

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 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 Goddard at the Board's office. In attendance were Commissioners Majewski, Sines and Walters along with Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran and W. Michael Crabbs, General Manager. Vice Chair Burdette was previously excused.

MINUTES

Minutes for the May 3 meeting were distributed for review. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded by to approve the minutes; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve payment of the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

Comcast	Telephone	231.11
Crystal Springs	Advertising	44.46
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	1999.74
Metro Data, Inc.	Computers	664.00
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	428.50

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) First-Time Applicant Per Diem Beer & Wine Application - Thomas Run Church Foundation - June 4
First-Time Applicants Henry Bahr and Kim Driver appeared on behalf of Thomas Run Church Foundation in connection with a Per Diem Beer & Wine Application to be used at a social gathering on the Church grounds on June 4. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. - Request to Return to Beer & Wine Only
George Karoutsos, Member, and Apostolos Karoutsos, Member, Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. T/A Mr. Souvlaki, L.L.C. t/a Mr. Souvlaki, 1521-A Rock Spring Road, Forest Hill, appeared in proper person in connection with their request to return to beer & wine only license. A Class B Café-BW-On/Off Sale-L-Only Sale Only license is currently issued to the license holders, however, due to a lack of liquor sales license holders have requested to revert back to the Class B Café-BW-On/Off Sale License. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines to approve the request and was seconded; the vote was unanimous.

3) Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C., T/A Latitude Bel Air / Latitude Seafood - New License
This hearing will be rescheduled for a future date.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Mayvid, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Liquors
Vidyaben K. Patel, Secretary, Mayvid, Inc. T/A Aberdeen Liquors, 124 S. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen, appeared along with their counsel Robert F. Kahoe, Jr., (and their translator Avanish Patel) in connection with a show cause hearing indicating violation of the following:

Charge 1 - Sale and/or provision of alcoholic beverages to an individual under the legal drinking age of twenty-one (21) years in violation of Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Section 6-304 ("Code") and Board Rule (BR) 4:01.

The License Holder, through legal counsel, conceded the violation set forth in the Notice of Violation and proceeded on an Agreed Statement of Facts, read into the record by Mr. Crabbs, to which there were no requested additions, deletions or modifications by the Licensee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and was seconded by Commissioner Sines to convene to executive session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; the vote was unanimous. During the executive session, advice was sought from counsel concerning license holder's previous violation history and the commissioners were advised that a decision regarding violation must be made first.

On return to the meeting, motion was made by Commissioner Majewski to go back on the record, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Walters, and the vote was unanimous.

Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Board Inspector William Colburn), as well as applicable testimony from License Holder, Aberdeen Police Officer William Goodman, Cody R. Stacey, Kenneth Reil, and Pareshkumar Shah, and with further consideration to License Holder's relevant past record (if any), the Board made the following findings:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Commissioner Sines to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Majewski and seconded by Commissioner Sines to assess a fine of \$2,000.00 and issue a three (3) day suspension to be served on a Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

There was no administrative business.

RENEWAL UPDATE

Two licenses were extended through May 10; Richlin Food Corporation T/A Richlin Ballroom have resolved their tax issues and picked up their 2023-2024 license; MBGC, L.L.C. T/A Mountain Branch Golf, Pub & Grill's charter is not in good standing but license holder hopes to have the issue resolved today. Mrs. Powell will advise commissioners via email of the status of the license at the close of business today.

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

1) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Twilight Tuesdays – May 23 & 30

Application was submitted by Emily Emerick and Barbara Barnhoff on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for "Twilight Tuesdays" being held on the garden grounds. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Ducks Unlimited – Sippin for the Ducks – June 24

Application was submitted by Neil Crumbacker and Steven Steinbacher on behalf of Ducks Unlimited for their annual Sippin for the Ducks event being held on June 24 at Jerusalem Mill Village. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

General Manager Crabbs advised that a letter has been received from the auditor SB & Company, L.L.C., confirming that the audit will be held sometime during the week of June 20; specific date(s) to follow.

The Board was advised that June 19 is a holiday and the HCLCB office will be closed.

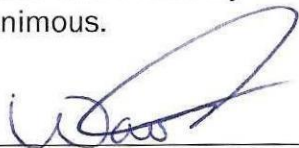
Work continues on the response to the letter from Mr. McCord, Director of Administration for Harford County Government.

License holder Michael Scheuerman, Scheuerman Enterprises, Inc. T/A Friendship Wine & Liquor, has notified Ms. Springer at MSLBA of the Board's May 3 decision allowing retail delivery outside of Harford County, and MSLBA has requested a copy of the meeting's audio. Mr. Scheuerman will submit a Request for Public Information.


Ms. Finneran presented the results of her research in connection with other jurisdictions' retail delivery policies.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary