

**June 27, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:02 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 long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS:

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Taqueria Habanero**, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8145 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, Isael Ramirez to serve as Co-Managing Member instead of Carlos Alvarado, Co-Managing Member. Represented by **Wesley Japp, Esquire**. **Mr. Ramirez** is a longtime colleague and friend of Mr. Alvarado, and he wishes to purchase his share of the restaurant.

Mr. Japp asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Taqueria Habanero, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Shake Shack**, Class B(EC), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 101 National Avenue, #16, National Harbor, 20745, Sarah Griffiths to serve as Authorized Person instead of Allan Ng, Authorized Person.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

The previous licensee is no longer associated with this license.

Commissioner Camacho asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol.

The applicant was initially unable to list the six forms of I.D., after pausing this case the applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Shake Shack, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION:

TRANSFER OF LOCATION

1. Pratham D. Patel, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class D(R), Beer for the use of Lewisdale Market, LLC, **t/a Lewisdale Market**, 7701 23rd Avenue, Hyattsville, 20783 transfer from t/a Cheverly Sports Fair, 5619 Landover Road, Hyattsville, 20784, Soon Pak, Owner.

Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Patel has been working at Lewisdale Market since March 2023. He grew up in this business.

Mr. Patel is TIPS certified and all cashiers will be TIPS certified.

This liquor license will be a benefit to the community, we submitted a petition to the Board this morning with one hundred and twenty signatures in support of this application.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the transfer of location for t/a Lewisdale Market, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

TRANSFER

1. Yash S. Patel, 100% Member-Manager, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Accokeek Liquors, LLC, t/a Accokeek Liquors, 15789 Livingston Road, Unit 116, Accokeek, 20607 transfer from Accokeek Liquors, LLC, t/a **Accokeek Liquors**, 15789 Livingston Road, Unit 116, Accokeek, 20607, Yash S. Patel, Authorized Person/Member, and Jaymini Patel, 75% Stockholder.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Patel came on the license in March 2022, he is now purchasing the remainder of the stock and will be one hundred percent Member. There have been no violations at the establishment since becoming a licensee.

Mr. Patel is Alcohol Awareness certified.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Accokeek Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Patricia E. Martinez Rivera, Member-Manager, Hugo A. Bonilla, Member-Manager for a Class B(R), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Station 202, LLC, t/a **Station 202**, 5820 Landover Road, Hyattsville, 20781 transfer from BCL, Inc., t/a Fratelli Italian Restaurant, 5820 Landover Road, Hyattsville, 20781, William R. Conway, President, Bernard Tsai, Secretary/Treasurer.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim states the applicants are currently the owners of Riviera Tapas Bar, holding a Class DD license. There have been no violations during their tenure at this location.

Riviera Tapas Bar is a high rated restaurant and very popular for citizens in the area. Both applicants are Alcohol Awareness certified, certificates were submitted in June 2022.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Station 202, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Sukhchain Singh, Member-Manager, Harkesh Manocha, Member for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Laurel Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a **Laurel Beer, Wine & Spirits**, 8501 Cherry Lane, Laurel, 20707 transfer from Laurel Liquors, Inc., t/a Laurel Beer, Wine & Spirits, 8501 Cherry Lane, Laurel, 20707, Mun Son Kim, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Manocha is currently a licensee at Rocket Liquors in Washington, DC. There have been no violations during his tenure at this location.

Mr. Singh is the manager and eighty percent member.

Both applicants are Alcohol Awareness certified.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Both applicants were able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Laurel Beer, Wine and Spirits, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. Qiong Huang, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Cox Liquors MD, LLC, **t/a Cox's Liquors**, 7200 Martin Luther King Highway, Landover, 20785 transfer from Multi-Bil II, Inc. t/a Cox's Liquors, 7200 Martin Luther King Highway, Landover, 20785, Judy Lee, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Mr. Carter asked for an amendment to the application and agenda be made this entity is Incorporated and not a Limited Liability Company. Articles of Incorporation will be provided to the Board.

Mr. Carter states Mr. Huang entered a contract to purchase Cox's Liquors and we're hoping to go to settlement in the next couple of months.

Mr. Huang will become TIPS certified if this application is approved. All cashiers will be TIPS certified as well.

There will be no material changes to the operation.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class A license for t/a Cox's Liquors, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS D, BEER AND WINE

1. Khoa Hung Dang Vo, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of The Village Nail Bar II Corporation, **t/a Village Nail Bar II**, 6816 Laurel Bowie Road, Bowie, 20715.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Village Nail Bar II is a full-service nail salon offering manicures, pedicures, waxes, and facials. This establishment opened in September 2022.

Mr. Dung Vo obtained one hundred pages of approximately eight hundred and fifty signatures for a petition of support. Customers have indicated they would like to have this while receiving service.

Mr. Dung Vo is Alcohol Awareness certified; the certificate has been submitted to the Board.

Mr. Kim asked the standard questions used to qualify this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the Class D license for t/a Village Nail Bar II, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Charlene Blakenship, CEO, for a Class D, Beer and Wine for the use of Laurel's House of Horror, LLC, **t/a Laurel's House of Horror**, 935 Fairlawn Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Laurel's House of Horror is a haunted house from September through November and during the off season an escape room over the weekend.

In addition, parties are occasionally held at the establishment throughout the year.

Commissioner Camacho asked the standard questions used to qualify this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the Class D license for t/a Laurel's House of Horror, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

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

1. Fred Jason Salmoran, Authorized Person, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of L and F Laurel, LLC, **t/a Amigo's Mexican Grill**, 13600 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 400, Laurel, 20707.

Represented by **Benjamin Carter, Esquire**.

Amigo's Mexican Grill food is inspired by Southern Mexican Cuisine.

The build out isn't fully complete, the anticipated opening date is September 2023.

Mr. Salmoran is Alcohol Awareness certified. Most front-line employees will be Alcohol Awareness certified. Everyone that looks under the age of thirty years old will be carded. No vertical I.D.'s will be accepted, and I.D. scanners will be utilized.

Mr. Carter asked the standard questions used to qualify this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Sparkman makes a motion to approve the Class B, BLX, license for t/a Amigo's Mexican Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC