

**June 3, 2026
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Ono Achale, Commissioner
Kirk McLean, Commissioner
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, 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: 7:14 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 Al's Supermarket & Carryout**, Jignesh M. Patel, Member-Manager, VIRAJ LLC, 6224 Oxon Hill Road, Oxon Hill, 20745. Request for a Delivery Permit. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**
Mr. Kim states he has gone over R.R. No. 76, regarding delivery permits and understands the Rules and Regulations of the Board.
Commissioner Norman motions to approve the delivery permit for t/a Al's Supermarket & Carryout, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
2. **t/a The Lakelander**, Philice Cowan, Managing Member, Lawrence Brown, Managing Member, The Lakelander Group, LLC, 4656 Hotel Drive, College Park, 20740. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.
Ms. Carter informs the Board that The City of College Park has requested to meet with her and the licensee, therefore, is requesting that this matter be continued.
Commissioner Norman motions to grant the continuance, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
3. **t/a Café Tacuba**, Jorge Menendez Colocho, Member-Manager, Trinity Grill and Bar, LLC, 3010 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20782. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.
Corporal Hunt of the PGPD informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.
Mr. Colocho informs the Board that the business has had an Entertainment Permit before. He believes having a DJ will improve their economic status.
Mr. Ulysse, the Director of Community Business and Economic Development, testified in opposition to this application.
A continuance has been requested until a conversation is had with the licensee and the City of Hyattsville.
Commissioner Norman motions to continue this case, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
4. **t/a Calabar Kitchen and Lounge**, Mozuenorinmi P. Okolie, Member-Manager, Calabar Kitchen and Lounge, LLC, 3524 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.
Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledges his right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.
Corporal Hunt of the PGPD informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Mr. Okolie informs the Board that he started his business in 2023. He plans on having a DJ to improve the business's economic status. He is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations regarding having a Special Entertainment Permit. He will spend at least 40 hours a week on the premises.

Commissioner Smith asks what time he plans to be open until.

Mr. Okolie states his plans are to open until 3:00 am but liquor sales will stop at 1:30 a.m. on the weekends. He will be closing at 2 am during the week.

Commissioner Norman asks which shopping center they are located in.

Okolie states his business is located in Collington Plaza. They also had a conversation with the City of Bowie and they had no objections to the Entertainment Permit.

Commissioner McLean asks about a previous violation in 2024 and questions what Mr. Okolie will do to ensure R.R. No. 37 and R.R. No. 83 do not occur again.

Mr. Okolie states running a business is a learning process, they will have reliable security and have had no infractions since.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Calabar Kitchen and Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a Map Grill Restaurant Bar and Lounge**, Blanche Mokoso, Co-Owner/CEO, Map Grill House, Inc, 4503 Queensbury Road, Riverdale, 20737. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

Corporal Hunt of the PGPD informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed. They will be utilizing Riverdale Police as security.

Ms. Mokoso plans on having live music, cultural events and creating an open space to connect within the community. She has met with the Town of Riverdale and is aware that her U&O does not allow dancing. She is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations of having a Special Entertainment Permit and will spend more than 40 hours a week on the premises.

Commissioner Smith asks what time she plans to be open until.

Ms. Mokoso plans to stop entertainment at 2 and close at 3 on weekends.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Map Grill Restaurant Bar and Lounge, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. **t/a University Liquors**, Harry F. Sterner, President/Secretary, University Liquors, Inc, 7959 New Hampshire Avenue, Hyattsville, 20783. Request for a Sunday Sales Permit. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter states that University Liquors has had a Sunday Sales Permit since 2015. They now have moved to a new location and are re-applying for a new permit. Their investment will exceed \$50,000. The buildout will exceed \$400,000.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Sunday Sales Permit to t/a University Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. **t/a Allentown Liquors**, located at 6321 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, 20748. For an alleged violation of R.R. No. 37: Alterations and Additions of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George’s County. No license holder shall make any alteration or additions to a licensed premises or change the manner in which alcoholic beverages are dispensed without first obtaining permission from the Board.
The licensees have requested a continuance for this matter.
Commissioner Norman motions to grant the continuance for t/a Allentown Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
8. **t/a Fish Market Restaurant**, located at 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735. For an alleged violation of Maryland Annotated Code 6-304: Selling alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one and R.R. No. 1: Sale to a minor of the Rules and Regulations. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Inspector Patterson of the BOLC gave a report.
Mr. Kim stated that the employee at the door is supposed to check I. D’s when a customer walks in. There is no dispute regarding the facts. Ms. Robinson has been recertified and the employee working as security will be taking a class soon. An I.D. scanner was ordered March 15 to be installed in the bar area to check I. D’s for 100% of the sales. It was installed on March 17 or 18. They have a scanner on the liquor store side and now have one on the restaurant side.
Commissioner Norman motions to find t/a Fish Market Restaurant in violation of R.R. No. 1, assessing a fine of \$4,500, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
9. **t/a Town Center Wine & Spirits**, located at 6401 America Blvd, Hyattsville, 20782. On November 17, 2025, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Agent Washington of the Maryland Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission conducted a routine inspection in which Agent Washington identified boxes of alcohol originating from India that were traced to a wholesaler in New Jersey. Additionally, several boxes of assorted beer, wine and liquor of various brands were found in which no invoices were available to verify proof of purchase. The licensee is being charged with R.R. No. 11: Purchase by Authorized Wholesaler and R.R. No. 26(A)(F): Failure to Keep Records. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.
Mr. Kim requested a continuance to speak with Agent Washington to send her copies of invoices and other matters that may be able to reduce the violations charged.
Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the continuance for t/a Town Center Wine & Spirits, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
10. **t/a Brazas Tex Mex Bar & Grill**, located at 6315-6317-6319 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748. For an alleged violation of 6-311: Restrictions on purchase and sales by retail dealer- A retail dealer may not purchase any alcoholic beverage except from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler, private bulk sale permit holder, or nonresident winery permit holder of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated

Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 11: Purchases by Authorized Retailer of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

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

Inspector Clinkscale of the BOLC gave a report.

Ms. Aguilar was not present on the day of the incident. She owns both licenses. She was not aware that her manager went to get liquor from one establishment to take it to the other.

Commissioner Norman asks who in the business is AA certified?

Ms. Aguilar states she has scheduled 5 people to take alcohol awareness soon, but she has an alcohol awareness certificate.

Commissioner Norman motioned to find t/a Brazas Tex-Mex Bar & Grill in violation of R.R. No. 11, assessing a fine of \$1,500 and the training certificates must be sent to the Board once obtained, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

- 11. 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.

The City of Hyattsville has requested a continuance to the next available hearing, concurred by Mr. Kim.

Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the continuance to t/a Hyattsville Spirits and Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC