

**July 22, 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
Todd Pounds, 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
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

Start Time: 10:02 a.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.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Dave & Buster's** Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1851 Ritchie Station Court, Capitol Heights, 20743, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jr. to serve as President/Treasurer instead of Bryan D. McCrory, President/Treasurer. Represented by **Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.**

Mr. Rodriguez is the Chief Legal Officer, he leads the legal, risk, licensing, loss prevention and safety teams. He deals with Board relations and compliance as well. Mr. Rodriguez understands the Board's Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.

Ms. Schrecengost asked the questions typically asked to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman questions what practices are put in place to ensure the sale to a minor does not exist.

Mr. Rodriguez states he has ensured that all his employees are safely trained and has a company policy of checking for ID's.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Substitution of Corporate Officers for t/a Dave and Buster's, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Cherry Hill Park** Class D(off), Beer and Wine, 9800 Cherry Hill Park, College Park, 20740, Jennifer Gurevich to serve as Secretary and Tracy Lim to serve as Treasurer instead of Norman Gurevich, President, Norman Morgenstein, Treasurer.

Applicants have no attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Ms. Linda Gurevich states the business has been in the family for about 103 years.

Norman Gurevich recently passed away. Norman Morgenstein has recently gone into a home and has dementia. A change in generation is needed to facilitate daily operations.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically asked to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

All applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Substitution of Corporate Officers for t/a Cherry Hill Park, seconded by **Commissioner Norman.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION

TRANSFER

1. Quadri Olabode Johnson, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of The Blvck Tie, LLC, **t/a Blvck Cow**, 6133 Highbridge Road, Bowie, 20720 transfer from Blacktie Cow, LLC, t/a BLVCK COW, 6133 Highbridge Road, Bowie, 20720, Marlon Selmon, Owner. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**. **Ms. Carter** states Quadri will have 20%. The food alcohol ratio is about 70% food, 30% alcohol. There are approximately 10 employees. 4-5 employees are Alcohol Awareness certified. He will spend 30-60 hours a week on the premises. Ms. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of this license; the applicant was able to answer each question.
Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to transfer the use of this license, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW CLASS B, BLX, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

1. Norbet Azongho, Member-Manager, for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of House of Flavors, LLC, **t/a House of Flavors**, 13640 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Represented by **Sean Morris, Esquire**.
Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
Mr. Azongho is the owner/general manager. House of Flavors is an upscaled designed, fine dine restaurant. It is also sport directed and has a total of 123 seats.
Commissioner Camacho motions to amend the application to reflect that Friday and Saturday closing hour is at 2am, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**
After Board vote, the motion carries.
Commissioner Camacho motions to amend the application to reflect that the location is 13460 Baltimore Avenue, not 13640, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
Mr. Morris asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. Mr. Azongho was able to answer each question.
Commissioner Camacho motions to approve the application for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for t/a House of Flavors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

1. Catrina Jackson, Member, Elizabeth Greene, Member, for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of EC Collective, LLC, t/a **Lisp Restaurant and Lounge**, 6339 Allentown Road, Suite A, Temple Hills, 20748. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

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

Ms. Jackson was able to answer each question. She anticipates having 20 employees.

She has submitted Alcohol Awareness trainings to the Board. She understands the Board's Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them. She is currently waiting on DPIE to issue their Use and Occupancy. There will be 100 seats. The square footage is 4500 square feet, restaurant/dining area is 2500 square feet. She will be spending about 40 hours a week on the premises.

Ms. Greene was asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. She was able to answer each question.

There are 153 signatures in petition/favor of this application.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Lisp Restaurant and Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. John Campanile, President/Board of Director, Michael Hartman, Audit Committee, for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of New Deal Café, Inc., t/a **New Deal Café**, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, 20770. Represented by **Bradley Farrar, Esquire**.

Mr. Campanile is the President of the Board of Directors and is a Liquor Officer. Mr. Hartman is a Liquor officer as well.

Mr. Farrar states this establishment currently holds a license in the historic Greenbelt area, but they are adding a change in classification of the license to enhance the business.

Delegate Nicole Williams testified in support of t/a New Deal Café.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a New Deal Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Brandy Thomas, Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of TPS Team, LLC, t/a **The Pit Stop**, 5080 Brown Station Road, Suite 200, Upper Marlboro, 20774.

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

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Ms. Thomas states she and her family have owned a barbecue business since 2009 in Sterling Virginia. They opened The Pit Stop in November 2024. She is hoping to expand

the business with an alcoholic beverage license. She will be spending 40 hours a week on the premises and currently has 8 employees.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. Ms. Thomas was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license for t/a The Pit Stop, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Hua Wang, President, Stephen King Lo, Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Li Chun Food Corporation, **t/a Li Chun Café**, 7101 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 1C, College Park, 20740.

Licensees have no attorney, acknowledges their right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Councilman Hew of College Park testified in favor of this application.

Ms. Wang opened her first business in 2015. She recently opened Li Chun Café to introduce new flavors, warm hospitality and delicious food. Many customers requested alcohol with their food, the license would fulfil the desires of the customers.

Mr. Lo expresses his desire to acquire an alcoholic beverage license.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. Both Ms. Wang and Mr. Lo were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Li Chun Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:29 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Administrative Aide BOLC