

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

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 3, 2023

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**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 Goddard at the Board's office. In attendance were Vice Chair Burdette, Commissioners Majewski, Sines and Walters along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager.

**PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

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

David Steele, Member, Layna Thacker, Member, Robyn A. Steele, As Legal Guardian, Steelefish Grille North, L.L.C., T/A Steelefish Grille, 660 Boulton Street, Bel Air appeared 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 Chad Martz from the license. Layna Thacker, Member, will be added to the license; she has passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. Interest in the L.L.C. will be held as follows: David Steele 30%; Layna Thacker 10%; Robyn A. Steele 30%; and the remaining 30% is held by other stockholders as disclosed in the Application. Outstanding items include execution of three documents by Kenneth Kosko, specifically, the ninth amendment to the operating agreement, written consent, and a joinder. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the application contingent upon receipt of the three executed documents; the vote was unanimous.

2) Chips & Salsa, L.L.C. T/A Abingdon Grill – Outside Event Application – Update

Dariush Vedadi, Member, Chips & Salsa, L.L.C. T/A Abingdon Grill, 418 Constant Friendship Boulevard, Abingdon appeared in proper person in connection with an Outside Event Application for events being held every Friday evening from April 14 through October 27. Previously, the Board approved April 14, 21, and 28 events and requested Mr. Vedadi to appear today with an update on those events. Mr. Vedadi reported that appropriate control and containment measures were in place, many patrons chose to use the inside of the restaurant, red cups were used for alcoholic beverages, and wristbands were issued to those over 21 years of age. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the remaining dates of May 5, 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28; August 4, 11, 18, 25; September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27; the vote was unanimous.

3) Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. – Fire Department License Application

Applicants Michael Amole, Chief, Scott Golly, Vice President, (John Cooney, President, was not present), Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., 3825 Federal Hill Road, Jarrettsville appeared in proper person along with fire department member Larry Grannas in connection with a Fire Department License Application to hold ten events per year with the ability to serve beer and wine. The first event is scheduled for May 13 and is a tool bingo from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C., T/A Latitude Bel Air / Latitude Seafood – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be rescheduled.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1) Maryland Country Club, Inc. T/A Maryland Golf & Country Club – Outside Service Area Application  
Maryland Country Club, Inc. T/A Maryland Golf & Country Club, 1335 East MacPhail Road, Bel Air has submitted an Outside Service Area Application for the newly constructed pavilion. Commissioner Walters disclosed that he is a club member and shareholder. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Maryland Country Club, Inc. T/A Maryland Golf & Country Club – Wine Corkage Permit Application  
Maryland Country Club T/A Maryland Golf & Country Club has submitted a Wine Corkage Permit Application. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Tacos Tolteca II, Inc. T/A Tacos Tolteca – Outside Service Area Application  
Tacos Tolteca II, Inc. T/A Tacos Tolteca, 2823 Belair Road, Fallston has submitted an Outside Service Area Application for the front porch patio of the restaurant. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Backfin Blues Group, Inc. t/a Backfin Blues Creole de Graw – Outside Event Application  
Backfin Blues Group, Inc. t/a Backfin Blues Creole de Graw, 400 N. Union Street, Havre de Grace has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used for First Friday events on May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, and October 6. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) Thai Spice, L.L.C. T/A Thai Spice – Renovations  
April C. Ishak, counsel for Thai Spice, L.L.C. T/A Thai Spice, 5 Bel Air South Parkway, Bel Air has submitted renovation plans for the dining room which are expected to take 30 days and request permission to remain closed from May 1 to June 1. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and seconded to approve the temporary closure; the vote was unanimous.

6) Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott – 60 Day Status Update  
Harford Hotel Spirits, L.L.C. T/A SpringHill Suites by Marriott, 1420 Handlir Drive, Bel Air has submitted a 60 Day Status Update on their tentative approval. They anticipate completion for a final approval hearing on August 21.

7) St. Margaret School – Per Diem Beer & Wine License – Date Change Request  
St. Margaret School was previously granted a per diem beer and wine license to be used on April 30, but has requested a date change to May 13. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and seconded to approve the date change; the vote was unanimous.

8) Class A Delivery Outside of Harford County  
Chief Inspector Colburn advised that Earl Bradford, Director and Chief Inspector for Cecil County Liquor Board, called our office to report that a Harford County license holder was making deliveries in Cecil County. Harford County holders of a Class A or Class A-1 License may be issued a letter of authorization to conduct retail delivery of alcoholic beverages. This privilege does not apply to restaurants, taverns, and other license classes. Based upon a review of Board Rules and Maryland Code, Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded that Class A or Class A-1 licensees, who possess a letter of authorization issued by the Board, may deliver alcoholic beverages throughout the State of Maryland,

without regard to jurisdictional boundaries. This information will be emailed to all license holders by Chief Inspector Colburn in his "Notes from the Inspector".

9) 2023 – 2024 Renewals Update

General Manager Crabbs reported that he issued administrative approval for 37 renewal applications. Two licenses were extended for 10 days through May 10 due to state tax holds: MBGC, L.L.C. T/A Mountain Branch Golf, Pub & Grill and Richlin Food Corporation T/A Richlin Ballroom. Steelefish Grille North, L.L.C. T/A Steelefish Grille was previously granted an extension, however, the supplemental application was approved today and a new license will be issued.

10) S B & Company, LLC – Audit Engagement Letter

The audit engagement letter from S B & Company, L.L.C. was distributed and reviewed. Commissioner Walters confirmed that that is a standard audit engagement letter. Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and seconded to approve and sign the audit engagement letter; the vote was unanimous.

11) April 2023 Pre-Audit Performance Budget

The April 2023 performance budget was distributed and reviewed.

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

1) Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church – Greek Festival – June 2, 3, 4

Application was submitted by Peter Karas and Dennis Kougianos on behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church for their Greek Festival to be held on June 2, 3, 4 on the church property. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

**MINUTES**

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and seconded to approve the meeting minutes for April 12; the vote was unanimous.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

The checks issued April 19 were emailed to Board members for review and were approved for payment. Vice Chair Burdette and Commissioner Sines came into the office and signed the checks on April 20.

April 19

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3453.91
State Comptroller	Withholding	913.97
ConnectPay	Accounting	78.75
Payroll	Payroll	7509.29
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
BGE	Utilities	423.78
LEAF	Copier Lease	615.00
First Bankcard	Credit	402.65
First Bankcard	Fuel	135.63

Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Commissioner Sines to approve the following accounts payable; the vote was unanimous:

May 3

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3841.75
State Comptroller	Withholding	1050.86
ConnectPay	Accounting	87.50

Payroll	Payroll	9736.24
State Retirement	Retirement	530.31
Amy Finneran	Legal	1650.00
Amy Finneran	Court fees	170.78
Kopin, LLC	Rent	2695.00
Kopin, LLC	Rent	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Olive Tree Restaurant	Refund overpaid license fee	290.00
Chubb	Insurance	2994.00
Modus Solutions	Excess copies	172.75
Ish Krupa, LLA	Refund overpaid license fee	180.00

### OLD BUSINESS

Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded to approve meeting minutes for December 7, 8, 14; January 11, 25; February 8, 22; and March 22; the vote was 3-0 for approval. Commissioners Sines and Walters were not eligible to vote as they had not yet been appointed.

### STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Finneran advised that she will not attend the June 14 meeting due to other obligations.

Chair Goddard advised that he has conflicts with three meeting dates. He will contact Chair Burdette to confirm that she will be in attendance on those three dates.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 10:35 a.m., Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Vice Chair Burdette to close the meeting under Statutory Authority to Close Session, Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b): (1) to discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals. The topic under citation (1) was to discuss employment/new hire and the reason for closing was to maintain future employee confidentiality. Board members and staff were all present.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Burdette and seconded to return to open session; the vote was unanimous. The closed meeting included discussion of the part-time inspector position and funding; no decisions were made.

Commissioner Walters and Ms. Baxter will meet to review the 2023-2024 budget with a goal of further discussion at the May 24 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to adjourn the meeting; the vote was unanimous.



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Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



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Mary Spore, Secretary