

**December 3, 2025
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

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

Start Time: 7:10 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

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1. **t/a New Deal Cafe**, Michael Hartman, Audit Committee, John Campanile, Board President. Located at 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, 20770. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Bradley Farrar, Esquire.
Ms. Bell reads Corporal Hunts report which stated that the security plan was adequate as proposed.
Mr. Farrar states he does not have any objection to the report.
Commissioner Camacho questions why this applicant is reapplying.
Mr. Farrar states the business had a tax hold causing them to not be able to renew. The entertainment proposed are small scale acoustic acts, spoken word performances and local music engagements that enhance the café's mission. Interior sound dampening features have been implemented to reduce outside noise. The business maintains a strong record of compliance and has a great number of security personnel.
Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the special entertainment permit to t/a New Deal Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board votes, the motion carries.
2. **t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington D.C. Area**, Margery Breneman, Vice President/Assistant Secretary, Annette London, Assistant Secretary, Terrell L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary. Located at 156 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.
Ms. Bell reads Corporal Hunts report which stated that the security plan was adequate as proposed.
Ms. Schrecengost states this establishment has had a Special Entertainment Permit before but were unable to renew due to a tax hold. The hotel understands the Rules and Regulations of the Board, in specifically R.R. No. 75 regarding Special Entertainment.
Commissioner Camacho motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington D.C. Area., seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board votes, the motion carries.
3. **t/a Dave and Buster's**, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Jr., President/Treasurer, Scott Rosuck, Vice President/Secretary. Located at 1851 Ritchie Station Court, Capitol Heights, 20743. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.
Corporal Hunt from the PGPD states the Security plan is adequate as proposed. There's been no change to their mode of operation.
Ms. Schrecengost states this establishment has had a Special Entertainment Permit before but were unable to renew due to a tax hold. Dave and Busters understands the Rules and Regulations of the Board, in specifically R.R. No. 75 regarding Special Entertainment.
Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Dave and Buster's, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board votes, the motion carries.

4. **t/a The Hampton Conference Center**, Jude Nyambi, President, Marceline Nyambi, Vice President. Located at 207 West Hampton Place, Capitol Heights, 20743. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, is aware of his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Corporal Hunt from the PGPD states the Security plan is adequate as proposed.

Mr. Nyambi states Capitol Heights Police are used as security in his business. The building has been open for 18 years. They were unable to renew the Special Entertainment Permit due to a tax hold at the time.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a The Hampton Conference Center, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a 5 Sisters Restaurant**, George Mbeng, Authorized Person, Florence Ndi, Authorized Person/Managing Member. Located at 12617 Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel, 20708. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Licensees do not have an attorney, are aware of their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Corporal Hunt from the PGPD states the Security plan is adequate as proposed. They worked out an issue regarding enough security personnel, the amount of personnel is satisfied now.

Commissioner Camacho moves to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a 5 Sisters Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board votes, the motion carries.

6. **t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland**, Moises J. Ramirez, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Located at 5652 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Licensee does not have an attorney, is aware of his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Corporal Hunt from the PGPD states the Security plan is adequate as proposed. They currently use Bladensburg Police Department as their security personnel.

Mr. Ramirez says the entertainment within the establishment will be kept the same. There will be no changes.

Senator Malcolm Augenstein sent in a letter of support.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. **t/a Crowne Plaza College Park**, Susan S. Cook, Member/Authorized Person, James Cowen, Authorized Person. Located at 6400 Ivy Lane, Greenbelt, 20770. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.
Corporal Hunt from the PGPD states the Security plan is adequate as proposed.
Ms. Carter states that the hotel did have a Special Entertainment permit before. When it came time to renew, there were problems obtaining wording on the permits necessary to have Special Entertainment. One of these permits was the Use & Occupancy. These permits are now active and everything has been cleared.
Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit for t/a Crowne Plaza College Park, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
8. **t/a Burgers@ Apollo**, Tanetta Merritt, Member/Authorized Person. Located at 4531 Telfair Blvd Suite 108, Camp Springs, 20746. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.
Corporal Hunt from the PGPD met with the licensee and the security plan is adequate as proposed.
Ms. Carter states the establishment is very small. Small bands are brought in as entertainment. There have been no issues with the previous entertainment permit besides being unable to renew due to a tax hold.
Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Burgers@ Apollo, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
9. 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. Continued from October 8, 2025, Hearing.
Inspector Kinney of the BOLC gave a report about the incident that occurred on July 5, 2025.
Mr. Walton states all licensees are aware of the incident and the report given is true and correct. They have since then reinstated a couple of policies regarding I.D. check, training requirements on Alcohol Awareness, and supervisory obligations such as watching the bar and controlling who is consuming the alcoholic beverages. He explains to the Board that this incident took place in a temporary booth with temporary staff members at one of their special events, not at the main bar where I.D. check is rigorously enforced. The temporary staff member was relieved from any sale of alcoholic beverages. A comprehensive compliance plan has been submitted to the Board.

Commissioner Norman moved to find the licensee t/a National Golf Club at Tantallon in violation of R.R. No. 1 assessing a fine of \$1, 500 and Alcohol Awareness training, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

10. Patrick Nwaokwu, Managing Member, **t/a GQ Palace**, 8833 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, for an alleged violation of R.R. No. #83 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Alcohol Awareness: Pursuant to Section 4-505 and 26-1902.1 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the licensee(s) of, or a person employed at, a licensed premises must be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program. The license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity shall be present on the license premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold.

Licensee does not have an attorney, is aware of his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Gregory of the BOLC gave a report about the incident that occurred on October 4, 2025.

Mr. Nwaokwu states he believes there was miscommunication between the inspector and the manager that was on site. The inspectors asked for a manager and the one who responded was his kitchen manager not the bar manager. The kitchen manager, Mr. Bryan Taylor, knew nothing about the alcohol awareness certificate but Ms. Mariam, who took the class was on site. Mr. Taylor was asked to sign the inspector's ipad but was not made aware of a violation. All his staff, including kitchen staff took the training soon after. Mr. John Murray had said he would send the certificates to the Board.

Commissioner Norman questions whether a woman was behind the bar as previously stated by Mr. Nwaokwu.

Mr. Gregory responds that the person on site was a male.

Commissioner Sparkman questions who the bar manager on duty was.

Mr. Nwaokwu states the supervisor Ms. Mariam was on duty. He believes the wrong manager was addressed by the inspector.

Commissioner Sparkman questions what Mr. Taylor said his title was and whether or not he stated anyone on site was alcohol awareness trained.

Mr. Gregory said he said he was the manager and no other individuals who were on duty were certified at the time.

Mr. Nwaokwu expressed his concern about the violation and said he would even be willing to provide camera evidence that the certification and individual was there.

Commissioner Norman moved to find the licensee t/a GQ Palace in violation of R.R. No. 83, assessing a fine of \$250, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

11. Dean Manternach, President, LaVonne Snowden, Assistant Secretary, Mark Evans, Secretary, **t/a Courtyard Largo/Capital Beltway**, 1320 Caraway Court, Largo, 20774, for an alleged violation of R.R. No. #32 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Inspections: All license holders, their agents and employees, must cooperate with representatives of the Board of License Commissioners, members of the Police Department, Fire Authorities, Health Department, Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement, Grand Jury, and representatives of other authorized agencies whenever any of these persons are on the licensed premises on official business and shall comply with any reasonable order of such authorities or other public authority designed to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public at large.

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Inspector Patterson of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on October 16, 2025.

Ms. Johnson the general manager, testified that on that night, she got a phone call from the bartender and the front desk clerk that someone came to inspect the bar. She said she was completely unaware that inspectors of the BOLC can come at any time. She stated it was very nerve wrecking since the day prior, a scam had occurred at the property next door. They were warned about another scam that happened in Hanover as well. Ms. Johnson instructed the bartender and front desk clerk to say no to entering the storage room. They apologize for their lack of knowledge and wanted to ensure that the inspector was who he said he was.

Commissioner Norman questions whether or not the inspector had shown identification and if Ms. Johnson was alcohol awareness certified.

Ms. Johnson informs the Board that the inspector did show identification, but they were still in a frantic about letting him in the storage room. Ms. Johnson received her certification after the inspection.

Commissioner Norman asks whether the two people on site were certified.

Ms. Johnson states only the bartender was.

Mr. Manternach takes full responsibility for the incident. He will make sure that all future employees are aware that this can occur again.

Commissioner Smith questions whether there was a police report on the scams occurring.

Mr. Jolikko, the Regional Director states that there was a report, and all individuals involved were caught and prosecuted. The scam was over the phone, they said they were the owner, they needed all the money from the hotel taken out and transferred into bitcoin to an active account. Due to these ongoing scams, they were on high alert at the time of the inspection. He also apologizes for the incident and ensure the Board they will be cooperative in the future.

Commissioner Norman moved to find the licensee t/a Courtyard Largo/Capital Beltway in violation of R.R. No. 32, assessing a fine of \$1,500, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

12. Blanche Mokoso, Co-Owner/CEO, Patrick Kamgang, Co-Owner/President, **t/a Map Grill & Bar**, 4503 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, 20737, for an alleged violation of Section 26-2102 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Rule and Regulation 88-NON EFFECTUATION (Failure to put approved license or permits in use) of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

Licensees do not have an attorney, are aware of their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Ms. Mokoso informs the Board that her partner, Patrick Kamgang had some family issues where his dad was very ill. They were having financial struggles and for that reason, he dropped out of the business. She also was in the hospital and is recovering well. She anticipates effectuating the license in January 2026.

Mr. Kamgang confirms that Ms. Mokoso is correct. He will be removed off of the license and Ms. Mokoso will be 100% owner.

Board attorney DeLoach informs Ms. Mokoso that she will need to send in a letter to inform the Board of the stock transfer and minutes.

Commissioner Smith asked that minutes from the stock transfer meeting be sent to the Board.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant t/a Map Grill & Bar an additional 180 days to effectuate the license, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC