

LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND  
16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
February 24, 2021

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Tilley. In attendance were Vice Chair Davis Kohl, Commissioners Merchant and Welch along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and Judith Powell. Commissioner Majewski was absent.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of the meeting held February 10, 2021; the vote was unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

02/17/2021		
Driver's License Guide	Prof. Books	26.50
BGE	Utilities	320.16
Sprint	Telephone	417.66
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	294.80
Venetian HACO, LLC	License Processing Refund	20.00
02/24/2021		
Harford Bank	Withholding	1890.85
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	541.92
Payroll	Payroll	4445.78
It's PayDay	Accounting	70.00
MD State Retirement	Retirement	489.55
Metro Data	Computer Support	664.00
Comcast	Phone	208.63

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

1) Ziller, L.L.C., T/A Abbey Burger Havre de Grace - New License (Postponed)

This has been rescheduled to March 24.

2) Aberdeen Rose, Inc., T/A Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar - Change of Officers Transfer  
Rodger Grim, Sr., Assistant Secretary, Aberdeen Rose, Inc. T/A Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 991 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen, MD, were present along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with a Supplemental Application for this Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. The purpose of the Application is to remove Cheri Smidt-Wehage and replace her with Rodger Grim, Sr., who will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve this application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Keshar Bhavani Corporation, T/A 7-11 Convenience Store – Show Cause Hearing

Asha Patel, President, Keshar Bhavani Corporation, 504 Edgewood Road, Edgewood, MD appeared along with their attorney Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of:

a) Failure to have a licensee or designated supervisor certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, in violation of AB, § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14;

b) Failure of a license holder to keep on the licensed premises records containing the legal names, aliases, address, date of birth, and a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification of employee Milan “Mike” Patel, in violation of Board Rule 3:06 (g); and

c) Failure of a license holder to keep on the licensed premises records containing the legal names, aliases, address, date of birth, and a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification of employee Gunvant “Geri” Patel, in violation of Board Rule 3:06 (g).

Subsequent to the Hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e. the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable License Holder testimony, and with further consideration to License Holder relevant past record (if any), the Board determined the following:

Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in violation of the Alcoholic Beverage Article (AB) § 22-1903 and of the Annotated Code of Maryland (“Code”) and Board Rule 3:14 (Failure to have a licensee or designated supervisor certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold); the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in violation of Board Rule 3:06(g) (Failure of a license holder to keep on the licensed premises records containing the legal names, aliases, address, date of birth, and a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification of employee Milan “Mike” Patel); the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holder in violation of Board Rule 3:06(g) (Failure of a license holder to keep on the licensed premises records containing the legal names, aliases, address, date of birth, and a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification of employee Gunvant “Geri” Patel); the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$500.00 for License Holder’s failure to have a licensee or designated supervisor certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, in violation of AB, § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$250.00 for License Holder’s failure to keep on the licensed premises records containing the legal names, aliases, address, date of birth, and a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification of employee Milan “Mike” Patel, in violation of Board Rule 3:06 (g); the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made and duly seconded to impose a fine of \$250.00 for License Holder’s failure to keep on the licensed premises records containing the legal names, aliases, address, date of birth, and a legible photocopy of a government-issued identification of employee Gunvant “Geri” Patel, in violation of Board Rule 3:06 (g); the vote was unanimous.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1) Bush River Yacht Club, Inc. T/A Bush River Yacht Club – Supplemental

The has been postponed and will be scheduled for a future date.

2) Fisheye, L.L.C. T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn – Fine Paid

Fisheye, L.L.C. was issued a fine choice letter for an alcohol awareness violation; the \$100.00 fine has been paid.

3) B K Capital, L.L.C. T/A Tutto Fresco – Letter of Resignation

License Holder David Ganong has submitted notice that he has resigned as a member of B K Capital, L.L.C., and will be transferring his interest to the remaining License Holder and he wishes to be removed from the license. Staff has been in touch with remaining License Holder Burke Burns and have advised him that a Supplemental Application must be submitted before the license can be renewed.

**STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT**

Mr. Snee has inquired as to when the Board might be prepared to hear a contested case in person. Mrs. Powell will work with Mr. Snee's office in connection with a future hearing date possibly in May.

Discussion was held regarding re-opening the office on March 1 and controlling public traffic through the office.

Susan Burdette has been nominated to replace Sheryl Davis Kohl on the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on February 24, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

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Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

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James E. Welch, Commissioner

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Sheryl Davis Kohl, Vice Chair

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Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner