

**January 14, 2026
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 Lesly's Grill**, Samuel Umanzor, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Located at 6211 Baltimore Avenue. Riverdale, 20737– Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter informs the Board that this business has had a Special Entertainment Permit before. During the last renewal process, the business had tax issues causing them to be unable to renew. **Corporal Hunt of the PGPD** informs the Board the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Special Entertainment Permit for t/a Lesly's Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Skyvibe Restaurant and Lounge**, Adebayo Bello, Managing Member/Authorized Person. Located at 352-354 Main Street, Laurel, 20707. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter informs the Board that this business has had a Special Entertainment Permit before. During the last renewal process, the business had tax issues causing them to be unable to renew.

Chief Clark of the BOLC, informed the Board that if this permit is approved, a special exception to have entertainment from the City of Laurel is required.

Ms. Carter will provide the Board the documents needed.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Skyvibe Restaurant and Lounge contingent on the establishment receiving a special exception approval from the City of Laurel, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a House of Flavors**, Norbert Azongho, Member-Manager. Located at 13460 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707– Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Corporal Hunt of the PGPD informs the Board that all requirements have not been met.

Director Sheppard continued this case to the next available hearing.

4. **t/a Brazas Tex-Mex Bar & Grill**, Maria D. Aguilar, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Olga Mejia, Resident Agent. Located at 6315-6317-6319 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748. – Request for a Family Entertainment Permit.

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

Corporal Hunt of the PGPD informs the Board the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Ms. Aguilar plans to have light music and karaoke on Friday's and Saturdays in her restaurant.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Family Entertainment Permit to t/a Brazas Tex-Mex Bar & Grill, seconded by Commissioner Norman.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a House of Soul Restaurant and Bar**, Darnell Dinkins, Authorized Person, Tamara Ouckama Hawkins, Authorized Person. Located at 9430 Annapolis Road, Suite B, Lanham, 20706. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.
Ms. Carter informs the Board that this business has had a Special Entertainment Permit before. During the last renewal process, the business had tax issues causing them to be unable to renew. **Corporal Hunt of the PGPD** informs the Board the security plan is adequate as proposed. **Commissioner Camacho** motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a House of Soul Restaurant and Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
6. **t/a Kitchen Near You**, Violet S. Fadimatou, Member-Manager, Lawrence N. Asonglefac Member-Manager. Located at 5321 Ager Road, Hyattsville, 20782. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
Corporal Hunt of the PGPD informs the Board that all requirements have not been met. **Director Sheppard continued this case to the next available hearing.**
7. Daljit Singh, Member, **t/a Cork and Bottle Liquors**, located at 516 Main Street, Laurel, 20707, for an alleged violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article, Section 6-311 and Rule & Regulation #11: Alcoholic Beverage Article Section -408 and Rule & Regulation #26(A)(7); and Tax-General Article 5-302 and Rule & Regulation #26(A)(15)- The failure to provide required invoices, the failure to purchase from an authorized wholesaler, and the failure to comply with applicable tax guidelines.
Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.
Inspector Keith McGee of the ATCC gave a report about the incident.
Mr. Gulati, the store manager, took ownership of the mistake.
Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a Cork and Bottle Liquors in violation of R.R. No. 11, R.R. No. 26(A)(7) and R.R. No. 26(A)(15) assessing a fine of 4, 500, payable in three monthly installments of \$1,500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
8. Kunjan B. Patel, Managing Member, **t/a Bowie Liquors**, located at 6910 Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie, 20715, 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. #11-Other than a Wholesaler, R.R. #26(A)(7)-Failure to Keep Records, R.R. #26(A)(15)-Failure to comply with Tax General Article of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.
Inspector Keith McGee of the ATCC gave a report about the incident.
Ms. Carter clarifies that Ms. Patel does not have another location. She until recently was the sole member on the license.

Ms. Carter would like to enforce the ten-day rule to provide the Board file a memo on the legal issue

Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a Bowie Liquors in violation of R.R. No. 11, R.R. No. 26(A)(7) and R.R. No. 26(A)(15) assessing a fine of 4, 500 payable in three monthly installments of \$1,500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

9. Bloi-Dei Dorzon, CEO, **t/a Huncho House**, located at 6541 American Blvd, Hyattsville, 20781. During October and November 2025, inspectors visited the location several times and determined it was closed. The licensee was summoned to show cause to explain the reason for closure.

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

Mr. Dorzon had a HVAC unit where for a while, the heat in the building was an issue. He was closed as he remodeled. He was unaware that he had to contact the Board to inform them about the temporary closing.

Commissioner Camacho questions whether his other business Huncho House 1123 is open and asks when he will open Huncho House.

Mr. Dorzon explains that he does not know when he will reopen and understands if he has to forfeit the license.

Commissioner Norman questions how long have Huncho House has been closed?

Mr. Dorzon states the business has been closed since October.

Commissioner Norman motions to allow a 5^{day} grace period to decide if he will forfeit the license, after 5 days, if no response, the license will be suspended until the renewal period, at which time it will not be renewed, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

10. Mark Srour, President, **t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft**, located at 7325 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, for an alleged violation of R.R. No. #83 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Alcohol Awareness: 1. Pursuant to Section 4-505 and 26-1902.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages articles of the annotated Code of Maryland, the licensee(s) of, or a person employs at, a licensed premises must be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program. 2. The license holder or an individual designated by 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. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Inspector Johnson of the BOLC gave a report about the incident.

Ms. Carter informs the Board that there was a bartender on the premises that was certified. The bartenders time sheet was included. They did not communicate to Inspector Johnson that she was on the premises.

Ms. Carter states an Exhibit book with manuals and descriptions have been sent to the Board. The incident occurred towards the end of October. By November 20th, most of their staff was certified. Brian, the general manager is in the process of becoming a certified tips trainer.

Commissioner Camacho moved to find t/a Cornerstone Grill & Loft in violation of R.R. No. 83 assessing a fine of \$250, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Director Sheppard confirmed that this is their second violation

Commissioner Camacho motions to amend the fine to \$500, as it is their second violation within the past two years, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

11. Lal Bahadur Thapa, Member, Milan Thapa, Member, **t/a Kaywood Liquors**, located at 2205 Varnum Street, Mt. Rainier, 20712, for an alleged violation or R.R. No. 83 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Alcohol Awareness: 1. Pursuant to Section 4-505 and 26-1902.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages articles of the annotated Code of Maryland., the licensee(s) of, or a person employes at, a licenses premises must be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program. 2. The license holder or an individual designated by 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. For another alleged violation of R.R. No. 10(3)-Public Nuisance: Loitering, Premises Deterioration, Carryout Cup and Trash and Debris Restrictions: 3. The Holder of any class of license with an "off sale" privilege of any kind is prohibited from selling, offering for sale, giving away, or otherwise making available to patrons any single cups made of paper, plastic, Styrofoam, or any container (with or without ice).

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

Ms. Thapa was unaware that they could not sell. They just purchased the business, and the cups were already there. The cups were thrown out right away. Mr. Singh now has his own certificate. Both licensees take full accountability.

Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a Kaywood Liquors in violation of R.R. No. 10(3), assessing a fine of \$1, 750, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

12. Rosa Isabel Cruz Granados, President, Martin Granados, Vice President, **t/a The Store**, located at 3811 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20706, for an alleged violation of R.R. No. #10 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: R.R. NO. 10-Public Nuisances; Loitering, Premises Deterioration, Carryout Cup and Trash and Debris Restrictions: 3. The Holder of any class of license with an "off sale" privilege of any kind is prohibited from selling, offering for sale, giving away, or otherwise making available to patrons any single cups made of paper, plastic, Styrofoam, or any container (with or without ice). 4. A licensee may not permit trash and debris to accumulate in or around the license's premises, its parking lot, or areas immediately adjacent to the licensed premises.

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

Inspector Johnson gave a report on the **incident**

Ms. Granados was unaware cups of ice were against the R.R. The Rules and Regulations book has been printed and emailed to every employee.

Commissioner Camacho moves to find t/a The Store in violation of R.R. No.10, assessing a fine of \$1, 500 payable over three monthly installments of \$500, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

13. Ruben D. Adrade, Member-Manager/Sole Member, t/a **Galaxy 21**, located at 2031 University Blvd, Suite B, Hyattsville, 20783, licensee summoned to show cause to provide clarification of the request to limit operating hours to Friday's and Saturday's 9:00 p.m. – 3:00 a.m. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Ms. Carter informs the Board that this particular area was hit hard by government shut down. There is a fear in the Hispanic community of being picked up and deported causing a significant downturn in business. The undocumented population does not want to congregate in public in areas where they could be easily picked up. Business accounts have been down 50-75%. They're trying to balance the needs of this Board against bankruptcy. The manager did not have approval to send the Board the request to close early. They are now requesting to add 4 pool tables to eat and play. The new proposed hours are Thursday and Sunday 4p.m.-2a.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 4p.m.-3am. There is a limited menu for last hour for hot food. A new layout will be provided with the added pool tables.

Commissioner Norman questions why they operate as a nightclub on website and no menu seems to be advertised.

Mr. Adrade assures the Board that Salvadoran food such as tacos, carne asada, pupusas, taquitos, enchiladas, chicken wings, tenders are served. He will add the menu to the online website.

Commissioner Camacho motions to approve the amended times Thursday and Sunday 4p.m.-2a.m. and Fridays and Saturdays 4p.m.-3am. and the addition of 4 pool tables, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

14. Helen Kembumbara, President/Secretary/Treasurer, t/a **Prime Restaurant**, located at 5126 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781, for an alleged violation of R.R. No. 37-Change in Mode of Operation of the Rules and Regulations of the Board of License Commissioners, for Prince George's County.

Licensee was not charged with a violation, was just show caused to explain her intentions.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledges her right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Ms. Kembumbara states she reduced her hours of operation. She had a lot of alcoholic beverage products in store and told her store manager that she would not make a new order for drinks until the inventory she had was finished that way she would know exactly what the clientele needs.

Mr. Francois, the store manager was not correct in telling the inspector that they would not be selling alcohol. She still would like to keep the license to sell.

Commissioner Sparkman questions when she plans on selling drinks.

Ms. Kembumbara states the drinks are already in the restaurant and ready to be purchased.

The Board found the explanation to be satisfactory.

15. Edgar Flores, President, **t/a Mana Bar & Grill**, located at 4923 Indian Head Highway, Oxon Hill, 20745, 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. The licensee was not present at the time of the hearing.

No one from the business ever reached out to send in a letter for an extension.

A summons was emailed and mailed to the home address on record, with no response.

Mr. DeLoach states multiple attempts were made to contact the licensee; the Board is free to decide what action they would like to take.

Commissioner Camacho motions to rescind the license for Mana Bar & Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

16. James A. Panetta, Managing Member, **t/a Big Daddy's Barbeque & Discount Liquors**, located at 9430 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706, for an alleged violation of R.R. No. #83 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Alcohol Awareness: 1. Pursuant to Section 4-505 and 26-1902.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages articles of the annotated Code of Maryland, the licensee(s) of, or a person employes at, a licenses premises must be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program. 2. The license holder or an individual designated by 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, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Johnson of the BOLC gave a report about the incident.

Mr. Melhi, the store manager states Mr. Kacey had his TIPS certificate renewed. His class was scheduled at the time of the incident. The shift manager should have been on the premises. Rules and Regulations were since printed and placed in a location within the premises.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to find t/a Big Daddy's Barbeque & Discount Liquors in violation of R.R. No.83 assessing a fine of \$250, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC