

**May 13, 2026
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Litte, 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 Hangar Club**, Sarojben M. Patel, Member/Manager, Class BL+, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Poonam, LLC., 6410 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, 20748. Request for a Delivery Permit. - Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Mr. Kim went over R.R. No. 76 with Ms. Patel. She understands the Rules and Regulations and knows that she cannot make deliveries to college dormitories, she must check valid I. D.'s at the time of making the deliveries and alcoholic beverage deliveries can only be made by her store employees.
Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Delivery Permit to t/a Hangar Club, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
2. **t/a T.G.I Friday's (District Heights)**, Daniel J. Halpern, Managing Member, Valerie R. Jackson, Member, Brooke J. Edmond, Member, Atlanta Restaurant Partners, LLC, 5740 Silver Hill Road, District Heights, 20747. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
3. **t/a T.G.I Friday's (Greenbelt)**, Daniel J. Halpern, Authorized Person, Valerie R. Jackson, Member, Brooke J. Edmond, Member, Atlanta Restaurant Partners, LLC, 6460 Capitol Drive, Greenbelt, 20770. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
4. **t/a T.G.I Friday's (Capitol Centre)**, Daniel J. Halpern, Managing Member, Valerie R. Jackson, Member, Brooke J. Edmond, Member, Atlanta Restaurant Partners, LLC, 1101 Shoppers Way, Upper Marlboro, 20774. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Ms. Carter requested a continuance to the next available hearing on all three matters.

Commissioner Sparkman motions to grant the continuance to the next available hearing for T.G.I Friday's (District Heights), T.G.I Friday's (Greenbelt) and T.G.I Friday's (Capitol Centre), seconded by **Commissioner Camacho**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. De Yue Chen, President, **t/a House of Lee Restaurant**, located at 6401 Maxwell Drive, Camp Springs, MD, 20746. For an alleged violation of R.R.1, Sale to a Minor. On or about January 22, 2026, at 12:35 pm, an underage operative was served 1 25 oz can of Rita's Mang-o Ritas. The seller asked for ID but did not verify that the operative was not 21 years of age.
Licensee needed an interpreter.
Commissioner Camacho motioned to continue the case to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Samuel Umanzor, President, **t/a Leslys Grill**, located at 6211 Baltimore Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20712. 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 and R.R. No. 9-Consumption or sale during prohibited hours: B. No alcoholic beverages shall be served, dispensed, consumed, furnished, given away, or possessed by the licensee, his/her agent, or by an employee of the establishment, or any patron during hours not authorized by law. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**. **Inspector Kinney of the BOLC** gave a report of the incident that occurred on January 11, 2026.

Ms. Carter informs the Board that t/a Lesly's Grill has operated very successfully without any problems within the last couple of years. They submitted a new application for an Entertainment Permit after they were unable to renew theirs the previous renewal cycle due to a tax hold. Mr. Umanzor was not present on the night of the incident. A staff member was hosting her birthday party at the time, and the manager thought it was okay to sell alcohol between the hours of 2:00-3:00 a.m. He has assured his employees that this cannot be done. He takes full accountability of this violation.

Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a Lesly's Grill in violation of R.R. No. 75-Entertainment Permit and R.R. No. 9-Consumption during prohibited hours, assessing a fine of \$4,500, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. William A. Larney, Jr., President, **t/a Looney's Pub at College Park**, located at 8150 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. For an alleged violation of R.R. No.1 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Sale to Minor: 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. **Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.**

Inspector Kinney of the BOLC gave a report about the incident that occurred on February 7, 2026.

Mr. Larney states that all hosts are supposed to scan the I.D.'s. Due to her failure to scan at the point of sale, she was terminated immediately. All employees are required to sign a code of conduct stating they will not be overserving customers and will be scanning all I.D.'s. Since the time of the incident, over 40 other employees have been Alcohol Awareness certified.

Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a Looney's Pub at College Park in violation of R.R. No.1-Sale to a minor, assessing a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

8. Mark Srou, President/Secretary/Treasurer, **t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft**, located at 7325 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. For an alleged violation of R.R. No.1 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County: Sale to Minor: 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 **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Inspector North of the BOLC gave a report about the incident that occurred on February 7, 2026.

Ms. Carter asks that the Board move the Exhibit book provided into evidence. She states that 24 employees from t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft have been Alcohol Awareness certified by Carter Law. Brian, the manager, has become a certified trainer since the time of the incident.

To remedy the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors, all servers now have a handheld device that requires an I.D. scan as soon as an order for an alcoholic beverage has been requested.

Mr. Srou holds regular shift meetings about the importance of carding. He takes full accountability of the violation.

Commissioner Camacho motions to find t/a Cornerstone Grill and Loft in violation of R.R. No. 1-Sale to a minor, assessing a fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC