September 22, 2026

9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN ADMINISTRATIVE VOTING SESSION:

PRESENT:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Kirk McLean, Commissioner
Ono Achale, Commissioner
Jason Deloach, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide

In the matter of **t/a Lesleys Grill,** the Board reviewed the alleged Alcohol Awareness violation:
The Commissioners moved for an offer and compromise with a fine of $500 and approved by unanimous consent.

In the matter of **t/a Afro+ Festival (Temporary One Day License),** the Board reviewed the alleged Sale to a Minor violation:
The Commissioners moved to show cause the establishment and approved by unanimous consent.

In the matter of **t/a New Hampshire Avenue Liquors,** located at 6501 New Hampshire Avenue, Takoma Park, 20912. Director Sheppard is requesting that the trade name show cause be withdrawn, as the BOLC's website contained information that had not been updated and has since been corrected.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve the Director's request to withdraw the show cause, as the BOLC's website contained information that had not been updated and has since been corrected.

In the matter of **t/a Oliver's Old Towne Tavern,** located at 531 Main Street, Laurel, 20707. See letter dated September 1, 2026, regarding a request to approve the management agreement.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve the management agreement.

In the matter of **t/a Yaji**, located at 4585 Telfair Blvd, Suite 102, Camp Springs, 20746. See letter dated September 8, 2026, regarding a request to approve an additional extension until December 31, 2026, to effectuate the license. The establishment is experiencing delays with securing the required permits. *(2nd Request)*
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve an additional extension until December 31, 2026, to effectuate the license.

In the matter of **t/a Escape Bar and Grill/Event Center**, located at 3287 Brinkley Road, Temple Hills, 20748. See letter dated September 9, 2026, regarding a request to approve an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to effectuate the license. The establishment is experiencing delays with securing the required permits and licenses. *(1st Request)*
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to effectuate the license.

In the matter of **t/a Allentown Liquors**, located at 6321 Allentown Road, Camp Springs, 20748. See email dated September 10, 2026, regarding the request to waive the $500 late fee associated with the violation payment, the licensee stated that the payment link was not received until after the due date. The licensee indicated that they understood they had 30 days from receipt of the payment link to submit payment.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to waive the $500 late fee associated with the violation payment. The licensee stated that the payment link was not received until after the due date.

In the matter of **t/a Ma Pearl's Louisiana Kitchen & Grill/L. London Fine Wine & Spirits,** located at 16208 Market Place, Unit 16208-16214, Bowie, 20716. See letter dated September 15, 2026, regarding the status update on the progress of the effectuation.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to no longer require written monthly updates.

In the matter of **t/a El Cabrito Mexican Grill,** located at 9624 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, 20707. See letter dated September 15, 2026, regarding a request to change the closing hours on Fridays and Saturdays to the following:

	Old Hours		**New Hours**
Friday	9:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Friday	9:00 AM – 2:00 AM
Saturday	9:00 AM – 12:00 AM	Saturday	9:00 AM – 2:00 AM

The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve the change to the hours of operation on Fridays and Saturdays.

In the matter of **t/a Pleasant Liquors,** located at 5704 Martin Luther King Highway, Seat Pleasant, 20743. See email dated September 15, 2026, regarding a request for a payment plan for the violation issued at the August 12, 2026, hearing. The $1,500 violation fee was due September 4, 2026. A $500 late fee was added, bringing the total amount due to $2,000.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve a three-month payment plan for the violation issued at the August 12, 2026, hearing. The payment plan allows the licensee to pay the $1,500 violation fee and $500 late fee in three monthly installments, for a total amount of $2,000.

In the matter of **t/a Town Center Market,** located at 4705 Queensbury Road, Riverdale Park, 20735. See email dated September 14, 2026, regarding a request to renovate and reconfigure the interior premises to replace the existing check cashing/money service business area will a full-service deli and upgraded dining section.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve the request to renovate and reconfigure the interior premises to replace the existing check cashing/money service business area with a full-service deli and upgraded dining section.

In the matter of **t/a Red, Hot and Blue,** located at 677 Main Street, Laurel, 20707. See letter dated September 16, 2026, regarding a request to remove Marcello Ruano as licensee and transfer his 25% ownership interest to current licensee Brian Jefferson, increasing his ownership to 100%.
The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve removing Marcello Ruano as licensee and transfer his 25% ownership interest to current licensee Brian Jefferson, increasing his ownership to 100%.

The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve the August Monthly Quarterly.

The Commissioners voted by unanimous consent to approve the minutes for Regular Session, September 2, 2026, Administrative Voting Session, September 2, 2026, September 9, 2026, and Administrative Voting Session, September 9, 2026.

Scheduled Meetings:

- **a.** October 14, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
- **b.** October 27, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
- **c.** November 4, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
- **d.** November 17, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
- **e.** December 2, 2026 @ 7:00 PM
- **f.** December 15, 2026 @ 10:00 AM