July 9, 2025 9200 Basil Court Largo, MD 20774 Virtual Hearing

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
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: 7:13 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

NEW - CLASS B(DD), BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

1. David Santizo, Managing Member/Authorized Person, Maria Santizo, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(DD), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Acapulco Restaurant and Grill, LLC, t/a Acapulco Restaurant and Grill, 643 Main Street, Laurel, 20707.

Represented by Eddie Pounds, Esquire.

Deputy Chief Vauss gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Pounds informs the Board of a couple changes needed to be made to the application. On the application, the square footage is described as 1,100 square feet, it is actually 2, 200 square feet. Additionally, the seating capacity is incorrect. It should be 85 instead of 50 seats. There is also a bar at this location. Question 5 and 6 on the affidavit for Mr. Santizo should read "no" instead of yes regarding a violation of state or federal laws and issues with gambling. Question 7 should also answer "yes" to answer that he has been a licensee. There was one violation for a sale to a minor in 2014 and 2016. Question 9 should answer "yes". Question 10 should reflect 50-60 hours a week.

Commissioner Camacho made a motion to accept the changes made to the application and Mr. Pounds will send in a new corrected application, seconded by Commissioner Norman.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Mr. Santizo and Ms. Santizo answered the standard questions typically asked to qualify this type of application.

Mr. Santizo has been at the location he currently is at for 4 years. They are located on Main Street, Laurel. He has grown up in the restaurant business and has been involved since childhood at the first location. He has helped with the building of the menu and restaurant. To prevent the sale to a minor, all employees are Alcohol Awareness trained. Since opening, the Laurel Community has been happy to have them in business.

Mr. Pounds read a letter in support from Councilman Tom Dernoga.

Mr. Santizo is an active community partner. He spends community time donating to back to school, participating in teacher appreciation week for Laurel elementary schools and career day.

Ms. Santizo states Tex-Mex food such as fajitas, soup, fish, stew meat, and Salvadoran food will be served. Mr. and Ms. Santizo currently hold a license for a Class B, BL. **Commissioner Camacho** motions to grant the license to t/a Acapulco Restaurant and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER OF LOCATION

Continued from June 24, 2025, hearing.

2. Rajkumar P. Patel, Member-Manager, Joshua A.P. Patel, Member for a Class A, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Riya Raj, LLC, t/a College Park Liquors, 7207 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740 transfer from 8141 Baltimore Avenue Corporation, t/a College Park Liquors, 8141 Baltimore Avenue, Unit E & F, College Park, 20740, Susan Hui, President, Sai Chiang, Vice President, Catherine Hui, Secretary/Treasurer. Continued from June 24, 2025, hearing.

Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire. Opposition by Stephanie Anderson, Esquire from the City of College Park.

Commissioner Camacho recused from voting, as he was not present for the original hearing.

Commissioner Norman motioned to deny the transfer of location for t/a College Park Liquors, seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Sparkman, Commissioner Norman and Chair Bridgwater-Simms vote to deny based on the proximity to the daycare center being too close.

Commissioner Smith votes to deny due to the city of college park's opposition and the vote of the citizens of college park.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

CONVERSION

3. t/a Streetcar 82 Brewing Company, Mark Burke, President, Class D, Beer, Cetrano, Burke, & Costner, Inc. 4824 Rhode Island Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781. Request for a conversion of a Class D, Beer and Wine License.

Licensee has no attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Mr. Burke has been in the business for 7 years. His goal is to be able to provide more of a variety of drinks and add to the customer experience.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the conversion, seconded by Commissioner Norman.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

ENTERTAINMENT

4. t/a Nuzback's Lounge and Bar, PR for the Estate of Kathryn Nuzback, Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 14405 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

Corporal Hunt of the PGPD states their security plan is adequate as proposed. The establishment is asking for entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights.

Mr. Nuzback would like to have live DJ and bands until 2am.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Special Entertainment permit to t/a Nuzbacks Lounge and Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

SPECIAL SUNDAY OFF-SALE

5. t/a Samosas and Spirits, Nidhi Khaneja, Member-Manager/Authorized Person, Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquors, Samosas and Spirits, LLC, 10250-C Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. – Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Ms. Carter states that Miss Khaneja has appeared before the City of College Park. They executed a property use agreement that will allow this operation to operate on Sunday's. Ms. Khaneja is requesting a waiver of the \$50.000 capital investment fee since she spent about \$450,000 on the building construction.

Ms. Anderson, Counsel for the City of College Park spoke in favor of this application. Commissioner Camacho moved to grant the special Sunday off sale permit for t/a Samosas and Spirits and waive the \$50,000 capital investment fee, seconded by Commissioner Norman.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

DELIVERY

6. t/a Triangle Beer, Wine and Convenience, Nidhi Gaind, President / Secretary/ Treasurer, Class D(R), Beer, and Wine, Triangle Beer, Wine and Convenience, Inc., 10400 Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville, 20705. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by Justin McInerny, Esquire.

Ms. Gaind will be delivering to fixed addresses in Prince George's County. She has an employee who will be delivering who is above 18 years old and Alcohol Awareness certified. No third-party deliverers will be used. She understands the Rules and Regulations regarding delivery verification and invoices.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the delivery permit to t/a Triangle Beer Wine and Convenience, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. t/a Kenilworth Liquors, Surjit S. Gosal, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Jatinder Gosal, Inc., 5401 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park Maryland 20737. Request for a Delivery Permit.

Licensee has no attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney, and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Mr. Gosal is applying for a delivery permit for his business. He is familiar with the Rules and Regulations regarding delivery permits. He will abide by all rules. He understands

the procedure to deliver and verify identity and address as well as keep invoices for 18 months.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the delivery permit to t/a Kenilworth Liquors, seconded by Commissioner Norman.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

VIOLATIONS

8. Henry W. Slice, President, JoAnn Slice, Secretary/Treasurer, Brandon H. Slice, Vice President, t/a Modern Liquors, 2358 Iverson Street, Temple Hills, 20748. For an alleged violation R.R. No. 1 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Sale to or Possession By Underage Persons: A. Pursuant to Sections 6-304 and 26-2707 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a licensee or any of his/her employees or agents, may not sell, serve or furnish or allow the consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverages at any time to any person under the age of 21. Licensees have no attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Kinney of the BOLC gave a report.

Mr. Henry Slice apologizes for the incident. His manager and 4 other employees were immediately Alcohol Awareness certified. 6 out of 8 of his employees are certified. There was someone certified at the time of the incident on the premises, but the inspectors were not informed. For this violation to not occur again, his employees have gone through extensive training and will now be scanning ID'S.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find t/a Modern Liquors in violation of R.R No. 1 with a fine of \$1, 500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

9. Tejinder S. Sandhu, Member-Manager, t/a Fish Market Restaurant, 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735. For an alleged violation R.R. No. #10(3) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Public Nuisances: The holder of any class of license with an "off sale" privilege of any kind is prohibited from selling, offering for sale, giving away, offering to give away, or otherwise making available to patrons any single cups made of paper, plastic, Styrofoam, or any container (with or without ice). Also, for an alleged violation R.R. No. #18 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Refilling or Tampering with Alcoholic Beverage Containers: No licensee, his/her agents, or employees shall reuse, refill, tamper with, adulterate, dilute, or fortify the contents of any original container of alcoholic beverage. Represented by Robert Kim, Esquire. Continued from June 11, 2025, hearing.

Mr. Kim provided information to contest the fine.

Mr. Deloach states the Board has the power to assess the fine for each violation on separate days.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find t/a Fish Market restaurant in violation of R.R No. 10(3) and 18 assessing a fine of \$4, 500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

- 10. Michael T. Isley, Member, Carlos Isley, Member-Manager, t/a Restaurant 55, 5005 Jackson Street, Suite B, Hyattsville, 20781. For an alleged violation of 26-1903 A licensed holder may not provide entertainment unless authorized to do so, of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), R.R. No 34 Food Availability, R.R. No. 78 Use of Promoters Not Permitted, R.R. No. 12 Prohibited Acts (E) False Statements, R.R. No. 58 Not Meeting Restaurant Definition, Class B and R.R. No 11 Purchases, by Authorized Retailer of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. Represented by Eddie Pounds, Esquire. Continued from June 11, 2025, hearing.
 - Mr. Pounds addresses the change in the U&O. The address for the other entity is designated as Unit C. The client had to upgrade the record to ensure that they are designated as Unit B. Their Use and Occupancy Permit is still clean and active.

 Mr. Micheal Isley explains that they did have a temporary U&O at the time of license issuance. They do now have a proper U&O now. Suite C tried to apply for one under Suite B's number as they have the same address. A valid U&O was sent to the Board.

 Ms. Dotson states that their corrective action plan is a full week plan where they have obtained a consultant to come up with a menu, ensure correct advertisement, staffing, hours and full kitchen upgrades. They have partnered with culinary schools to hire cooks to not have issues with staffing in the future.
 - **Mr. Michael Isley** states they submitted roughly 3-4 invoices of what was purchased from Breakthrough. One or two items were purchased two years ago but Breakthrough said they don't have invoices that go back two years.

Deputy Chief Vauss took those invoices and compared them to the confiscated alcohol that the Board has in the storage area. There was one case that may have had the same time frame and same contents however when you look at all 6 boxes, they all were not issued to Restaurant 55. The invoices matched only one case of alcohol.

Mr. Micheal Isley and Carlos Isley are now ensuring they hold invoices and are checking every labeled box that comes into the premises. They did not purchase from anyone other than Breakthrough.

Commissioner Norman recused herself, as she was not present during the original hearing.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find t/a Restaurant 55 in violation of R.R. No.37e, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find t/a Restaurant 55 in violation of R.R. No. 34, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Sparkman moved to find t/a Restaurant 55 in violation of R.R. No.78, seconded by **Chair Bridgwater-Simms**

After Board vote, the motion does not carry.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find t/a Restaurant 55 in Violation of R.R. No. 12.

After Board vote, the motion does not carry.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find t/a Restaurant 55 in Violation of R.R. No. 11, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find t/a Restaurant 55 in Violation of R.R. No. 58, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho moves to suspend the license for t/a Restaurant 55 until they can ensure the Board that they have a fully operational, serviceable kitchen with complete staffing under the certified food manager, proof from the Health Department that they have a copy of the HAACP certificate and a minimum of 5 printed menus should be sent to the Board, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion that once having satisfied these requirements, the Board will conduct an inspection to confirm that all conditions have been met. The suspension will be lifted, and the establishment will be placed on a 12-month probationary period. During this time, any major violation of the Board's Rules and Regulations will result in a hearing, where revocation of the license will be considered.

Adjourned: 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC