

**May 26, 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: 10:03 a.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.

PRELIMINARY MATTER

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Branch Avenue Liquors**, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 3302 Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748, Bhartiben S. Patel to serve as President/Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim informs the Board Ms. Patel is currently a 75% stockholder and has been a stockholder since 2006. She is purchasing the remaining 25% and will become the President/Secretary and Treasurer of t/a Branch Avenue Liquors.

Mr. Kim requested to amend question 10 on the affidavit to answer “as needed” instead of “full time” pertaining to the amount of time Ms. Patel will be spending on the premises.

Commissioner Camacho motioned to amend the question on the affidavit to as needed for Ms. Patel, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically asked to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers’ application, including the ages to sell and consume alcohol as well as the 6 acceptable forms of I. D’s, the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Substitution of Corporate Officers to t/a Branch Avenue Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION

1. **t/a Mile High Restaurant**, located at 6420 Aaron Lane, Clinton, 20735. Request for reconsideration pursuant to the Board decision on April 28, 2026, for the license to be rescinded.

Mr. Kim submitted a memorandum in regard to the Board's request. He listed a couple of licensees that have appeared before the Board in which they have allowed them to find a relocation space. He states the licensee has complied with the Board and has been a great licensee in the community. Mr. Kim states the licensee was part owner of the property and ultimately vacated the premises due to some internal disputes and litigation issues. He gives examples of many establishments that have been looking for a new space and were closed for years until a relocation space was found. They were all private terminations or developments.

Board Attorney DeLoach asks about the law he cited, 4-705, that gives the Board the authority to extend for an additional 20 days once the property is vacated or evicted.

Mr. Kim states that the Board has been consistent with giving other establishments more than 30 days and he would like the Board to exercise the same discretion as they have done before.

Board Attorney DeLoach doesn't think that the law allows for an extension of more than 20 days but leaves it up to the Board's discretion.

Mr. Kim requested an additional 180 days to find a relocation space.

Commissioner Camacho motioned to reinstate the Class B+ license for t/a Mile High Restaurant, allowing a 180-day period to have a transfer application filed with a new location, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER

1. **t/a San Antonio Liquors**, Ismel Guzman, Member, De'Andre Vincent Smits, Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of San Antonio Liquors, LLC, located at 5000 Edmonston Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781. Transfer from Ismel Guzman, Member, Alejo Martinez-Ponce, Member, for the use of San Antonio Liquors, LLC, located at 5000 Edmonston Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781.

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

Mr. Smits informs the Board that his father, Alejo Martinez-Ponce has recently passed away. His mother runs the business but if something were to happen to her or if she were to decide to retire, he would be next in line to take over the business.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asks what percentages he and the other current licensee will have.

Mr. Smits states he would have 75%.

Commissioner Norman asks about the stock certificates issued; in the affidavit it states he has 100 stock certificates.

Mr. Smits clarifies he only has 75% and 100 stock certificates issued.

Director Sheppard requests to continue this case until BOLC staff can speak to the licensees and get the percentages and stock certificate numbers resolved.

Commissioner Camacho motions to continue t/a San Antonio Liquors to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Latinos Bar & Grill**, Flor Melgar, President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Izote La Corporation, located at 9432 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, 20706. Transfer from Edwien Arbaiza, President, for the use of Izote La Corporation, t/a Latinos Bar & Grill, located at 9432 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, 20706. Represented by **Eddie Pounds, Esquire**.

Mr. Pounds states this is a family-oriented gathering place, the cuisine will not change, they will still be Tex-Mex cuisine. The previous licensee entered into an MOU in January 2025, with the Seabrook Acres Community and it is still in effect. Ms. Melgar has been a manager for 6 years, and she will continue to be a manager at t/a Latino's Bar and Grill. She is trained in alcohol awareness and will be providing her certificate to the Board.

Mr. Pounds asked the standard questions typically asked to qualify the transfer of this license, including the ages to sell and consume alcohol as well as the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motions to approve the transfer for t/a Latino's Bar and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Double T Diner**, Walter Andino, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Cuscatlecos, LLC, located at 14550 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Transfer from Walter Andino, Member, Ioannis Korologos, Member, for the use of Cuscatlecos, LLC, t/a Double T Diner, located at 14550 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Carter informs the Board that Mr. Andino is currently a licensee. Due to organizational restructuring, he will now be the full 100% owner of the license. There will be no changes to the mode of operation of the business. He is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations and continues to agree to abide by them.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically asked to qualify the transfer of this license, including the ages to sell and consume alcohol as well as the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motions to approve the transfer for t/a Double T Diner, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B(BLX), BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

1. **t/a Mi Lindo Cancun**, Harry Joe Salmoran, Member/Authorized Person, Fredy Jason Salmoran, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Mi Lindo Cancun-Bowie, LLC, located at 16224 Marketplace Blvd, Unit 100, Bowie, 20774. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Carter informs the Board that this would be the second location for Mi Lindo Cancun. They currently have one in Annapolis that has been open for 11 years and has not had any incidents. The establishment will be located in the Southlake Development that is close to being done. It is 5,000 square feet. The owners have invested \$1.5 million dollars in the establishment. They have also committed to a ten-year lease with two 5-year renewal options. It has a total of 200 seats and has indoor and outdoor dining. They anticipate the sales to equal 80% food and 20% alcohol. They have 50 employees currently but are expecting to have 100.

Mr. Carter requested to amend the hours of operation since they plan to offer breakfast. The new hours will be 9 am- 10 pm Sunday -Thursday and 9 am- midnight Friday and Saturday.

Commissioner Camacho motions to amend the opening and closing times as requested by Mr. Carter, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically asked to qualify this type of license, including the ages to sell and consume alcohol as well at the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's. The applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motions to grant the Class B, BLX license to t/a Mi Lindo Cancun, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Nan Xiang Soup Dumplings**, Jingjing Yang, Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of 180 Oxon Hill, LLC, located at 180 American Way, Oxon Hill, 20745. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Carter states this business will be going into the old Potomac Gourmet space at the National Harbor. It is 6,000 Square feet. It is worth \$2.2 million dollars. They will have more than 100 seats. They intend to use robots as servers to allow a more expedient service as they specialize in soup dumplings. Ms. Yang is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically asked to qualify this type of license, including the ages to sell and consume alcohol as well at the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho motioned to grant the Class B, BLX license to t/a Nan Xiang Soup Dumplings, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. **t/a Bon Chon Hyattsville**, Rong Zheng, Managing Officer, Jingqiu, Officer, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Affluent MD, Inc., located at 6507 American Blvd, Hyattsville, 20782.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Due to no representation for this business, the matter was continued to the next available hearing.

Adjourned: 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC