

**August 25, 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
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 MATTERS

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Prince George's Stadium**, Class B(BBS), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 4101 Northeast Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716, Steven Bowen, to serve as Assistant Division Chief, instead of William Sheehan, Assistant Division Chief.

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

Mr. Bowen informs the Board that Mr. William Sheehan has recently retired. Mr. Bowen will be replacing him as the licensee. He is currently on three alcoholic beverage licenses.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, including the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Norman motioned to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application for t/a Prince George's Stadium, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. 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**.
3. 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**.

4. 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 states that none of Mr. Fiorello's personal information has changed since the submission of the application. He is currently the head of commercial, supply change and construction facilities, overseeing that all necessary items are stocked in each store.

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

Commissioner Norman motioned to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application for t/a Nando's Peri Peri (National Harbor), t/a Nando's Peri Peri (Woodmore) and t/a Nando's Peri Peri (Laurel) seconded by **Commissioner Smith**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

REGULAR SESSION

TRANSFER

1. **t/a Largo Liquors**, Vishal Khosla, Managing Member, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Burgundy & Gold Spirits, LLC, located at 836 Largo Center Drive, Largo, 20774. Transfer from Jay C. Kim, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for the use of J and H Beverage, Inc., t/a Largo Liquors, located at 836 Largo Center Drive, Largo, 20774. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter stated that Mr. Kim died at an early age after taking over the business and was taken over by the remaining brother and sister. The business operation is not something they see themselves continuing. Mr. Vishal is part of a group that owns the shopping center. He was previously a licensee in Montgomery County on a beer and wine license. Mr. Vishal is interviewing possible new employees to manage t/a Largo Liquors' daily operations and enhance the store. He has reviewed the Rules and Regulations and agrees to abide by them.

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

Commissioner Norman motions to approve the transfer for t/a Largo Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

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

1. **t/a Costa del Sol Restaurant Bar & Grill**, Alexander Rivera, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of A R & R, LLC, located at 4819-21 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, 20710.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**

Acting Chief Vauss gave a maps presentation.

Ms. Carter informs the Board that this business has been in operation for many years. A couple of years ago, Mr. Rivera purchased the business for \$400,000. There were delays in obtaining a new Use and Occupancy Permit, which was not in time to renew the license. The prior owner would not cooperate in the renewal. They continue to be operating but have lost 50% of business due to being unable to sell alcoholic beverages. They also had an entertainment permit which Mr. Rivera intends to reapply for. He has been a licensee for over 10 years and has not had a violation.

Ms. Carter requested an amendment to the applications hours of operation. The restaurant will be open Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 a.m., Friday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. and Sunday 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 a.m. There are 16 employees, in addition to himself, 4 are alcohol awareness certified. There will be at least one employee on the premises who is certified at all times.

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

Ms. Katrice James of the BOLC requested an amendment to be made to the application correcting that there is no drive- thru window.

Commissioner Norman motioned to amend the application to correct that there is no drive-thru window, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Norman motions to amend the application hours of operation to Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.- 1 a.m., Friday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.-2:00 a.m. and Sunday a.m.- 1:00 a.m., seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Norman requested an amendment to questions on the affidavit regarding the violation of a state/federal law and gambling.

Ms. Carter clarified that the responses to 5,6,7 and 7a should be "No."

Commissioner Norman motions to amend the responses to questions 5-7a to "No" for the licensee and stockholder, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Costa del Sol Restaurant Bar & Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

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

1. **t/a 5 Sisters Restaurant**, George Mbeng, Owner, Florence Ndhi, Owner, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of 5 Sisters LLC, located at 12617 Laurel Bowie Road, Laurel, 20708.

Acting Chief Vauss gave a maps presentation.

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

Ms. Ndhi informed the Board that she lost the license during renewal due to being sick. She had a kidney transplant, and her husband was caring for her. They were unable to renew promptly. The applicants are aware of the Rules and Regulations and will be on the premises full time.

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

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a 5 Sisters Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Ms. Keyanna Little of the BOLC requested that an amendment be made on the applicants' affidavits. Questions 5 and 6, answered "yes" with no explanation.

Ms. Ndhi and Mr. Mbeng state both questions should be answered "No," they have never been found guilty of violating state/federal laws or gambling.

Commissioner Norman motions to amend questions 5 and 6 to answer "No" on Mr. Mbeng's and Ms. Ndhi's affidavit, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Dat Jerk Island Bowie**, Angela Fray, Chief Operating Officer, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Dat Jerk Bowie, LLC, located at 16208 Marketplace Blvd, B500, Bowie, 20716.

Acting Chief Vauss gave a maps presentation.

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

Ms. Fray is one of the operators for DatJerk. They have been operating their first location for 10 years and their second for 8 years in the State of Maryland. They have recently opened another location in the Crofton area. She believes this particular location will be an opportunity for a different type of concept. This business will not just be a fast casual environment but also provide a place to sit down and congregate. It is located in the South Lake area in the buildout with a new Giant center. It is a full-service restaurant, operated by managers with experience of more than 20 years. It will have a full bar, table service and a 1100 square foot patio that is fenced in with signage to make sure that people know they can't take alcohol off the premises.

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

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Class B, BLX, Beer, Wine and Liquor license to t/a Dat Jerk Island Bowie, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Azteca Restaurant & Cantina**, Mario Orellana, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Azteca Enterprises, LLC, located at 9505 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740. Represented by **Dmitri Chernov, Esquire**.

Acting Chief Vauss gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Chernov stated that Mr. Orellana previously held a license for alcoholic beverages and has been in this business for the last 35 years. The business briefly lost the license as a result of oversight. He changed his accountant which delayed the receipt of the tax release letter for this year's renewal deadline. Mr. Orellana's brother, who also is an owner of a restaurant, is currently mentoring him since he has had a significant decrease in his business without any alcohol.

Mr. Chernov informed the Board that the business operations for Friday and Saturday should be from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Commissioner Norman motioned to amend the hours on the application to 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

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

Commissioner Norman motions to amend question 4 from "No" to "Yes", seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor license for t/a Azteca Restaurant & Cantina, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW – CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. **t/a Ebony Inn**, Tommie Broadwater III, President/Treasurer, and Lillian Broadwater, Vice President/Secretary, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of King Oak Enterprises, Inc., located at 5367 Sheriff Road, Fairmount Heights, 20743.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter requested a continuance to resolve some issues prior to coming back before the Board. They would also like an opportunity to sit down and have discussions with concerned citizens.

Commissioner Norman motions to continue the case for t/a Ebony Inn to the September 22, 2026, hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Shantoo**, Shawn Demetrius, Owner, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Southeastern Foods, LLC, located at 1290 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716.

Acting Chief Vauss gave a maps presentation.

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

Mr. Demetrius informs the Board that he has had a liquor license before. It expired during this year's renewal period due to the failure to obtain the tax clearance letter in time. The restaurant has 102 seats. It specializes in southern cuisine. He first opened in June 2024. Since the loss of the liquor license, business has significantly decreased and he has had to let go of numerous staff members.

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

Keyanna Little of the BOLC requested an amendment to the application. The applicant did not answer number 7 or 7a on the affidavit.

Mr. Demetrius stated questions 7 and 7a on the affidavit should be no.

Commissioner Norman motions to amend the affidavit for the licensee and stockholder for questions 7 and 7a to reflect no, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Class B, Beer and Wine license to t/a Shantoo, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ariana Posada-Mejia

Administrative Aide BOLC