

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Liquor Control Board for Harford County was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Majewski at the Board's office. In attendance were Vice Chair Burdette, Commissioners Goddard, Sines and Walters along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager.

MINUTES April 5

Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and was seconded to approve the meeting minutes for April 5; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

Malissa Roach	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	231.11
Crystal Springs	Office	5.49
Harford Mutual	Insurance	514.00
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	1999.74
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	825.24
Metro Data	Computers	664.00
Sprint	Telephone	163.38
Staples	Office	64.99

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. – Outside Event Application

Ankit Desai, Member, Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Harbor Wine & Spirits, L.L.C., 1027 Pulaski Highway, Havre de Grace has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on the adjoining parking lot on May 6 for a first anniversary/customer appreciation day. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Steelefish Grille North, L.L.C., T/A Steelefish Grille – Supplemental Application

This hearing has been postponed due to a prior medical appointment. License holder has requested a 10-day license extension through May 10. Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and was seconded to extend the license through May 10 and the vote was unanimous.

3) P B & J Bond, Inc., T/A MaGerk's Pub – Change of Officers Transfer

Paul Dolaway, President, Bridget Lloyd, Secretary/Treasurer, P B & J Bond, Inc., T/A MaGerk's Pub, 120 S. Bond Street, Bel Air appeared in proper person in connection with a Change of Officers Transfer Application for this B3-BWL-On Sale Only License. Michele Dolaway is transferring her interest in the corporation to Paul Dolaway. Bridget Lloyd will retain 33% interest in the corporation and Paul Dolaway will hold 66% interest. Ms. Lloyd will continue to serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application and the vote was unanimous.

4) Scheuerman Enterprises, Inc., T/A Friendship Wine & Spirits – Supplemental
Michael Scheuerman, President, Zachary Scheuerman, Secretary/Treasurer, Scheuerman Enterprises, Inc., T/A Friendship Wine & Spirits, 3502-A Woodsdale Road, Abingdon, appeared in proper person in connection with a Supplemental Application for this Class A1-BWL-Off Sale Only License. Michael Scheuerman has gifted 25% of his stock to Zachary Scheuerman and has transferred 50% of his stock to Lizzy's Libationz, L.L.C. Interest in the corporation will be held as follows: Michael Scheuerman, 25%; Zachary Scheuerman, 25%; and Lizzy's Libationz, L.L.C., 50%. Zachary Scheuerman has taken and passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application and to be effective May 1, 2023; the vote was unanimous.

5) Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C., T/A Latitude Bel Air / Latitude Seafood – New License (POSTPONED)
This hearing will be rescheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) QSA Food Corporation T/A All American Steak House – Supplemental Application
Daniel Santoro, Co-President, QSA Food Corporation T/A All American Steak House, 3720 Churchville Road, Aberdeen has submitted a Supplemental Application for this Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only License. The purpose of the application is to remove Dominic Rose from the license as Mr. Rose has voluntarily withdrawn from the corporation and his 50% interest has been transferred to Daniel Santoro who now holds 100% interest. Mr. Santoro previously passed the licensee test and will now serve as the Responsible Operator. A new stock certificate for Mr. Santoro must be submitted prior to release of the license. Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and was seconded to approve the application with an effective date of May 1, 2023, contingent on receipt of the outstanding stock certificate; the vote was unanimous.

2) Fine Paid
Khodiyar, Inc. T/A 7-11 (Baltimore Pike) has paid a total of \$2500 in fines that were imposed for violations of Awareness, Responsible Operator, and Health and Welfare of the Community.

3) Back Flip, Inc. T/A Rocks Liquors – Trade Name Change Request
Joseph F. Snee, Jr., counsel for Back Flip, Inc. T/A Rocks Liquors, 1514 Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, has submitted a request to revert to the trade name of "Ronnie's Beverage Warehouse". Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the name change and the vote was unanimous.

RENEWALS TO BE APPROVED

General Manager Crabbs requested that the Board grant him the ability to administratively approve the remaining renewals contingent on submission of all outstanding items. Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and seconded to grant General Manager Crabbs the ability to administratively approve remaining renewals contingent on submission of all outstanding items and the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to allow General Manager Crabbs the ability grant a 10-day license extension for license holders that are waiting for resolution of State hold issues.

Fifteen renewals were presented for approval. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve 15 renewal applications; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM BEER & WINE LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) St. Margaret School – Spaghetti Dinner – 04/30

Application was submitted by Deanna Townsley and Gail Rohleder on behalf of St. Margaret School for a spaghetti dinner to be held in the school hall on April 30. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and seconded to approve the per diem beer and wine license application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Twilight Tuesday – 05/09

Application was submitted by Emily Emerick and Barbara Barnoff on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for “Twilight Tuesdays” event on May 9 for beer and wine to be dispensed in the café and allow patrons to take the beverages onto the grounds. Motion was made by Goddard and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Twilight Tuesday – 05/16

Application was submitted by Emily Emerick and Barbara Barnoff on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for “Twilight Tuesdays” event on May 16 for beer and wine to be dispensed in the café and allow patrons to take the beverages onto the grounds. Motion was made by Goddard and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM BEER, WINE & LIQUOR LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation – Sailboat Regatta and Shore Party – 06/09

Application was submitted by Donna Tower Lenzner and Sarah Karantonis on behalf of The Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation for the annual Sailboat Regatta and Shore Party being held on June 9 at Concord Point Park. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Friends of the Festival – 05/05

Application was submitted by Emily Emerick and Barbara Barnoff on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for a “Friends of the Festival” event on May 5 for alcoholic beverages to be served on the garden grounds. Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard and was seconded to amend the agenda to add the vote to remove Paul Majewski as the Chair. Chair Majewski moved to make the motion out of order. Commissioner Goddard noted that once the motion is made under Robert’s Rules and seconded and debated and then voted on. Chair Majewski moved out of order because it is not on the agenda.

Commissioner Goddard made a motion to amend the agenda. Chair Majewski indicated that two-thirds vote was needed. Commissioner Goddard stated that according to Robert’s Rules it’s a majority. Mr. Crabbs confirmed that two-thirds vote is required. Chair Majewski put on the record that two-thirds vote is 66.66%, therefore, four out of five votes is required. Commissioner Goddard referred to his Robert’s Rules “cheat sheet” indicating a majority vote is the requirement; copies of the “cheat sheet” and also Robert’s Rules were distributed. Commissioner Walters pointed out that per the official Roberts Rules provided by Mr. Crabbs that amendments to the agenda were in the category of motions which could be passed by a majority vote. Board Counsel agreed.

Mr. Crabbs reported that three bills passed this year are alteration of Class A license quota bill, health club license, and performing arts license.

Vice Chair Burdette indicated that she would like to ask County Executive Cassilly and Delegate Mike Griffith to come to address the staff and the Board. Discussion was held.

Commissioner Sines asked about failure rates for compliance; Chief Inspector stated that he would prepare and distribute a report in connection with failure rates for the last several years.

Commissioner Sines read his statement concerning his Board appointment into the record.

Mr. Crabbs read his statement regarding the current turmoil and unhealthy work environment.

Commissioner Goddard called for a vote on the motion to amend the agenda to remove Paul Majewski as the Chair; there were three "yes" votes; Chair Majewski abstained from the vote; Vice Chair Burdette abstained. The motion to amend the agenda was approved unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Goddard to remove Paul Majewski as the Chair pursuant to Md. Code Annotated, Alcoholic Beverages Article 22-203. There were three votes to remove Paul Majewski as Chair. Chair Majewski and Vice Chair Burdette abstained. Motion passed unanimously to remove Paul Majewski as Chair.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and seconded to amend the agenda to call for a reorganization of the Board and nominate a Chair. Commissioner Goddard called for a vote; there were three "yes" votes; the motion passed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters to nominate Commissioner Goddard as Chair and the motion was seconded; there were three "yes" votes. Vice Chair Burdette and Commissioner Majewski abstained from the vote. The vote was unanimous to install Commissioner Goddard as the Chair.

Mr. Crabbs and Mrs. Baxter distributed Harford Bank signature cards with instructions to draw through and initial any title that appears under the signature line due to inconsistencies in the titles. Commissioner Walters indicated he would not sign at this particular time.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

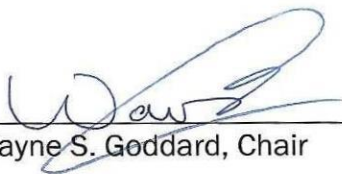
Mr. Crabbs advised that he has responded via email to Mr. McCord's letter advising that the requested information would be compiled and forwarded. Mr. Crabbs will request a personal meeting with Mr. McCord.

Discussion was held regarding the annual audit and forensic audit. Chair Goddard indicated that he will put together a records request for the bank accounts. Topics including staffing, automation of licensing, original signatures on documents, notarizations and re-processing fees for incomplete applications were discussed. License holder Michael Scheuerman's remarked on license fees that have not been raised in 20 years, stiffer penalties for violations, and the legislative change to the ratios for Class A licenses which implies added value to the Class A licenses.

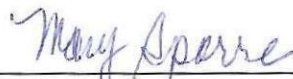
The annual contract for legal counsel fees was distributed and Mrs. Finneran described the basics of the contract. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines to renew Mrs. Finneran's contract; motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Crabbs and each Commissioner signed the contract.

Inspector Colburn reported that there are representatives from companies attempting to sell seltzer infused with Delta 8 THC which is not permitted by the State, FDA, and the County Health Department.

Motion was made by Chair Goddard and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary