

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 22, 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 Vice Chair Majewski, Commissioners Sines, Walters, and Miller, Board Counsel Amy Finneran, and General Manager Crabbs.

MINUTES April 3, April 10

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the minutes for April 3; the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the minutes for April 10; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to pay the following bills.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3558.28
State Comptroller	Withholding	994.23
ConnectPay	Accounting	94.49
Payroll	Payroll	8405.79
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	670.97
First Bankcard	Office	278.99
First Bankcard	Gas	396.02
First Bankcard	Gas	33.14
Crystal Springs	Office	39.97
T-Mobile	Telephone	148.83
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	318.78
Modus Solutions, LLC	Office	95.16
Penn National Insurance	Insurance	4805.00
The Shred Mill	Maintenance	47.50
Richlin Food Corporation	2024-2025 License Refund	1125.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

1) Beards Hill Plaza Liquors, Ltd. T/A Beards Hill Liquors – Outside Event Application

Sarah Klein, Secretary, Rachel Herron, Assistant Secretary, Beards Hill Plaza Liquors, Ltd. T/A Beards Hill Liquors, 951 (A-D) Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen, appeared in connection with an Outside Event Application for "Summer Fest" a wine tasting event scheduled for June 29th. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) MBGC, L.L.C. T/A Mountain Branch Golf, Pub & Grill – Outside Service Area

Vasilios Vasilakopoulos, Member, Konstantinos Vasilakopoulos, Member, MBGC, L.L.C. T/A Mount MBGC, L.L.C. T/A Mount Branch Golf, Pub & Grill, 1827 Mountain Road, Joppa, appeared in connection with an Outside Service Area Application to be used at the "Tracers" driving range. All approvals have been submitted and the final U&O has been issued by the County. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

SHOW CAUSE HEARING1) QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House

Daniel Santoro, President, QSA Foods Corporation T/A All American Steak House, 3720 Churchville Road, Building B, Aberdeen appeared in proper person in connection with 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 4:01.

The alleged violation occurred on March 14, 2024.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Chief Inspector Buchler), as well as applicable License Holder's testimony 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 Walters and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to impose a fine of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

2) Steelefish Grille North, L.L.C. T/A Steelefish Grille – POSTPONED, Atty. Request

This has been rescheduled for June 12.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD1) Havre de Grace Arts Collective – "Keys that Please" Fundraiser – 05/23 – BWL

Per diem BWL license application submitted by Kathryn Noe and William Price on behalf of Havre de Grace Arts Collective for a fundraising concert "Keys that Please" being held on 05/23 at 220 Gallery. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) The Char Hope Foundation – 06/01 – B&W

Per diem B&W license application submitted by Derek Hopkins and Sandra Gallion on behalf of The Char Hope Foundation to be used on 06/01 for their fundraiser "Char Hope Corral 99" at The Vineyard Farm. Vice Chair Majewski disclosed that he is a founding member of the non-profit. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Thomas Run Church Foundation - 06/02 - B&W

Per diem B&W license application submitted by Henry Bahr and Kim Driver on behalf of Thomas Run Church Foundation to be used on 06/02 for their outdoor fundraising social gathering at the church. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) St. Mary of the Assumption Church – 06/02 – B&W

Per diem B&W license application submitted by Mike Schlepner and Fr. John Rapisarda on behalf of St. Mary of the Assumption Church to be used on 06/02 for their parish picnic at the church. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

5) Ladew Topiary Gardens – 06/09 – B&W

Per diem BWL license application submitted by Barbara Barnoff and Emily Emerick on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for a lecture and lunch being held on 06/09 at Ladew Topiary Gardens. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

6) The Women's Challenge – 06/08 - BWL

Per diem BWL license application submitted by Lorraine Bailey Carter and Denise White on behalf of The Women's Challenge for a community wine and music festival being held on 06/08 at Harford County Equestrian Center. GM Crabbs will advise Ms. Bailey Carter that 20 one-ounce tasting pours is not acceptable, and that Rule 5:34 (e) must be followed in connection with the number of tasting pours. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was

seconded to approve the application contingent upon submission of an adequate security plan to be approved by GM Crabbs, revise the advertising, and be in compliance with Rule 5:34 (e) regarding tasting pours; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Shambhavi, Inc. T/A Old School Tavern

Old School Tavern served their nine day suspension and picked up their license on May 19.

2) Renewal Applications Granted 10-Day Extensions – Update

- a. Backfin Blues Group, Inc. T/A Backfin Blues Creole de Graw – Request to Escrow
This license has been placed in escrow.
- b. Richlin Food Corporation T/A Richlin Ballroom – Permanently Closed
Richlin Ballroom is permanently closed, thus the license is null and void.

3) Transfer Fund Request from Health Care Consortium to Operating Account

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to transfer \$31,534.49 from the health care consortium money market account to the operating account; \$31,000.00 is for the Hyundai Tucson that was purchased and \$534.49 was for 2023 MALA conference registration fees and mileage for attendees Chief Inspector Buchler and Mrs. Finneran.

4) April's Pre-Audit Performance Budget

For fiscal year 2023 – 2024, HCLCB came in at 4% under budget.

5) 2024-2025 Budget

Commissioner Walters stated that he is contacting banks regarding CD rates.

Formatting revisions to the budget include the following:

Under revenue, include (advertising reimbursements).

On accounting side, include (payroll fees and statutory audit).

Ms. Finneran's hours were confirmed to be 120.

The columns should be budget – budget – actual.

Under net increase/decrease in cash, revise to “budgeted net decrease in cash”.

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the FY 2024 – 2025 budget as presented in “HCLCB Budget FY Ending April 30, 2025”; the vote was unanimous. This is subject to Commissioner Walters presenting a document including the formatting revisions listed above.

GM Crabbs reported that we can purchase the Board room TVs at a lesser cost than in the Metro Data proposal. There will be a slight expense for the materials to hold the TVs to the wall.

6) Z Food Schtor, L.L.C. T/A Z-VAULT Closure 4 to 6 weeks (email)

Notice has been submitted by Z-Vault that they had a serious water leak in the building which has caused extensive damage and will be closed for 4 to 6 weeks for clean up and renovations. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve a six-week closure for renovations to Z-Vault; the vote was unanimous.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Regarding the damage to the Buick Terrain, GM Crabbs reported that Chair Goddard has offered to write a letter to the insurer advising that a District Court complaint will be filed if reimbursement is not submitted to the HCLCB within seven days.

GM Crabbs is renegotiating a contract with Comcast for telephone and internet services; Metro Data is assisting in the process.

Mrs. Baxter reported that the annual audit is scheduled for July 1 through 3.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski to convene to executive session under General Provisions Art. § 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; motion was seconded by Commissioner Walters, and the vote was as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Wayne Goddard	X		
Paul Majewski	X		
Steve Sines	X		
Jim Walters	X		
BangTam Miller	X		

Discussion was directly related to an employee's compensation package. The Board unanimously voted to approve the enhancement of the employee's compensation package as presented.

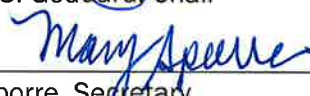
Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to move back into open session; the vote was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary