

**June 23, 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: 10:23 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 MATTERS

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a 2 fifty Texas BBQ**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4700-4704 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, 20737, Samuel Portillo Luna to serve as President, Debby Portillo Gonzalez to serve as Secretary and Manuel Fernando Gonzales to serve as Treasurer. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.
Case has been continued.
Commissioner Norman motioned to continue the Substitution of Corporate Officers application for t/a 2 fifty Texas BBQ, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Greenbelt)**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8811 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, Ryan Carroll to serve as a Member/Authorized Person instead of Edward J. Gilliss, Member/Authorized Person. Represented by **Leanne Schrecenghost, Esquire**.
3. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Clinton)**, Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8881 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Ryan Carroll to serve as a Member/Authorized Person instead of Edward J. Gilliss, Member/Authorized Person. Represented by **Leanne Schrecenghost, Esquire**.

Ms. Leanne Schrecengost requested a continuance for both of these cases due to no representation from the applicant.

Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the continuance of t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Greenbelt) and Ruby Tuesday (Clinton), seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION

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. Continued from May 26, 2026.

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

Mr. Smits informed the Board that his father, Alejo Martinez Ponce, passed away and he would like to transfer the license over to himself, DeAndre Vincent Smits.

The applicant was unable to answer the qualifying questions.

Commissioner Norman motioned to postpone this case so that the applicant can seek proper counsel, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Loredo's Mexican Restaurant**, Nelson F. Martinez Cruz, Vice President, Efrain A. Moreno, President, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of AKC Restaurant, Inc., located at 9227 Oxon Hill Road, Fort Washington, 20744. Transfer from Gregorio Martinez, President, for the use of AKC Restaurant, Inc., t/a Loredo's Mexican Restaurant, located at 9227 Oxon Hill Road, Fort Washington, 20744. Represented by **Terry Morris, Esquire**.

Mr. Morris informed the Board that the restaurant has been operating for the past 10 years. It has always been family owned and operated. The establishment seeks to transfer from Mr. Gregorio (recently deceased) to his brother Mr. Martinez Cruz. He has operated in restaurants the majority of his life and is familiar with the responsibilities of this license.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used 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.

Ms. James of the BOLC informed the Board of a discrepancy in the affidavits regarding the shares and ownership percentages on the license.

Commissioner Norman motioned to amend the affidavit to 50 shares and 50% of the business for both Mr. Martinez Cruz and Mr. Moreno, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

Commissioner Norman motions to approve the transfer of the license for t/a Loredo's Mexican Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Seitz Liquors**, Sanjay Janatkumar Sheth, Sole Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sankalp LLC, located at 6223 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745. Transfer from Mandip K. Gill, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for the use of Billu, Inc., t/a Seitz Liquors, located at 9432 Lanham Severn Road, Lanham, 20706.

Mr. Kondenski states Mr. Sheth is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations. He is the sole operator; is Alcohol Awareness certified and has worked in a liquor store for 2 years in Charles County. He will have 3 total employees and plans to hire more individuals within the community

Mr. Kodenski asked the standard questions typically used 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 Norman motioned to grant the transfer for t/a Seitz Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

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

1. **t/a Marley's Bar & Grill**, Davonne Austin, Owner/CEO for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Marley's Bar & Grill, Inc., located at 6450 American Blvd, Suite 101, Hyattsville, 20782.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

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

Mr. Austin informs the Board that his business is approaching its two-year anniversary in September. He has had a license before but was unable to renew this recent renewal period. He has been without a license since June 1, 2026. It is a full-service restaurant that employs 50-60 residents of Prince George's County. The hours of operation are Monday-Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-10 p.m., Tuesday 11:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m., Friday 11:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m., Saturday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m., and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-9 p.m.

Ms. James of the BOLC requests the Board to amend the application for t/a Marley's Bar & Grill. The question of how many square feet alcohol is served off sale is incorrect.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of 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 Norman motioned to have the 200 square feet off sale removed from the application, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Norman motions to approve the Class B(DD) Beer, Wine and Liquor license for t/a Marley's Bar & Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. **t/a Bon Chon Hyattsville**, Rong Zheng, Managing Officer, Jingqiu Gao, Officer, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Affluent MD, Inc., located at 6507 American Blvd, Hyattsville, 20782. Continued from May 26, 2026.

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

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Gao informs the Board they would like to provide a better experience for customers. Both applicants are familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. They both plan to spend more than 50 hours per week on the premises and are Alcohol Awareness certified.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license including the ages to sell and consume alcohol as well as the 6 acceptable forms of I.D.'s. **The Applicants were able to answer each question.**

Commissioner Mclean would like to know about the employees that will be working at the establishment.

Mr. Gao states that all employees will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. There will be 9 employees.

Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class B, Beer and Wine license for t/a Bon Chon Hyattsville, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS D, BEER AND WINE

1. **t/a Inspire Nail Bar**, Nancey Thi Ngoc Tran, President, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Inspire Nail Bar AK, LLC, located at 15451 Excelsior Drive, Bowie, 20716. Continued from March 24, 2026.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

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

Ms. Tran would like to obtain a license for her Nail Salon. She would like to have a way for customers to relax when coming in the evening after work. She will be selling beer and wine at all hours of operation but expects more sales in the evening.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asks the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of 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 Norman motions to grant the Class D, Beer and Wine to t/a Inspire Nail Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a BurgerFi**, Punam Singh, Member, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Woodmore BFI, LLC, located at 2019 St. Josephs Drive, #113, Bowie, 20721.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

This case will be continued due to no representation from the applicant.

Commissioner Norman motions to reschedule the appearance of t/a BurgerFi for a Class D, Beer and Wine, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC