVi, LLC, **t/a Esquire Liquors**, 6108 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, 20745, transfer from Esquire Liquors, Inc., t/a Esquire Liquors, Charles A. Ferrara, Jr., President, Charlotte Purkis Trustee for Revocable Trust, Secretary/Treasurer. Licensee is represented by Bob Kim, Esquire.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Akash G. Patel).

<u>Mr. Akash G. Patel</u>: I do. Name and address for the record is Mandip K. Gill, I reside at New Jersey, 08810.

Bob Kim: Begin with personal questions to the licensee.

Are you a permanent resident of the United States? <u>Akash Patel</u>: Yes

Bob Kim: Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Akash Patel: No

Have you ever been found guilty of violating any laws concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages in the United States? <u>Akash Patel</u>: No

Have you ever had a license for the sale of alcoholic beverage revoked? <u>Akash Patel</u>: No Do you own any other business in Prince George's County with an alcoholic beverage license? <u>Akash Patel</u>: No, I do not.

Bob Kim: Are you the authorize person for the BLLC? Akash Patel: Yes

How much time will you be spending at the Esquire Liquors? <u>Akash Patel</u>: About 10 hours Are you familiar with the Rules and Regulations of the Board? <u>Akash Patel</u>: Yes

<u>Bob Kim</u>: If this application goes through, would you ensure that all employees follow the rules and regulation of the Board? <u>Akash Patel</u>: Yes

Bob Kim: I have submitted an alcohol awareness certificate for Mr. Akash Patel and Mr. Yogeshkumar M. Patel to the Board by email. You should have that in your packet. <u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: We do, thank you.

<u>Bob Kim</u>: Begin legal questions to obtain an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County.

Bob Kim:

How old do you have to be to purchase beer, wine and liquor? Akash Patel: 21

How old must an employee be to sale beer, wine and liquor? Akash Patel: 18

What are the 6 acceptable forms of identification?

<u>Akash Patel</u>: Signed driver's license with photo; Green Card; Military I.D.; MVA ID; Passport; and Biometric scanner.

<u>Bob Kim</u>: Are there any changes to the application submitted for this license? <u>Akash Patel</u>: No <u>Bob Kim</u>: Based on meetings and conversations, the obligation you hold to the Board to respond to all summons and answer any question related to Esquire Liquor? <u>Akash Patel</u>: Yes

You understand and accept these responsibilities? Akash Patel: Yes

Bob Kim: Madame Chair, that's all I have for Mr. Akash Patel.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Thank you Mr. Patel and thank you Mr. Kim. Commissioners do you have any questions for either Mr. Patel or Mr. Kim.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: I have a question for our attorney Mr. DeLoach. Mr. Kim I know that you said the other Mr. Patel, the one with the Y, we notice that he is not a citizen or permanent resident, but you also said he is not a licensee but a stock holder....Mr. DeLoach is there an update or rule that require 25% ownership for a license?

Jason DeLoach: the large issue is that I have is whether Mr. Yogeshkumar M. Patel is an authorized member or just an Officer?

Bob Kim: No, I did not put him in as an authorize member because he would have to be an applicant. I had a discussion with Director Shepperd. Mr. Patel definitely has a significant ownership interest, but he can't be on a license until he gets a different immigration status. Jason DeLoach: Madame Chair the was my main concern, that is fine for the BOLC. <u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Since I do not have any more questions, I will call for a motion for the transfer of a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Esquire Liquors.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u>: I move to accept the transfer of Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Esquire Liquors.

Mrs. Turpin Forbes: Is there a second?

Mr. Miles: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the transfer of Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Esquires Liquors.

I will now call for a vote.

Commissioner Sparkman – aye Commissioner Camacho – aye

Commissioner Miles – aye Commissioner Norman – ayeI

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

In the matter of Sandra Short, Secretary, Mingwei Cai, Manager, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of East Moon Ming, LLC, **t/a East Moon Asian Bistro**, 6107 Highbridge Road, Bowie, 20715, transfer from J&E Zhou Bowie Foods, Inc., t/a East Moon Asian Bistro, Hip Lee, President/Vice President/Treasurer. Licensee is represented by Michael W. Lu, Esquire.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Sandra Short & Mingwei Cai). <u>Ms. Sandra Short</u>: I do. Name and address for the record is Sandra Short, I reside at 14435 Old Stage Road, Bowie, Maryland 20720.

<u>Mr. Mingwei Cai</u>: I do. Name and address for the record is <u>Mingwei Cai</u>, I reside at 219 North ?? Street, Apt. 2, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

Ms. Ho Ming: I reside at the same address.

<u>Michael W.Lu</u>: Both parties will be working in the restaurant seven (7) days a week from open to closing. Ms. Short will help with this because she is a citizen of the United States and local. All of them do not have any criminal history or any other licenses. The restaurant is not currently open, however, they are open to outside dinning per the county order.

They have on question for the Board: Can they serve wine outside?

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Mr. Lu, lets get them qualified to become licensees first, because we understand that Ms. Short and Mr. Cai will be licensees on the application. Is that correct? <u>Mr. Lu</u>: Yes

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Do you have questions for the Licensees to make the Board comfortable with them and to ensure that they have a complete understanding of the rules and regulations of the Board.

Mr. Lu: I do not have questions....I would defer to your questions.

<u>Ms. Norman (Commissioner)</u>: For clarification purpose, is your business currently selling wine? <u>Mr. Lu</u>: No, they are not selling wine.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Asked the pertinent questions to satisfy the Board.

Ms. Short: Answered all questions in satisfactory of the Board.

Mr. Cai: Answered all questions in satisfactory of the Board.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Called for final questions before she called for a motion.

<u>Mr. Lu</u>: Yes, both my clients have completed the Alcohol Awareness class and the certificate has be sent to the Board.

Mr. DeLoach (County Attorney): Brought to the attention of the board a possibility of misunderstanding of the title of Mr. Cai and Manager vs. Managing Body and asked that the application be amended to show the actual title.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Thank you, I will call two separate motions. One for the amendment to the application and the second will be for approval of the transfer. for a motion for the transfer of Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a East Moon Asian Bistro.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u>: I move to accept the amendment to the application and transfer of Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a East Moon Asian Bistro. (done at separate call for a motions)

Mrs. Turpin Forbes: Is there a second?

Mr. Miles: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Two separate motions have been properly made and seconded for the transfer of Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a East Moon Asian Bistro.

I will now call for a vote. (concerning Both issues)

Commissioner Sparkman – aye Commissioner Camacho – aye

Commissioner Miles – aye Commissioner Norman – aye

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

In the matter of Emily C. Decker, Managing Member, for a Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Oak Creek Club, LLC, **t/a Oak Creek Country Club**, 600 Bowieville Manor Lane, Upper Marlboro, 20774, transfer from Toll Oak Creek Golf, LLC, t/a Toll Oak Creek Golf, Maurice Darbyshire, President. Licensee is represented by Anne Marie Vassallo. Esquire.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Emily C. Decker & Sean Beasley).

<u>Ms. Decker</u>: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Emily C. Decker, I reside at 6522 Silver Stream Lane, Bristol, Texas 75036.

<u>Mr. Beasley</u>: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Robert Sean Beasley, I reside at 824 Selby Boulevard, Edgewater, Maryland 21037.

Anne Marie Vassallo: Want to clear up a small concern with the name of the company listed on the agenda. The name should read Oak Creek Country Club CC, LLC. Now I will ask questions of Ms. Decker to satisfy the Board of her knowledge of the rules and regulations.

Many of the questions were answered directly without further explanation except the following:

<u>Anne Marie Vassallo</u>: Have you ever held a license in this or any other state? Please explain. <u>Ms. Decker</u>: Yes.

As a member of the general Counsel and Secretary of Buffalo Wild Wings they had multiple licenses and I was listed on all of them.

<u>Anne Marie Vassallo</u>: Have any of those licenses been found in violation of laws related to alcoholic beverages? <u>Ms. Decker</u>: There were some violations that were always handled by the local restaurant manager. I provide very little support from the corporate office.

Anne Marie Vassallo: I have no further questions.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: I have a question for Mr. Beasley. Since Ms. Decker resides in Texas, you will oversee operations of the restaurant, is that correct? <u>Mr. Beasley</u>: Yes How many employees will be serving Alcohol? <u>Mr. Beasley</u>: 10 to include full and part-time employees.

Mr. Beasley were asked the standard questions pertinent to satisfy the Board with the applicant that he has full understanding and knowledge of all rules and regulation.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Since I do not have any more questions, I will call for a motion for the transfer of a Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Oak Creek Country Club.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u>: I move to accept the transfer of Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Oak Creek Country Club, <u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Is there a second? <u>Mr. Miles</u>: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the transfer of Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Oak Creek Country Club.

I will now call for a vote.

Commissioner Sparkman – ayeCommissioner Camacho – ayeCommissioner Miles – ayeCommissioner Norman – aye

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – I; the Motion Passes.

In the matter of James Kramer, Authorized Person, Scott Tarwater, Authorized Person, for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of CR National Harbor, LLC, **t/a Cadillac Ranch,** 186 Fleet Street, National Harbor, 20745. Licensee is represented by Leanne Schrecengost. Esquire.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Swears in the perspective Licensee (James Kramer & Scott Tarwater).

<u>James Kramer</u>: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is James Kramer, I reside at 6314 Terrace, Houston Texas, 77081.

<u>Scott Tarwater</u>: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Emily C. Decker, I reside at 7315 McMahon Way, Missouri City, Texas, 77459.

Leanne Schrecengost: The overall operations of this establishment is not changing as a result of this transfer. There are 55 to 75 employees depending on the volume based on the time of year. Thirty of these employees will have alcohol serving responsibility. All these employees have gone TIPS training for alcohol awareness.

The attorney turned her attention to the two licensees for standard questioning.

Both Licensees answered the standard questions to the satisfaction of the Board.

<u>Leanne Schrecengost</u>: I have no further questions for the licensees, I turn it back over to you Madame Chair.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Thank you Ms. Schrecengost, Do I have any questions from the Board? Commissioner Norman: Did you all say that you do not serve on any other license in Prince George's County? So does not mean that Landry has no other licenses in the County? <u>Leanne Schrecengost</u>: Sorry Commissioners, both serve as licensee for McCormick and Schmick at the National Habor.

Commissioner Norman: Ok, didn't that location have prior violations?

Leanne Schrecengost: Yes, there was a violation at McCormick and Schmick back in 2019. I'm not aware of any violations at Cadillac Ranch because I did not represent them prior to this transfer. They were not under Landry prior to this transfer. Previouly the were under Granit City Corporation.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair:</u> If there are no more questions, I will call for a motion for the transfer of a Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Cadillac Ranch.

Mr. Camacho: I move to accept the transfer of Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Cadillac Ranch, Mrs. Turpin Forbes: Is there a second?

Mr. Miles: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the transfer of Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Cadillac Ranch. I will now call for a vote. Commissioner Sparkman – ayeCommissioner Camacho – ayeCommissioner Miles – ayeCommissioner Norman – ayeThis is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

In the matter of Adrian L. Merton, President, for a Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Belair Food and Beverage, Inc., t/a Bowie Golf & Country Club, 7420 Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie, 20715. Licensee is not represented an attorney.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Adrian L. Merton).

Adrian L. Merton: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Adrian L. Merton, I reside at 14409 Pine Hollow Drive, Estero, Florida, 33928.

Commissioner Camacho: Madame Chair can we Mirandize?

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Yes, I am going to take care of that now.

Mr. Merton: My resident agent is Robert D. Loure, he resides at 2007 Tide Water Colony Drive, Annapolis, Maryland.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Explains to Mr. Merton, his right to be represented by an attorney. Do you give up this right? <u>Mr. Merton</u>: Yes

Is the person in the room going to speak or provide testimony today? Mr. Merton: No

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Why are you here today? <u>Mr. Merton</u>: To transfer my liquor license because my partner died.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: So we are transferring your former partner, who is now deceased, to you and your will have 100% ownership? <u>Mr. Merton</u>: Correct

Ms. Turpin Forbes asked all the pertinent questions from the Board

Mr. Merton successfully answered all the question to the satisfaction of the Board.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair:</u> If there are no more questions, I will call for a motion for the transfer of a Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Bowie Golf & Country Club.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u>: I move to accept the transfer of Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Bowie Golf & Country Club, <u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Is there a second? <u>Mr. Miles</u>: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the transfer of Class C, GCC, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for the use of t/a Bowie Golf & Country Club.

I will now call for a vote.

Commissioner Sparkman – aye Commissioner Camacho – aye

Commissioner Miles – aye Commissioner Norman – aye

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

New Class B Licenses

Director Shepperd: A class B, beer, wine and Liquor was advertised. We have three (3) licenses and four (4) applications so this will be considered a competition. You will have to provide testimony. If there is any additional testimony must get it to us immediately and the Commissioners will have ten (10) additional days to review and consider any documentation you submit. It must be submitted to us today. The individuals who are awarded a license, that notification will come at the next hearing on Wednesday, September 2. <u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Let me put a fine point on this. Immediately means that what ever you testify about today, if you have documentation to supplement that testimony, you must get it to the Board today, by four o'clock our doors closes.

In the matter of Esmeralda A Olmos Rosa, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Rinco Escodido Deli Bar and Restaurant, LLC, **t/a Rinco Escodido Deli Bar and Restaurant**, 5701 Columbia Road, Hyattsville, 20785. The Applicant is not represented by an attorney.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Ms. Rosa are you represented by an Attorney today. Ms. Rosa: No <u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Esmeralda A. Olmos Rosa).

Esmeralda A. Olmos Rosa: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Esmeralda A. Olmos Rosa, I reside at 1524 Purell Lane, Bowie, Maryland 20716.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Ms. Rosa, you are aware that you have the right to an attorney? <u>Ms.</u> <u>Rosa</u>: Yes

Do you waive that right today? Ms. Rosa: Yes

The then asked all the pertinent questions of the Board.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: *Additional information requested*. Ms. Rosa tell us about your business.

Esmeralda A. Olmos Rosa: Right I am working as a carryout restaurant located in the industrial area of Cheverly. There is no restaurant in the area so I am trying to bring some family entertainment to the area and enjoy a drink or two.

<u>Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: What will be your hours of operations? <u>Ms. Rosa</u>: 11 am to 1 am because of COVID. After COVID we will be closing our doors at 2 am with a last call at 1:45 am.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Will your guest be required to wear mask? <u>Ms. Rosa</u>: Yes, hand sanitizer on the tables and all staff will wear mask.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: How many seats do you have at your restaurant? <u>Ms. Rosa</u>: I have 48 tables buy we only have 24 chairs right now.

Director Shepperd: I have a letter of support from the town of Cheverly. Because the

Commissioners did not receive the letter, Director Shepperd read the letter to the Board.

Director Shepperd: Questioned the hours of operation. <u>Ms. Rosa</u>: Once COVID is over we will resume our morning hours of 5 a.m to serve breakfast.

<u>Chief Clark</u>: There are no churches or schools in the forbidden map distance.

In the matter of Kola Siwajuola, Managing Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Green Chilli's, LLC, **t/a Green Chilli's,** 8700 Chestnut Avenue, Bowie, 20720. The applicant is represented by Eddie Pounds, Esquire. <u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Kola Siwajuola).

Kola Siwajuola: Yes, I do. My name is Kola Siwajuola,

Eddie Pounds, Esquire: Gave an overview of the owner's plan for his restaurant. Will offer a traditional cuisine of African and European type food. This restaurant will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner and will also include a bar. Has never had a business in the state of Maryland, however he was the owner of a restaurant in the U.K.

The attorney then asked all the pertinent questions required by the Board.

Eddie Pounds, Esquire: Madame Chair, I would like to amend the application to change the operating hours for Sunday, changing the closing hours from 10 to 9 pm.

Eddie Pounds, Esquire: How many employees do you have? Mr. Siwajuola, between 7 or 8. <u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Followed up with additional pertinent question required by the Board that the attorney failed to ask.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair:</u> I will call for a motion for the to allow an amendment of the application to change the hours on Sunday's to close at 9 pm instead of 10 pm, t/a Green Chilli's.

<u>Mr. Camacho</u>: I move to accept the amendment to the license application for the use of t/a Green Chilli's, <u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: Is there a second?

Mr. Miles: I will second it.

<u>Mrs. Turpin Forbes</u>: A motion has been properly made and seconded for the amendment to the application of t/a Green Chilli's.

I will now call for a vote.

Commissioner Sparkman – aye Commissioner Camacho – aye

Commissioner Miles – aye Commissioner Norman – aye

This is Commissioner Forbes, Chair – aye; the Motion Passes.

<u>Chief Clark</u>: There are no churches or schools in the forbidden map distance.

In the matter of Claudia Olukemi Adejare, Member, Ademola Alaba Adejare, Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant, LLC, **t/a Tarmac Lounge and Restaurant**, 1401 University Blvd E, Suite 0109, Hyattsville, 20783. The Applicant is represented by Traci R. Scudder, Esquire <u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Claudia Olukemi Adejare, and Ademola Alaba Adejare).

<u>Claudia Olukemi Adejare</u>: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Claudia Olukemi Adejare, I reside at 1401 University Blvd, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783.

Ademola Alaba Adejare: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Ademola Alaba Adejare, I reside at 1401 University Blvd, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783.

Traci R. Scudder asked all the pertinent questions required by the Board.

<u>Traci R. Scudder</u>: What is your address of the restaurant? <u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: Our address is 1401 University Boulevard East, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783.

How long have you been there? <u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: About nine (9) months. It was previously a Pakistani restaurant that we purchased in November 2019.

Traci R. Scudder: Did they have a liquor license? Mrs. Adejare: No they did not.

<u>Traci R. Scudder</u>: What will be your roll at the restaurant? <u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: I manage the back of the restaurant to include the kitchen, all paperwork and accounting functions.

<u>Traci R. Scudder</u>: What will be your husband roll at the restaurant? <u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: He will serve as the General Manager, will manage the front of the restaurant, commercial and marketing activities and deals with the customers.

Traci R. Scudder: For the record we would like to supplement our application by submitting the alcohol awareness certificate.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: So noted for the record.

<u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: We've been here since November 2019 and the challenge started when COVID hit and we were forced to close our doors from March to May. We reopened in May and many of our customers have started to return. However, there are many restaurants and bars who are able to sell alcohol and when our customers come in, we cannot. That is another challenge for us.

<u>Traci R. Scudder</u>: So you want the liquor license not only to sell to customers but to make you competitive with the other establishments, is that correct? <u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: Yes

<u>Traci R. Scudder</u>: We would also like to add and amendment to the application to change the hours on Sunday and Thursday once COVID has ended.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: So noted for the record.

<u>Director Shepperd</u>: On the application you listed a request for entertainment, however, I did not hear your plan to provide entertain in your presentation.

<u>Mrs. Adejare</u>: Once we get our liquor license we plan to apply for the entertainment permit and dance permit.

Opposition

<u>Jason Clayton</u>: I am here to represent the Carol Holland Association. The major concern that we have the Mall. It serves as a source of entertainment will loud music going until 4 o'clock in the morning on weekends. There are fights, shootings and major drunkenness. Adding this establishment with an liquor license will only add to the liquor saturation in the area. We have people lying in the street drunk. Large volume of call of service from the police department. That's all I have.

Commissioners Norman: Asked for the Map information.

<u>Mr. DeLoach</u>: I think that The Attorney should have an opportunity to question the opposition on behalf of her clients.

<u>Traci R. Scudder</u>: Had no questions, just provide more of a explanation of her clients intentions to ensure that they will not be part of any past disturbance in the community.

<u>Chief Clark</u>: There are no churches or schools in the forbidden map distance. However, there are 17 liquor license locations in the same area.

In the matter of Miguel Canales, President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Pop's Seafood, Inc., **t/a Pop's Seafood**, 7437 Annapolis Road, New Carrollton, 20784.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Swears in the perspective Licensee (Miguel Canales).

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Swears in the son as the interpreter for Mr. Canales (Angel Canales).

<u>Miguel Canales</u>: Yes I do. Name and address for the record is Miguel Canales, I reside at 13804 Willerby Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Are you represented by an Attorney? Miguel Canales: No

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: Are you going to proceed today without a lawyer? <u>Miguel Canales</u>: Yes.

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: What brings you hear today? <u>Miguel Canales</u>: Want to apply for a liquor license. I currently sell food, beer and wine.

<u>Mr. Deloach</u>: Madame Chair, can we clarify that he understands that he does not have to proceed without a lawyer. <u>Miguel Canales</u>: Yes

<u>Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair</u>: How many seats do you have? <u>Miguel Canales</u>: only 20 seats because of COVID.

Ms. Turpin Forbes, Chair: Asked all the Board's pertinent questions.

<u>Miguel Canales</u>: I currently have a class D on/off sale that I am offering for a class B. It was explained to Mr. Canales, that if he is awarded the class B, he will give up his class D

on/off sale. Mr. Canales understood.

<u>Commissioner Camacho</u>: Do you have any previous violation on the existing license? <u>Miguel Canales</u>: No

Director Shepperd confirmed no violations.

<u>Chief Clark</u>: There are no churches or schools in the forbidden map distance. However, there are 5 liquor license locations in the same area.