

**April 9, 2025
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

Start Time: 6:59 p.m.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms: At the Board of License Commissioners, we endeavor to be as efficient as possible in our virtual environment. Thank you for your patience. This is a public meeting subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act so a truthful, transparent, open, and honest dialogue and record is required. As such, there are some formalities that will take place that may appear redundant but nonetheless are important and required to ensure compliance with the law.

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.

REGULAR SESSION

t/a Pollo Granjero, Blanca E. Villatoro-Canales, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Pollo Granjero, Inc., 1401 University Blvd East, Unit G8, Hyattsville, 20783. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he met with the licensees and reviewed the rules and regulations for a Special Entertainment Permit, and the security plan, which is adequate, as proposed.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Pollo Granjero, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

t/a Liquor City, Aruna R. Patel, President / Secretary / Treasurer, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Krishna Holding Corp., 9115 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter has discussed Rule and Regulation #76 and #23 with the licensee, and she understands the rules.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the delivery permit to t/a Liquor City, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

t/a Marlboro Liquors, Ushaben S. Patel, Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Love Marlboro, LLC, 5725 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro, 20772. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim has gone over the Rules and Regulations with the applicant, and she agrees to abide by them.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the delivery permit to t/a Marlboro Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

t/a Avenue Liquors, Rekhaven N. Patel, Member-Manager/Authorized Person, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, DHRUV, LLC, 3318 Walters Lane, Forestville, 20747. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim has gone over the Rules and Regulations with the applicant, and she agrees to abide by them. He has gone over the requirement for the delivery to be performed by an employee.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the delivery permit to t/a Avenue Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

t/a T and T Liquors, Champaben Patel, Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Mitchellville Wine and Spirit, LLC, 13801 Annapolis Road, Mitchellville, 20715. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim has gone over the Rules and Regulations with the applicant, and she agrees to abide by them.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the delivery permit to t/a T and T Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

t/a Tucker's Restaurant and Liquors, Rakeshkumar Patel, Member-Manager, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Aaryan, LLC, 9205 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, 20772. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim has gone over the Rules and Regulations with the applicant, and she agrees to abide by them.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the delivery permit to t/a Tucker's Restaurant and Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Benedict C. Ijomah, Managing Member, Sunny G. Chimezie, Managing Member, **t/a The Palms Restaurant & Bar**, 7729 Finns Lane, Lanham, 20706, for an alleged violation of Section 26-2102 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 88 - Non-Effectuation (Failure to put approved license or permits in use) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. – Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter states this license was approved back in October 2022. Immediately after approval, the client sought to get permits. They had budgeted between 350 and \$375,000 for the completion of the restaurant. They thought all they needed was a year, but it took 18 months. They had issues with the filing of paperwork and DPIE.

An exhibit book has been sent to the Board.

They will be spending another 100,000 within the next week to install kitchen equipment. They have hired a chef and clean-up crew. They anticipate the food to alcohol ratio will be 70-75% food and 20-25% alcohol. They anticipate being able to open in 30 days but are requesting an extension for 120 days.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant a final 120-day extension, if the restaurant is not opened within 120 days, the Board will expire the application, and the licensees will have to reapply, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Beatrice A. Mananga, Managing Member, **t/a Kitchen Near You**, 5321 Ager Road, Hyattsville, 20782, for an alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from Other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. No. 11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

Licensee has no attorney, knows her right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Patterson of the BOLC testified before the Board regarding the violations that occurred on February 4, 2025.

Ms. Mananga states that this was an error on the manager's side. Ms. Mananga had sent the manager to buy nonalcoholic margarita. She has taken an Alcohol Awareness class since the incident and apologizes for the mistake.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find **t/a Kitchen Near You** in violation of Rule and Regulation #11 and assessed a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

Edwein Arbaiza, President, **t/a Latinos Bar & Grill**, 9432 Lanham Severn Road Lanham, 20706 for an alleged violation of Section 6-311, Purchase Alcoholic Beverages from Other than a Wholesaler, of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and R.R. No. 11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and R.R. No. 83 (Alcohol Awareness) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

Represented By **Eddie Pounds, Esquire**.

Inspector Clinkscale of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on February 23, 2025.

Mr. Pounds explains how he has gone over the Rules and Regulations with the licensee, and he understands and acknowledges his mistake. A week before the violation, Mr. Arbaiza had scheduled alcohol awareness training for the 24th of February. There is confusion between Rule and Regulation #83 and the law. He says there is a little bit of gray area because Mr. Ramon Arbaiza was abiding by the rule but needed to step away, leaving no one with Alcohol Awareness on the premises.

Mr. Arbaiza spoke about his father making a mistake by purchasing from a liquor store because of Valentine's Day. He mentioned that the day after the violation, his entire staff was alcohol awareness trained.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find t/a Latinos Bar and Grill in violation of Rule and Regulation #11 and #83 and assessed a fine of \$1,750, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC