

**July 8, 2026
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Kirk McLean, 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
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

Start Time: 7:19 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 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. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**. Continued from May 13, 2026.
2. **t/a T.G.I Friday's (Greenbelt)**, Daniel J. Halpern, Managing Member, Valerie R. Jackson, Member, Brooke J. Edmond, Member, Atlanta Restaurant Partners, LLC, 6460 Capitol Drive, Greenbelt, 20770. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**. Continued from May 13, 2026.
3. **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. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**. Continued from May 13, 2026.

Sargeant Dillingham from the PGPD has reviewed the security plan for t/a T.G.I Friday's (District Heights, Greenbelt and Capitol Centre) and informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Mr. Carter informed the Board that all three locations would like to have a DJ on Wednesday's and Thursday's two nights a month from 9:00 pm to midnight.

Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a T.G.I Friday's (District Heights, Greenbelt and Capitol Centre), seconded by Commissioner Smith.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Kitchen Near You**, Violet S. Fadimatou, Member-Manager, Lawrence M. Asonglefac, Member-Manager, Kitchen Near You, LLC, 5321 Ager Road, Hyattsville, 20782. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

Sargeant Dillingham from the PGPD has reviewed the security plan for t/a Kitchen Near You and informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Ms. Fadimatou states the business already has had an entertainment permit under the former owners. They wanted to get the entertainment permit under their name as the new owners.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Kitchen Near You, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a Looney's Pub at College Park**, William A Larney Jr., President, Looney's Pub at College Park, Inc., 8150 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Sargeant Dillingham from the PGPD has reviewed the security plan for t/a Looney's Pub at College Park and informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Mr. Carter states this business has had a Special Entertainment Permit in the past for more than 14 years. It was not renewed during last year's renewal period. During that time, they have had one of the most successful businesses in College Park. They appeared before the city council and got their approval for this new Special Entertainment Permit. They have security after 6:00 p.m., 7 days a week and police officers 5 days a week while entertainment is taking place. They will be closing at 2:00 p.m. although they're granted approval until 3:00 a.m.

Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to t/a Looney's Pub at College Park, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. **t/a Café Tacuba**, Jorge Menendez Colococho, Member-Manager, Trinity Grill and Bar, LLC, 3010 Hamilton Street, Hyattsville, 20782. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Continued from June 3, 2026.

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

Sargeant Dillingham from the PGPD has reviewed the security plan for t/a Café Tacuba and informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.

Mr. Colococho states his plan for entertainment is to have a DJ and Karaoke. The City of Hyattsville was concerned about it becoming a nightclub, but he would like for it to be a sports bar.

Mr. Ulysse, Director of Community Business and Economic Development for the City of Hyattsville states he is requesting another continuance until the city board is able to meet on this matter. He informed the Board that they only meet once a month and have not had a chance to meet since the last time this matter was heard.

Mr. Colococho states his concern that there was a permit approved on this agenda for special entertainment a couple of blocks away from them and they would have to pay another \$250 re-advertisement fee if continued.

Mr. Ulysse does not have the authority to commit the city to paying the readvertisement fee. City does not convene for special meetings.

Commissioner Norman motions to deny the City of Hyattsville's request for a continuance, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Special Entertainment Permit for t/a Café Tacuba, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

7. **Dog Haus Biergarten**, Rajneesh Nagpal, Member-Manager/Authorized Person, M&T Restaurant, LLC, 7401 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 1A, College Park, 20740. Request for a Special Entertainment Permit. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.
Sargeant Dillingham from the PGPD has reviewed the security plan for t/a Dog Haus Biergarten and informed the Board that the security plan is adequate as proposed.
Mr. Carter states the business has been open since January 2024, they would like to add live entertainment. They met with the city council to get approval for this permit. The business is located on the ground floor where the City Hall is located. There will be no changes to the mode of operation.
Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Special Entertainment Permit for t/a Dog Haus Biergarten, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
8. **t/a Live K Karaoke National Harbor**, located at 137 National Harbor, 200, Oxon Hill, 20745. For an alleged violation of 6-313 A retail dealer or an agent or employee of a retail dealer may not tamper with or change the quantity or quality of the contents of a container of an alcoholic beverage after the container has been lawfully sealed and while the contents remain in the container, of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 18 Refilling or Tampering with alcoholic beverage containers of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.
Inspector Massie of the BOLC gave a report on the events that occurred on April 4, 2026.
Mr. Carter states his clients acknowledge the events that occurred and have no dispute regarding the inspector's report.
Commissioner Norman motions to find t/a Live K Karaoke National Harbor in violation of R.R. No. 18, assessing a fine of \$1,500 and Alcohol Awareness Training, seconded by **Commissioner McLean**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.
9. **t/a B. K. Miller Super Liquors**, located at 9024 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735. For an alleged violation of 26-1902. 1 The license holder or any individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity shall be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 83 Alcohol Awareness 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 Clinkscale of the BOLC gave a report about the incident that occurred on April 7, 2026.
Mr. Miller states he has no dispute regarding the report. He had 7 managers certified within a week after the violation. He states he tried to do the right thing and was not aware of the requirement to have someone certified during all hours of operation. He is looking for some leniency on the fine. He also will provide copies of the training certificates to the Board.
Commissioner Norman motions to find t/a B.K. Miller Super Liquors in violation of R.R. No. 83, assessing a fine of \$250, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
After Board vote, the motion carries.

- 10. t/a Kobe Japanese Restaurant & Seafood House**, located at 2801 Campus Way North #302, Lanham, 20706. For an alleged violation of 26-1902. 1 The license holder or any individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity shall be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No. 83 Alcohol Awareness of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County.

Inspector Clinkscale of the BOLC gave a report about the incident that occurred on April 15, 2026.

Ms. Bae states that Mr. Lim got Alcohol Awareness certified after the violation. All staff and management are now Alcohol Awareness trained. She will provide copies of the training certificates to the Board.

Commissioner Norman motions to find t/a Kobe Japanese Restaurant & Seafood House in violation of R.R. No. 83, assessing a fine of \$500, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

- 11. 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**.

Agent Washington of the ATCC gave a report of the incident that occurred on November 17, 2025.

Mr. Kim asks Agent Washington if she has had the chance to review the document copies of invoices sent to her.

Agent Washington stated she has not had the chance to review them.

Mr. Rikin Patel stated he was previously working for SG Worldwide, his previous employer had told him they were an approved wholesaler and could make the sale nationwide. He also has worked for another approved wholesaler in the past. He had informed the licensee of this, and they were under the impression SG Worldwide was an approved wholesaler in the State of Maryland.

Agent Washington questions how the invoices were matched to the labels if they were torn apart.

Ms. Villeda, an employee from Town Center Wine and Spirits, stated one of the items that were confiscated and they had no invoices for was not out on the shelf for sale. It was an allocation bottle given to them by a wholesaler that they received as a gift.

Ms. Villeda stated she had tried collecting the invoices from the wholesalers, but they did not respond within 30 days to get them to Agent Washington. They were too busy at the time since it was at the time of a holiday.

Ms. Kansal informed the Board that they will now maintain records stored on a computer because the former manager maintaining the records for 15 years would keep them in paper form in a box and it is extremely hard to locate specific orders.

Commissioner Norman motions to find t/a Town Center Wine and Spirits in violation of R.R. No. 11 assessing and R.R. No. 26 (A)(F) fine of \$3,000, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

12. National Association of Buffalo Soldiers One Day Event, located at 9407 Livingston Road, Fort Washington, 20744. For an alleged violation of R.R. No. 37-Change of Mode of operation-A. No License holder shall change the mode of operation of the licensed premises without first having the approval and/or consent of the Board of Licensed Commissioners.

One-Day License Holders do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Inspector Kinney of the BOLC gave a report on the incident that occurred on April 4, 2026.

Mr. Williams was the chapter president at the time of the application. He states he was contacted by Mr. Kevin Dennis, representative at the Harley Davidson dealership, to be a vendor at the event. He acknowledged the license was for inside only, but the dealership had placed them outside. He stated the inspectors report alluded to the fact that they were solely responsible for themselves not for all vendors. They take full responsibility for the violation.

Commissioner Norman motions to assess National Association of Buffalo Soldiers' One Day Event a fine of \$500 and suspended its imposition. Additionally, they will not be eligible to obtain another one day license for a while, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC