

**April 1, 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: 7:03 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 as long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

- 1. t/a Loredó's Mexican Restaurant**, Gregorio Martinez, President, Efrain Moreno, Vice President, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, AKC Restaurant, Inc., 9227 Oxon Hill Road, Fort Washington, 20744. On December 16, 2025, the Board of License Commissioners received documentation relating to the above-referenced licensed establishment, including notice of the death of licensee (Mr. Gregorio Martinez) and related filings. In order for the Board to fully understand the records submitted and the associated timeline, the appearance of the licensee is required to provide clarification and answer any questions the Board may have. Represented by **Terry Morris, Esquire**. **Mr. Morris** states there was a discrepancy with the certificate of death. Gregorio Martinez died on April 28, 2025, in Honduras while on vacation. Mr. Moreno received a death certificate from the Honduran Government that did not reflect the accurate date of death. It had stated he died on March 28, 2025. Mr. Moreno did not realize the date was incorrect on the death certificate until the Liquor Board brought it to his attention. The new death certificate was updated and sent to the Board. **Commissioner Camacho** motions to accept the updated and corrected death certificate for Mr. Martinez, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**
- 2. Shawn Demetrius**, Member-Manager, **t/a Shantoo**, located at 1290 Crain Highway, Bowie, MD, 20716. 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. No. 11 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. **Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.** **Inspector Glenn of the BOLC** gave a report on the events that occurred on February 5, 2026. **Mr. Demetrius** states he concurs with the report given by Inspector Glenn. At the time, he was working in New Jersey. His brother was running the business for him while he was away. He is aware of the requirement of buying from wholesale distributors. The boxes were at the top of all of his liquor in his office, if he had known that this was happening, he would have removed them from the premises. Mr. Demetrius has since enrolled his brother in Alcohol Awareness training and has been holding weekly meetings on Mondays with him to ensure compliance with the Board's Rules and Regulations. **Commissioner Camacho** motions to find t/a Shantoo in violation of Rule and Regulation #11, assessing a fine of \$1,500 payable over a three-month period in installments of \$500 each, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

3. Norbert Azongho, Manager-Member, **t/a House of Flavors**, located at 13460 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, MD, 20707. For an alleged violation of R.R. No. 75 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County-Entertainment Permits: A. No license holder, his or her agents or employees shall have entertainment without an Entertainment Permit on the licensed premises.

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

Inspector North of the BOLC gave a report on the events that occurred on February 14, 2026.

Mr. Azongho states after speaking to his staff, he wanted to clarify that they typically operate all of the entertainment on the same deck. Someone may have been up there manipulating the tv system. The business tries to operate under the guidelines of the County. They are currently waiting on DPIE to issue out the proper Use and Occupancy permit to be able to apply for an Entertainment Permit.

Commissioner Norman asks Mr. Azongho if music was being played louder than before or being manipulated.

Mr. Azongho states the volume getting louder is normal, they project 10 games at the same time and play music. Around 7-8 p.m., more sound is absorbed because there is a larger crowd. He was unsure of who was up there at the time. Games and playlists are constantly being manipulated.

Commissioner Smith asks if there was someone acting as a DJ.

Inspector North states a DJ was manipulating the music.

Mr. Azongho states there are many platforms at House of Flavors and he cannot be for sure that there was a DJ spinning and manipulating the music.

Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a House of Flavors in violation of Rule and Regulation #75- Entertainment without a permit, assessing a fine of \$1,500 payable over a three-month period in installments of \$500 each, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Hyattsville Spirits and Grill** – Oral argument and status hearing pursuant to the Circuit Court's order remanding the matter to the BOLC, continued from October 8, 2025.

After consultation with the attorney, this case will be rescheduled to the next available hearing.

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC