

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

MINUTES

Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes from September 22 and October 13; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Harford Bank	Withholding	2241.73
Comptroller of MD	Withholding	746.04
Payroll	Payroll	6606.23
ConnectPay	Accounting	77.00
MD State Retirement	Withholding	489.55
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	60.00
Comcast	Telephone	207.17
Amy Finneran	Legal	2452.50
Kopin LLC	Rent	2642.00
Crystal Springs	Supplies	3.99
First Bankcard	Credit card	243.03
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Konica Minolta	Maintenance	993.96

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) Acappella, L.L.C. T/A Acappella Italian Restaurant

Mihallaq Rapo, Managing Member, Etien Bregasi, Member, Acappella, L.L.C. t/a Acappella Italian Restaurant, 2402 Pleasantville Road, Fallston, appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of

- a) failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity, in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article ("AB") § 4-505(f) and § 22-1903 of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("Code") as well as Board Rule 3:14.

The violation is alleged to have occurred on August 31, 2021.

License holders received a fine choice letter and requested a hearing. 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's relevant past record (if any) motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders **in violation** of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 4-505(f) and § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 - failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity. Motion was made and duly seconded to fine License Holders \$100.00; the vote was unanimous. Chair Tilley recused himself from the vote.

2) Fallston VCH, L.L.C. T/A Vince's Crab House & Seafood Restaurant

Brenda L. Meyer, Member, Vincent T. Meyer, Member, Vincent T. Meyer, II, Member, Fallston VCH, L.L.C. t/a Vince's Crab House & Seafood Restaurant, 2108 Fallston Road, Fallston appeared in proper person in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of

- a) Alcoholic Beverages Article ("AB") § 4-505(f) and § 22-1903 of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("Code") as well as Board Rule 3:14 - failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity.

The violation is alleged to have occurred on August 25, 2021.

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's relevant past record (if any) motion was made and duly seconded to find License Holders **in violation** of Alcoholic Beverages Article (AB) § 4-505(f) and § 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 - failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity. Motion was made and duly seconded to fine License Holders \$500.00; the vote was unanimous.

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Applicants – Zeta Phi Beta Sorority – Per Diem Beer, Wine & Liquor Application

First-time applicants Damiko Moore and Zenia Jones appeared on behalf of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority in connection with an application for a Per Diem Beer, Wine & Liquor License for an event to be held on December 12 at the Havre de Grace Community Center for the sorority's "Sapphire & Pearlz" holiday celebration. Motion was made and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) BH Brightview Avondell Opco, L.L.C. T/A Brightview Avondell – New License

Andrew Anderson, Executive Director, BH Brightview Avondell Opco, L.L.C. T/A Brightview Avondell, 128 W. Ring Factory Road, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with an application for a Class ALP-BWL-On Sale Only License. As permitted by AB § 22-1001 and § 22-1405, Mr. Anderson is Executive Director of Brightview Senior Living, which operates Brightview Avondell under the terms of a management agreement, and he is not required to have a pecuniary interest in the business. Mr. Anderson will serve as the Responsible Operator of business and has taken and passed the licensee test. Seven different alcohol service areas and an outside service area were submitted. Motion was made and duly seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Hickory Lodge, L.L.C., T/A Hickory Lodge – Change of Officers Transfer (POSTPONED)

This hearing has been postponed and rescheduled to December 1.

4) JVille Foodies, L.L.C., T/A JVille Grille – Transfer (POSTPONED)

This hearing has been postponed and rescheduled to November 17.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

There was no business to discuss.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and duly seconded to convene to executive session to discuss personnel matters with legal counsel; the vote was unanimous. The Board determined that the General Manager position will be advertised and applications accepted.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes from the Harford County Liquor Control Board Meeting on November 3, 2021, have been reviewed and approved by the following:

Walter A. Tilley III, Chair

Frederic L. Merchant, Commissioner

Paul J. Majewski, Vice Chair

James E. Welch, Commissioner

Susan Burdette, Commissioner