

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2024

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, Walters, newly appointed Commissioner BangTam Miller, Board Counsel Amy K. Finneran, and General Manager Crabbs.

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford County, Michelle Karczeski, issued the oath of office to Commissioner BangTam Miller and also to Inspector Lance Griffin.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines nominating Commissioner Majewski as Vice Chair; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Walters and the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters nominating Chair Goddard to continue as the Chair; Vice Chair Majewski seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve payment of the following bills.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3843.43
State Comptroller	Withholding	1081.15
ConnectPay	Accounting	100.00
Payroll	Payroll	10664.79
State Retirement	Retirement	670.97
Amy Finneran	Legal	1650.00
Kopin	Rent	2749.00
Kopin	Rent	120.00
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Bergen Unlimited, Inc. T/A The Grazing Room at Boards by Dana – New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing will be scheduled for a future date.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING

1) Shambhavi, Inc. t/a Old School Tavern

Shweta Srivastava, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Shambhavi, Inc., T/A Old School Tavern, 3403 Conowingo Road, Street, appeared along with their attorney Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with violation of the following:

Charge 1:

- 1) Did illegally purchase and/or possess alcoholic beverages by violating BR 4:18 and AB §6-311(b)(1) and (3), which state a license holder / retail dealer may not:
 - (b) (1) Purchase any alcoholic beverage except from a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler, private bulk sale permit holder, or non-resident winery permit holder;

- (3) Keep or allow to be kept any alcoholic beverage on the licensed premises except those that have been purchased by the retail dealer.

Charge 2:

Did fail to keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages purchased in violation of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 1-408 of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Board Rule 3:06 which provides that:

- (a) A person who manufactures, rectifies, blends, imports, distributes, transports, stores, warehouses, sells, or offers for sale alcoholic beverages or who holds a license to do those activities shall:

- (1) keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages purchased, sold, manufactured, rectified, blended, improved, brewed, fermented, distilled, produced, stored, warehoused, withdrawn from storage, imported, or transferred.

The violation occurred on November 15, 2023.

Commissioner Sines disclosed that he has a business relationship with Mr. Snee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to convene to executive session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; the vote was unanimous.

Upon return to public session, motion was made by Mr. Snee to dismiss charge 2 and merge it with charge 1; Chair Goddard granted Mr. Snee's motion to dismiss.

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's testimony, motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was duly seconded to find License Holder in Violation of Alcoholic Beverage Article § 6-311(b)(1) and (3) of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Board Rule 4:18; the vote was unanimous.

Following additional license holder testimony and reviewing license holder's violation history, motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded by Vice Chair Majewski to convene to executive session to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to return to open session; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was duly seconded to impose a nine (9) day suspension beginning May 10 and ending May 18.

Steelefish Grille North, L.L.C. T/A Steelefish Grille

GM Crabbs has been advised by Joseph F. Snee, Jr., attorney for license holder, that license holder David Steele has had difficulty in locating former employee and Responsible Operator Layna Thacker in order to complete the Renewal Application. Mr. Snee is requesting a 10 day extension of the license and to allow a Supplemental Application to be submitted in lieu of the renewal. Due to the late notification, the \$500 renewal application late fee is due and owing. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to grant a 10 day license extension; the vote was unanimous.

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

1) Friendship Park Performing Arts – Fridays at Friendship Park – April 5 - BWL

A per diem beer, wine and liquor license application was submitted by Sara Scheuerman and Sheila Scheuerman on behalf of Friendship Park Performing Arts for an event titled Fridays at Friendship Park on April 5. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) American Legion 39, Inc., T/A Harford Post 39 – Supplemental

American Legion 39, Inc., T/A Harford Post 39 has submitted a Supplemental Application as Katherine Holden, 2nd Vice Commander, refuses to remain on the license. Terry M. Allen, Adjutant, will replace Ms. Holden on the license. Raymond Bengel, Sr., Commander, and Warren Wotr, 1st Vice Commander, will remain on the license.

2) Kohler Food & Beverage, Inc., T/A Pairings Bistro – Refillable Container (Growler) Permit

Kohler Food & Beverage, Inc., T/A Pairings Bistro has submitted an application for Refillable Container (Growler) Permit. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Maryland Country Clubs Inc. T/A Maryland Golf & Country Clubs – Wine Corkage Permit

Maryland Country Clubs Inc. T/A Maryland Golf & Country Clubs has submitted an application for a Wine Corkage Permit. Commissioner Walters disclosed that he is a club member. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) March 2024 Performance Budget

The March performance budget was reviewed. Commissioner Walters continues working with Ms. Baxter on the 2024-25 budget. GM Crabbs requested that the Commissioners review Ms. Finneran's contract in preparation for next week's meeting. The audit letter will be reviewed prior to signing.

RENEWALS TO BE APPROVED

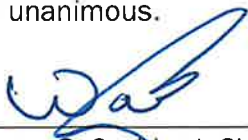
Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the 21 renewal applications (list attached) that were presented; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

New signage has been received and installed. Chief Inspector Buchler summarized his investigation of the Lib's Grill incident that may have involved over serving a patron. Inspector Buchler's investigation indicates that there is no evidence of allegation of over serving this patron.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Spore, Secretary

**RENEWAL APPLICATIONS
2024 - 2025**

<u>RENEWALS TO BE APPROVED</u>		
	<u>Individual/Corporation/L.L.C. Name</u>	<u>Trade Name</u>
1	1 American Legion 39, Inc.	Harford Post 39
2	2 Bacco Pizzeria, L.L.C.	Bacco Pizzeria
3	3 Bel Air Outback, Inc.	Outback Steakhouse
4	4 BH Brightview Avondell Opco, L.L.C.	Brightview Avondell
5	5 Buontempo Corporation	Buontempo Brothers
6	6 EGM Enterprises, LLC	JD's Smokehouse North
7	7 Explore Jerky, Inc.	Fallston Barrel House
8	8 Fallston VCH, L.L.C.	Vince's Crab House & Seafood Restaurant
9	9 Kanaras Brothers, Inc.	Box Hill Pizzeria
10	10 KG Abingdon Liquors, Inc.	KG Abingdon Liquors
11	11 Kohler Food & Beverages, Inc.	Pairings Bistro
12	12 Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C.	Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C.
13	13 MacGregor's, Inc.	MacGregor's Restaurant
14	14 Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge, L.L.C.	Main Street Tower Restaurant & Lounge
15	15 Maryland Country Club, Inc.	Maryland Golf & Country Club
16	16 Naran, L.L.C.	Cork & Barrel
17	17 Plum House IV, Inc.	Chopstix
18	18 Sam N Ram, Inc.	Edgewood Liquors and Grocery
19	19 Sweet Union, L.L.C.	Water Street Seafood
20	20 The Trio, L.L.C.	Route 22 Hatchet House
21	21 V.F.W. Post 10146, Inc.	Darlington-Dublin Memorial Post