

October 8, 2025
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammie Norman, 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
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

Start Time: 7:12 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

1. **t/a Hyattsville Spirits and Grill-** Status hearing to comply with the Circuit Court Order remanding the case back to the BOLC. Continuation from March 12, 2025.

Mr. Kim anticipated having the City of Hyattsville vote on how they would want to proceed. He had not received any communication back from Mr. Greene or the City of Hyattsville on how to move further.

Mr. Greene states the city Attorney met with the council and they are set to proceed to a hearing for an oral argument.

Commissioner Camacho moves to schedule the meeting for the arrangement of both parties for November 12, 2025, for an oral argument, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Pollo Sabroso**, Samuel Umanzor, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor, SU Corporation, 4400 Rhode Island Avenue, Brentwood, 20722.

Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. – Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter states Mr. Umanzor previously applied for a special entertainment permit for this location but had issues with the use and occupancy permit. That has been resolved.

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he met with Mr. Umanzor to conduct a site inspection. He covered the rules and regulations of having a special entertainment permit, and he understood the rules and regulations. His security plan is adequate as proposed. His proposed plan is to have DJ and karaoke with occasional bands.

Mr. Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit for t/a Pollo Sabroso, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Lisp Restaurant and Lounge**, Catrina Jackson, Member, Elizabeth Greene, Member, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, EC Collective, 6339 Allentown Road, Suite A, Temple Hills, 20748. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he met with Ms. Jackson and Ms. Greene to conduct a site inspection. He covered the rules and regulations of having a special entertainment permit, and they understood the rules and regulations. Their security plan is adequate as proposed. Their plan is to offer comedy, poetry, DJs, and live bands in their establishment.

Ms. Jackson states their plans are to continue with the entertainment they have been having for the past several months before 9 pm. They have had jazz, comedy, karaoke and live bands. The community enjoys the environment and having that opportunity to share just a little longer is beneficial to both the company and guest.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit for **t/a Lisp Restaurant and Lounge**, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Branch Avenue Liquors**, Robert Tyler, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Volms Enterprise Corporation, 3302 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Mr. Kim states Mr. Tyler is fully aware of the Rules and Regulations regarding R.R.#76-Delivery Permits.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Delivery Permit for **t/a Branch Avenue Liquors**, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a Keller's Market**, Shilpaben B. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Class D(off), Beer and Wine, Kellers Market, Inc., 15624 Livingston Road, Accokeek, 20607. Request for a Delivery Permit. – Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Mr. Kim states Ms. Patel is fully aware of the Rules and Regulations regarding R.R.#76-Delivery Permits.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Delivery Permit for **t/a Keller's Market**, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Mulugeta Tesfakiros, Sole Managing Member, Aster Haileselassie Member, Sentayehue A. Desta, Member, **t/a National Golf Club at Tantallon**, 300 St. Andrews Drive, Fort Washington, 20744, for an alleged violation of 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. - Represented by **Charles E. Walton, Esquire**.

Mr. Walton states Ms. Hailu (Beverage Director and Operations Manager) and Mr. Jemandae (General manager) were present at the time of the incident. The licensees are out of the country and were not present the day of the incident. He is requesting that the Board allow that these two individuals testify on behalf of the licensees. There was no notice to the Board about the absence of the licensees during this hearing.

Inspector Kinney of the BOLC testified about the incident that happened on July 5, 2025.

Mr. Walton states that every single person who was admitted to the pool party was checked for weapons and ID's and a mistake was made with the underage operative. The issue has been addressed to ensure it does not happen again. Retraining of Alcohol Awareness took place, and the individual involved in the sale was terminated.

Commissioner Norman asked the managers if they were alcohol awareness trained.

Ms. Hailu stated that she oversees the manager who ensures that training is completed. She, herself is not trained as she does not handle alcohol sales.

Commissioner Smith questions how long the two managers have been working at the location. They have been there for over two years.

Ms. Hailu testifies that an outside company was hired to host the pool party. Armagedon USA was hired by National Golf Club at Tantallon as security and bartenders.

Commissioner Norman expresses her concern that the licensees were not present at the time of the hearing and motions that the Board postpone the case to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Camacho**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC