September 22, 2026
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing

Present:

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

Start Time: 10:05 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.

PRELIMINARY MATTER

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Clinton), Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8881 Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Scott McCombs to serve as Member/Authorized Person instead of Edward Gilliss, Member. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Greenbelt), Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 881 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, Scott McCombs to serve as Member/Authorized Person instead of Edward Gilliss, Member. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

Ms. Schrecengost confirmed that all information on the applications remained true and correct. There will be no change to the business mode of operation for either establishment.
Mr. McCombs is a 1% member of RT of Maryland LLC and serves as Chief Financial Officer. He is familiar with the Boards rules and regulations.
Ms. Schrecengost 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 grant the Substitution of Corporate Officers applications to t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Clinton) and t/a Ruby Tuesday Restaurant (Greenbelt), seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, t/a First Watch #144, Class B(DD), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 15471 Excelsior Drive, Bowie 20716, Christopher Humpries to serve as Compliance Officer, instead of Henry M. Hope III, CFO. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

4. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, t/a First Watch #146, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 881 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, 20770, Christopher Humpries to serve as Compliance Officer, instead of Henry M. Hope III, CFO. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**

Ms. Schrecengost confirmed that all information on the application remained true and correct. There will be no change to the business mode of operation for either establishment.
Mr. Humpries is a 0.5% shareholder of First Watch Restaurants, Inc. and serves as a compliance officer and Regional Vice President for Maryland and Northern Virginia. He is responsible for approximately 31 restaurants and is familiar with the Boards rules and regulations.
Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of 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 grant the Substitution of Corporate Officers application to t/a First Watch #144 (Bowie) and t/a First Watch #146 (Greenbelt), seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

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, t/a San Antonio Liquors, located at 5000 Edmonston Avenue, Hyattsville, 20781. Continued from May 26, 2026, June 23, 2026, and July 28, 2026. Represented by **Michael Lovelace, Esquire.**
Mr. Lovelace stated testimony was taken 2 hearings ago and that the matter had been continued so that attorneys could conduct legal research concerning Mr. Smit's age and whether his age would prevent him from holding or receiving the license. He reported that no case law, law, or regulation was found that would prohibit Mr. Smith from possessing the license based on his age.
Mr. Lovelace asked the standard questions typically used to approve the transfer 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.
Mr. Smit stated that he expected to work approximately 20 hours per week at the establishment.
Commissioner Norman motions to approve the addition of Mr. Smit as a licensee to t/a San Antonio Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Hooters of Laurel,** Gary S. McCully, Authorized Person, Phillip A. Morgan, Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of PWW Laurel, LLC, located at 14707 B Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Transfer from Alisa P. Cleek, Authorized Person, for the use of HOA Laurel, LLC, t/a Hooters (Laurel), located at 14707 A Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Represented by **Leanne M. Schrecengost, Esquire.**
Ms. Schrecengost provided an updated address for Mr. McCully that differed from the address included in the original application.
Commissioner Norman motioned to accept the change of address for Mr. McCully, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.
Mr. McCully confirmed that other than the address change, his personal information remained true and correct. The daily operation of the restaurant would not change as a result of the transfer. He serves as President/Chief Operating Officer and is an authorized person for PWW Laurel, LLC. He is familiar with the Board's rules and regulations.
Mr. Morgan confirmed that his personal information had not changed. He serves as President and CEO and is also an authorized person for PWW Laurel, LLC. He stated

that he had reviewed the Board's rules and regulations and agreed to accept responsibility for violations as a license holder.
Ms. Schrecengost asked the standard questions typically used to approve the transfer application, including the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.
Commissioner Norman motions to approve the transfer application for t/a Hooters of Laurel, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Tucker's Restaurant & Liquors,** Love R. Patel, Member-Manager, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Aaryan, LLC, located at 9205 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, 20772. Transfer from Rakeshkumar Patel, Member-Manager, for the use of Aaryan, LLC, t/a Tucker's Restaurant & Liquors, located at 9205 Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, 20772. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire.**
Mr. Kim informed the Board that Mr. Patel does not hold another alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County. He currently holds 49% interest in the LLC and will acquire the remaining 51% from his father as part of an intra-family transfer. Upon completion of the transaction, he will become the 100% Member-Manager.
Mr. Patel confirmed that he is familiar with the Board's rules and regulations and will ensure that employees comply with them. He has completed alcohol awareness training, and a copy of his training certificate was submitted to the Board.
Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to approve the transfer 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.
Mr. Patel confirmed there were no changes to the application and agreed to accept his responsibilities to the Board concerning the operation of t/a Tucker's Restaurant and Liquors.
Commissioner Norman motions to grant the transfer application for t/a Tucker's Restaurant and Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Gallo's Italian Grocery,** David Keith Fuller, President/Treasurer, Kimberly Ann Fuller, Vice President & Secretary, for a Class DW, Beer and Wine, for the use of 6342 Marlboro Pike, Inc., located at 6342 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747. Transfer from Martha Fuller, President, and David Fuller, Secretary/Treasurer, for the use of 6342 Marlboro Pike, Inc., t/a Gallo's Italian Grocery, located at 6342 Marlboro Pike, District Heights, 20747.
Licensees have no attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.
Mr. Fuller explained that following his mother's passing in June 2025, he intended to transfer her ownership interest to his wife. Mr. Fuller already held 50% corporate interest, with the remaining 50% being transferred to Mrs. Fuller, who assists with managing the store.
Mr. and Mrs. Fuller acknowledged that the Board would hold them accountable for violations occurring at the establishment. Mrs. Fuller stated that she would spend more than 40 hours per week at the establishment.

Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked Mrs. Fuller the standard questions typically used to approve the transfer application, including the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's as well as the ages to sell and consume alcohol. She was able to answer each question.
Commissioner Norman motions to grant the transfer application for t/a Gallos Italian Grocery, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. **t/a The Ruxton/Order of the Ace,** Alexander F. Smith, Authorized Person, Brian P. McCormack, Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor, for the use of Ruxton NH, LLC, located at 149 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745. Transfer from Jon Milton Peterson, Authorized Person, Kent. S. Digby, Authorized Person for the use of Peterson Fireman Venture B45, LLC, t/a Bond 45, located at 149 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire.**
Mr. Carter explained that Ruxton National Harbor had applied to transfer the liquor license formerly held by t/a Bond 45 National Harbor. He stated that the landlord maintained the prior license so it could be transferred to the new establishment rather than requiring a new license. The new establishment will be owned and operated by Ruxton NH, LLC, which is part of the Atlas Restaurant Group.
Mr. Carter described the planned restaurant and submitted an exhibit book containing menus, a wine list, spirit and cocktail selections, and photographs showing the proposed style and décor. The exhibit book was to be provided to the Board if necessary. The proposed restaurant is expected to have more than 100 seats, with estimated renovations of approximately $7 million. He stated that the applicants were familiar with the Board's rules and regulations and understood that they could be held responsible for violations even when they were not physically present at the establishment. All bartenders and managers are expected to be TIPS certified, and approximately 120 employees are anticipated.
Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer application, including the 6 acceptable forms of I. D's, as well as the ages to sell and consume alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.
Commissioner Norman motions to approve the transfer from t/a Bond 45 to t/a Ruxton National Harbor, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. **t/a T and T Liquors,** Roshani A. Patel, Member-Manager, Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, for the use of Mitchellville Wine and Spirits, LLC, located at 13801 Annapolis Road, Mitchellville, 20715. Transfer from Champaben Patel, Member-Manager, for the use of Mitchellville Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a T and T Liquors, located at 13801 Annapolis Road, Mitchellville, 20715. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire.**
Mr. Kim stated Ms. Patel has not previously held an alcoholic beverage license and does not own another business in Prince George's County with an alcoholic beverage license. She currently holds 49% membership interest but is not a licensee and, upon approval of the transfer, will become the 100% Member-Manager of Mitchell Wine and Spirits, LLC. She confirmed that she is familiar with the Board's rules and regulations and will ensure that all employees comply with them.

Ms. Patel confirmed that she had completed Alcohol Awareness Training, and her training certificate had been submitted to the Board.
Ms. Patel acknowledged her responsibilities as a licensee and agreed to accept responsibility for matters brought before the Board concerning the operation of the establishment.
Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to approve the transfer 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 motions to approve the transfer from t/a Bond 45 to t/a Ruxton National Harbor, 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, Fairmont Heights, 20743. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire.**
   The Board received a request to withdraw the application.

NEW – CLASS D, BEER AND WINE

1. **t/a Inspire Nail Bar**, Lily Thi Pham, President, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Inspire Nail Bar AK, LLC, located at 2019 Saint Josephs Drive, Bowie, 20716.
   Chief Clark 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. Pham explained that she was seeking the license to serve drinks to customers at the nail bar. She confirmed that she was aware of the Board's laws, rules, and regulations and intended to comply with them.
   Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this 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 reviewed the application and noted that an affidavit was not initially included in the electronic file. Director Sheppard confirmed that the affidavit had been reviewed through the administrative process and contained the appropriate signatures.
   Commissioner Norman also identified a portion of the premises description that needed to be corrected.
   Commissioner Achale asked what type of alcoholic beverage would be served, Ms. Pham clarified that she intended to serve red wine.
   Commissioner Norman motions to grant the Class D, Beer and Wine license to t/a Inspire Nail Bar, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a Bliss Nail Bar AK,** Hailey Tran, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class D Beer and Wine for the use of Bliss Nail Bar AK, LLC, located at 3430 Crain Highway, Bowie, 20716.
   Chief Clark 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. Tran stated that she was the manager of t/a Bliss Nail Bar and was seeking the license so that the spa could serve wine and champagne to its clients.
   Ms. Tran confirmed that she was familiar with the Board's laws, rules, and regulations and intended to comply with them.
   Chair Bridgwater-Simms asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this 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.
   During questioning, **Ms. Tran** initially stated that she was not the owner and identified herself as a manager. However, the application indicated that she owned 100% of the business. After further discussion, **Ms. Tran** clarified that she had an ownership interest in the business but that another individual held the majority interest.
   Director Sheppard informed her that the majority owner/licensee would also need to appear before the Board before the license could be issued.
   Commissioner Norman motions to continue the request for the Class D, Beer and Wine license for t/a Bliss Nail Bar until the additional licensee could appear, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
   After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a The Reserve on Main,** DeAnna Jackson, President, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of The Reserve on Main, LLC, located at 14507 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, 20772. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**
   Ms. Carter explained that t/a The Reserve on Main would operate primarily as a creative studio and event space. The business plans to host small weddings, graduations, baby showers, birthday parties, painting classes, ceramics and glassmaking classes, cake decorating, yoga, themed brunches, wine tastings, and mystery nights.
   Ms. Jackson has entered into a long-term lease and intends for the business to be her full-time occupation. She is Alcohol Awareness Certified and has reviewed the Board's rules and regulations. She currently has no employees but expects to use contractors to assist with classes and outside caterers for events. In the future, she hopes to operate a bakery and offer baking classes.

Ms. Carter submitted an exhibit book to the Board containing information about Ms. Jackson, the business plan, website photographs, a floor plan, an alcohol plan, and photographs depicting the intended appearance of the establishment.
Ms. Jackson confirmed that she understood the Board could hold her responsible for violations occurring at the establishment. She stated that the main and upper levels of the property total approximately 2,700 square feet. The basement will initially be used for storage. She reported that she had already invested approximately $60,000–$70,000 in the property. She hopes to open by November 1, 2026.
Ms. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify this 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.
Ms. Carter explained that the property was zoned commercial but had not previously obtained a Use and Occupancy Permit. Efforts are underway with the appropriate county agencies to obtain the required permit.
Commissioner McLean motions to grant the Class D, Beer and Wine license to t/a The Reserve on Main, seconded by **Commissioner Smith.**
After Board Vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ariana Posada-Mejia
Administrative Aide BOLC