

**April 25, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
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: 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Camacho: I'm going to go over a few house rules. We understand that we're in a network situation with connectivity issues, we ask that you mute your computers or cell phones until you're called. We operate under the Maryland Open Meetings Act, any transactions, all of our testimony, and discussions between Commissioners is done in the open and totally transparent. When we do call cases and we experience connectivity issues we will pause that case, exceed to the next case, and allow you to reestablish connectivity with us. Additionally, I'll explain the procedure, the Director will call the case, I'll swear in whoever is going to be testifying, after the testimony is taken, I'll ask for a motion, someone will second the motion and then we'll take a vote.

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 The Hall**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4656 Hotel Drive, College Park, 20740, Corey Polyoka to serve as Authorized Person.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**

Mr. Polyoka was brought on because he has experience in running a venue that has entertainment, and multiple restaurant compartments.

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

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a The Hall, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket**, Class D, Beer and Wine, 121 Centerway, Greenbelt, 20770, Amy Drew to serve as Treasurer and Susan Kash to serve as Secretary instead of Dorothy H. Bates, Member and Joseph Timer, Treasurer.

Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Ms. Kash and **Ms. Drew** have been associated with Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket for approximately twenty-six years. They serve on the Board of Directors; monthly meetings are held to directly oversee the operation.

Commissioner Camacho asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION:

TRANSFER

1. Susan Cook, Member/Authorized Person, James Cowen, Authorized Person for a Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Greenbelt Beverage Management, LLC, **t/a Crowne Plaza College Park**, 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, 20770 transfer from Greenbelt Beverage Management, LLC, t/a Crowne Plaza College Park, 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, 20770, Susan Cook, Authorized Person, Steven Cesinger, Authorized Person.
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**

Mr. Cowen is an attorney with the new management company and volunteered to go on the license. His team is in regular communication with the management at the hotel.

Ms. Carter 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.

There will be no changes to the mode of operation.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Crowne Plaza College Park, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Kyuwoon Suh, President for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of CHK Liquors, Inc., **t/a Lim's Liquor Store**, 2117 University Blvd, Hyattsville, 20783 transfer from Lim's Liquor, Inc., t/a Lim's Liquor Store, 2117 University Blvd, Hyattsville, 20783, Chun Cha Im, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Represented by **Jay S. Yoo, Esquire**.

Mr. Suh worked at Langley Park Beer & Wine for three years. He'll be the manager and owner of Lim's Liquor Store.

Mr. Suh is Alcohol Awareness certified. All employees will be Alcohol Awareness certified.

Mr. Yoo 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.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Lim's Liquor Store, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Piyushbhai R. Patel, Member-Manager for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sahil, LLC, **t/a GEM Liquors**, 9443 Annapolis Road, Seabrook, 20706 transfer from Sahil, LLC, t/a GEM Liquors, 9443 Annapolis Road, Seabrook, 20706, Ramanbhai R. Patel, Member.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Patel is currently a forty-nine percent member of this business. His father has decided to transfer his fifty-one percent to him.

Mr. Patel will become the sole person of the company, one hundred percent owner and member-manager. He's familiar with the operation and has been working with company for eleven years.

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.

A copy of Mr. Patel's Alcohol Awareness certificate has been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a GEM Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Tyes Cook, Member/Authorized Person, Richard Cook, Member/Authorized Person for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Bread Schedule, LLC, **t/a Manifest Bread**, 6208 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 114, Riverdale Park, 20737 transfer from Bread Schedule, LLC, t/a Manifest Bread, 6208 Rhode Island Avenue, Suite 114, Riverdale Park, 20737, Tyes Cook, Owner.
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.
The business is now open with eleven employees plus the two owners.
Four employees are Alcohol Awareness certified.
Ms. Cook would like to add her husband to the license.
Ms. Carter 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. Both applicants were able to answer each question.
The ownership and entity transferred from the way it was structured, they have friends who want to invest in their business. They're adding another entity where they can remain in ownership, the entity remains the same, the ownership changed.
Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Manifest Bread, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
5. Benjamin R. Carter, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Le Fantome, LLC, **t/a Le Fantome**, 4501 – 4555 Woodberry Street, Riverdale Park, 20737 transfer from Le Fantome, LLC, t/a Le Fantome, 4501 – 4555 Woodberry Street, Riverdale Park, 20737, Akhtar Nawab, Member/Authorized Person, Michael T. Whetherbee, Jr., Member/Authorized Person.
Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.
Ms. Carter states the same licensed entity will remain the same, underlying ownership has changed.
Ms. Carter 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.
Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Le Fantome, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
6. Jahangir Alam, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Jahir Uddin, Vice President for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of 3664 St Barnabas, Inc., **t/a 7-Ten Beer, Wine and Grocery**, 3664 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, 20746 transfer from 7-Ten, LLC, 3664 St. Barnabas Road, Suitland, 20746, Daisy Damera, Member-Manager, Richard Solomon, Member/Authorized Person.
Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Mr. Alam will be the seventy five percent stockholder, President, and Secretary.
Mr. Uddin will be the twenty five percent stockholder and Vice President.

A copy of Mr. Alam and Mr. Uddin's Alcohol Awareness certificates have been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class D license for t/a 7-Ten Beer, Wine and Grocery, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR:

1. Rikin K. Parikh, President, Beenish Bhatia, Secretary, Giridhar Sastry, Treasurer for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of FFD Three, Inc., t/a **The Union**, 3950 Garden City Drive, Hyattsville, 20785.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

The Union will be a family dining experience. The anticipated opening date is August or September due to approximately five months of construction.

A petition of sixty signatures in support of this application has been submitted to the Board.

Mr. Parikh has never previously held a liquor license.

Mr. Sastry has been a chef for twenty years at the Ritz Carlton, free standing restaurants, and Mayflower Hotel in DC. He has two other locations The Union in McClain and Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license.

Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. All applicants were able to answer each question.

Ms. Victoria Davis (Managing Partner Urban Atlantic) states she will be assisting with getting the permits expedited for the anticipated opening date.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a The Union, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Tarrell Lamonica Littleton, Member/Authorized Person, Dennis James Littleton, Jr., Managing Member/Authorized Person for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of BBU Enterprises, LLC, t/a **BBU Kitchen**, 15790 Livingston Road, Accokeek, 20607. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

This location has been a restaurant for years, it was previously Accokeek Seafood before surrendering their license.

BBU Kitchen will be a full-service restaurant serving soul food, country, and seafood.

The anticipated opening date is May.

The Chef and General Manager will be Alcohol Awareness certified.

Ms. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license.

Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a BBU Kitchen, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Teisha Mays, Member-Manager for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Greater Metropolitan Restaurant Group, LLC, t/a **Moxy's Bar and Grill**, 7200 Hanover Drive, Suite LL, Greenbelt, 20770.
Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
Moxy's will be a full-service restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
The anticipated opening date is within one to two months.
Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of 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.
A petition of ninety-two signatures in support of this application has been submitted to the Board.
A copy of Ms. Mays Alcohol Awareness certificate has been submitted to the Board.
Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Moxy's Bar and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
4. Bianka Mbeng, Authorized Person, Oluwafemi Oluyeye, Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Pleroma Cuisine, LLC, t/a **Pleroma Cuisine**, 952 4th Street, Laurel, 20707.
Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.
Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
Pleroma Cuisine currently has a Beer and Wine license and would like to upgrade to a Beer, Wine, and Liquor license. The restaurant is open and operating.
Commissioner Norman makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Pleroma Cuisine, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC