July 28, 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
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:15 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 aslong as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

REGULAR SESSION

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1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Rosa Mexicano,** Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 153 Waterfront Street, Oxon Hill, 20745, Julie Teresa Brown to serve as Authorized Person instead of Matthew Licciardelo, Authorized Person and Stefani DePrimio, Authorized Person. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire.**
   Mr. Carter stated there will be no changes to the mode of operation. This change is due to a change of officers upstream.
   Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officer's application, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcoholic beverages. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Substitution of Corporate Officer's Application to t/a Rosa Mexicano, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. 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 **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.
   Mr. Carter informed the Board that Mr. and Ms. Gonzalez are husband and wife who have been the primary operators of the business since it was opened 6 years ago. They own it with Ms. Gonzalez's father and another relative, but they will now be added to the license as well. There will be no changes to the mode of operation.
   Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officer's application, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcoholic beverages The applicants were able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Substitution of Corporate Officer's Application to t/a 2 fifty Texas BBQ, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a AC Hotel National Harbor Washington D.C. Area,** Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 156 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Pio Mendes to serve as Assistant Secretary instead of Terrell Johnson, Assistant Secretary. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**
Ms. Schrecengost states that Mr. Mendes is the General Manager; he spends 8-10 hours a day on site. He understands the Board's Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.
Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcoholic beverages. The applicant was able to answer each question.
Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Substitution of Corporate Officer's Application to t/a AC Hotel National Harbor, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Nando's Peri Peri (National Harbor),** Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 191 American Way, National Harbor, 20745, David A. Fiorello to serve as Authorized Person instead of Leslie C. Williams, Authorized Person. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

5. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Nando's Peri Peri (Woodmore),** Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 2700 Campus Way North, Suite 105, Lanham, 20706, David A. Fiorello to serve as Authorized Person instead of Leslie C. Williams, Authorized Person. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

6. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Nando's Peri Peri (Laurel),** Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 14722 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 107, Laurel, 20707, David A. Fiorello to serve as Authorized Person instead of Leslie C. Williams, Authorized Person. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

Ms. Schrecengost requested a continuance to the next available hearing as the applicant had to deal with another matter and could not attend the hearing today.
Commissioner Norman motioned to continue all three cases to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER

1. **t/a San Antonio Liquors,** Ismael 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, t/a San Antonio Liquors, located at 5000 Edmonston Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781. Continued from May 26, 2026, and June 23, 2026. Represented by **Michael Lovelace, Esquire.**
   Mr. Lovelace informed the Board that Mr. Jose Martinez Ponce, Mr. Smits' father, passed away in October of 2025. He held 75% ownership of the license and owned 75 shares. Mr. Smits has inherited those 75 shares.
   Mr. Lovelace asked the standard questions typically used to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officer's application, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcoholic beverages. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Director Sheppard requests a continuance to conduct legal research.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to continue the case, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Lucky Beer & Wine,** Reenabahen Chirag Mistry, Managing-Member, for a Class DW(Off), Beer and Wine for the use of Lucky Mart Beer & Wine, LLC, located at 6875 New Hampshire Avenue, Unit 5, Takoma Park, 20912. Transfer from Ho Chung Kim, Member-Manager, for the use of AK Beverages, LLC, t/a Lucky Beer & Wine located at 6875 New Hampshire Avenue, Unit 5, Takoma Park, 20912. Represented by **William Ray Ford, Esquire.**
   Mr. Ford informed the Board that Ms. Mistry will be the sole member of Lucky Beer & Wine. She will be spending 50 hours a week on the premises. She agrees to abide by the Board's Rules and Regulations; is Alcohol Awareness certified and understands that there must be someone certified at all business operating hours.
   Mr. Ford asked the standard questions used to qualify this type of license, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the transfer to t/a Lucky Beer & Wine, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS D, BEER AND WINE

1. **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.
   Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledges her right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Ms. Singh informed the Board that BurgerFi is a franchise that sells burgers and fries. Their corporate menu contains beer and wine, and she would like to add beer only to this establishment. She anticipates only selling 6% beer and 94% food.
   Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcoholic beverages. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class D, Beer and Wine license for t/a Burgerfi, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
   After Board, the motion carries.

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

1. **t/a Waldo's Chicken & Beer,** Mark T. Waldo, Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of WCB Largo, LLC, located at 10590 Campus Way South, Largo, 20774. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire.**
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Mr. Carter informed the Board that this is the second location in Maryland, the first one is in Camp Springs. The first location has been opened for a year, with no violations. He expresses that beer is an important component of this restaurant's concept. Mr. Waldo is familiar with the Rules and Regulations. There currently is only one on-sale establishment within a one-mile radius. All managers and bartenders will be Alcohol Awareness certified.
   Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class B(BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Waldo's Chicken & Beer, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Kusshi,** Tone Chow, Managing-Member, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Kusshi Riverdale, LLC, located at 4501 Woodberry Street, Riverdale, 20737. Represented by **Sean Morris, Esquire.**
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Mr. Morris informed the Board that Mr. Chow has been a resident of the State of Maryland for 31 years. His role in Kusshi once it is open is to oversee all operations and ultimately hire a general manager who is experienced at one of their current locations take over day-to-day operations. The concept of Kusshi is Japanese modern cuisine. It is larger than just a sushi shop. It will be family friendly. There will be TV's so that people who are into sports can watch sports while dining in. Kusshi will add diversity to the area. Japanese food is usually accompanied by alcohol. Saki is the biggest alcohol that is served with Japanese cuisine. They will provide a wide assortment of Saki and Japanese Whiskeys for those that like whiskey. The goal is to be open by December 2026. The restaurant will have approximately 137 seats. The investment is valued at $1.1 million to $1.2 million for the whole build-out. There are currently 8 other Kusshi's in the DMV area and Mr. Chow is the owner of all locations. This will be the first one in Prince George's County. He chose this location in Riverdale Park because of the great demand for it. He heard feedback from customers in neighboring locations that they would want to see Kusshi available in Prince George's County. Mr. Chow has a company wide training policy at all his locations. They will not serve any individual with a vertical ID and will card anyone who appears to be under the age of 44. There is also an alcohol handbook that all employees have to review and sign that teaches about over intoxication and how to report incidents. Mr. Chow understands that if any violations were to occur at this establishment, he would be solely responsible and have to appear before the Board.
   Mr. Morris asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motions to amend the question on the application regarding drive-through to answer no drive through service will be provided, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class B(BLX) Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Kusshi, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B, BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR

1. **t/a New Rio Buffet and Bar**, Anna Zheng, Manager, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of New Rio Buffet & Bar Inc., located at 3745A Branch Avenue, Suite A, Temple Hills, 20748. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Ms. Carter informed the Board that New Rio Buffet and Bar was a longstanding licensee in the County. Unfortunately, during the renewal period, they ran into tax issues which were not resolved within a timely manner. They have stopped selling alcohol since and have been closed because they're undergoing a significant remodel. They're spending between $200,000 and $300,000 replacing the buffet tables and putting in new tables and chairs in the restaurant. There will be no changes to the mode of operation. They will continue to be a full complement buffet of a variety of seafoods and non-seafood items. There is a small bar that has 10 bar stools. All managers and bartenders are or will be Alcohol Awareness certified. The process is very simple, when you walk into the establishment, you are met by a hostess. You pay for your buffet. It's roughly about $16 at lunch and $20 at night. It may go up a little due to the cost of food going up. If patrons want to drink, there are people that are on the floor that come to their table, and they would place an order with them. They are open from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday's through Thursday's and 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. Friday's and Saturday's. When they had a license before, alcohol sales were about 2% of their total sales. They accommodate about 200 customers a day. The seating capacity is about 150. Ms. Zheng is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.
   Ms. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify for this type of license. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Noman motioned to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a New Rio Buffet and Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Mandala – Indo Nepali Grill & Bar,** Amit Bhattarai, General Manager/Owner, a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Jay Deurali, LLC, located at 7200 Hanover Drive, Greenbelt, 20770.
   Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledges her right to an attorney and agrees to move forward without an attorney.
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Ms. Bhattari informs the Board that Mandala-Indo Nepali Grill & Bar is not currently open. Her goal is to open by the end of August. It will be a full service restaurant located inside the Holiday Inn Greenbelt building. The operating hours will be 6:00 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday's-Friday's and 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Saturday's and Sunday's. The morning hours are for breakfast for the hotel's clients. It will be serving typical Nepali dishes, but the menu will also include typical American flavors such as burgers and pizzas. The focus customer base for the restaurant would primarily be hotel guests from the Holiday Inn and the neighboring hotel. She will have a happy hour promotion. Ms. Bhattari is Alcohol Awareness certified and plans to submit her certificate to the Board. She will initially be spending 6-7 hours per day at the restaurant and then once she hires another manager, she will be scaling that down to 3-4 hours per day.
   Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license, including the 6 acceptable forms of ID's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcoholic beverages. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Mandala- Indo Nepali Grill & Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Milk & Honey,** Heather Cook, Authorized Person, a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Milk & Honey Ft Washington, LLC, located at 922 Swan Creek Road E, Fort Washington, 20744. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire.**
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Mr. Carter informed the Board that this is the 8th Milk & Honey establishment in the State of Maryland and 6th in Prince George's County. Ms. Cook will be the sole licensee. This is primarily breakfast, brunch and lunch establishment. The majority of the alcohol sales at other locations have been Mimosas and Bloody Mary's and similar breakfast and brunch drinks. At the other locations, all alcoholic beverages are under 20% of gross revenue and at most locations, they're closer to 10%. This location will be similar. It will only have 28 seats. It will be a semi-full service, and the food and beverages will be purchased by the cashier, but they will be served tableside. There is a strict carding policy at the time the purchase is made. Milk & Honey has an outstanding reputation in terms of following the rules. Ms. Cook will not be spending any time on the premises but there will be a manager overseeing all duties.
   Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this type of license. The applicant was able to answer each question.
   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Milk & Honey, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Sea Bowl Seafood Restaurant,** Shiwei Lin, Member, Kenneth Jones, Resident Agent, Xue Mei Zhang, Member, a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Sea Bowl, Inc., located at 10907 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, 20744. Represented by **Charles Walton, Esquire.**
   Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.
   Mr. Walton states that the applicants consider this liquor license to be an investment. They don't intend for the establishment to be a bar, tavern or night club. It is strictly a restaurant. All parties have invested significant resources.

   Mr. Ling is the President, Ms. Zhang does the accounting, and Mr. Jones is a 25% owner. The restaurant is 2600 sq. ft. with 68 seats.

   All applicants were able to answer the questions typically used to qualify for the license, including the 6 forms of ID's and the ages to buy and sell alcohol.

   Commissioner Norman motioned to grant the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Sea Bowl Seafood Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.
   After Board vote, motion carries.

Adjourned: 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC