

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 24, 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 Sines, Walters, and Miller, General Manager Crabbs and Board Counsel Finneran. Vice Chair Majewski was excused.

MINUTES June 12

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to pay the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3424.12
MD Comptroller	Withholding	957.81
Payroll	Payroll	8047.35
ConnectPay	Accounting	90.00
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	670.97
First Bankcard	Office	163.96
First Bankcard	Gas & Vehicle	396.48
First Bankcard	Gas	354.55
Crystal Springs	Office	6.99
T-Mobile	Telephone	148.85
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2210.06
Comcast	Telephone	273.91
BGE	Utilities	286.36
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Mike Crabbs	Telephone	105.00
The Shred Mill	Maintenance	47.50
VIABIT, LLC	Computer Support	59.98
Z Foods Sctor, LLC	License Refund	375.00
Mayvid, Inc.	Bond	1000.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR

1) First-Time Applicant – The Society of Italian American Businessmen – BWL

First-time applicant Anthony DiPaula appeared along with prior applicant Anthony Palumbo on behalf of The Society of Italian American Businessmen in connection with a per diem BWL license application to be used at the Italian American Festival on September 27, 28, and 29 at the Harford County Equestrian Center. Chair Goddard disclosed that he has a business relationship with Mr. Palumbo. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicant – Harford County Public Library Foundation – BWL

First-Time Applicant Taylor Carty appeared along with prior applicant Amber Shrodes on behalf of the Harford County Public Library Foundation in connection with a per diem BWL license application to be used at the Library's 20th Annual Gala on October 26 at the Abingdon branch of the library. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) OG Beverages of MD, L.L.C., T/A Olive Garden Restaurant #6517 (New License – Tentative Approval)

Patrick Mitchell, Authorized Person, Lindsay Koren, Manager, Colleen Lyons, Manager, OG Beverages of MD, L.L.C., T/A Olive Garden Restaurant #6517, 2690 Compromise Street, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Leanne M. Schrecengost, in connection with tentative approval of an Application for a New License for a Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only license. A Class BNR license requires a \$250,000 investment in furniture and fixtures and complete documentation will be provided to prove the \$250,000 prior to final approval. OG Beverages of MD, L.L.C. is a publicly traded company, therefore, the applicants do not hold interest in the L.L.C. All applicants have passed the licensee test, and Mr. Mitchell will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to issue tentative approval of the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) RARE Beverages of MD, Inc., T/A LongHorn Steakhouse #5695 (New License – Tentative Approval)

Kristina Campbell, Assistant Secretary, Lindsay Koren, President, Colleen Lyons, Assistant Secretary, RARE Beverages of MD, Inc., T/A LongHorn Steakhouse #5695, 2697 Compromise Street, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Leanne M. Schrecengost, in connection with tentative approval of an Application for a New License for a Class BNR-BWL-On Sale Only license. Class BNR license requires a \$250,000 investment in furniture and fixtures and complete documentation will be provided to prove the \$250,000 prior to final approval. As RARE Beverages of MD, Inc. is a publicly traded company, the applicants do not hold interest in the corporation; they have, however, all passed the licensee test and Ms. Campbell will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to issue tentative approval of the application; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Shadow Cats TNR – Fall Fundraiser – 09/14 – B&W

Per Diem B&W application was submitted by Jean Salvatore and Pam Doner on behalf of Shadow Cats TNR for their 2nd Annual Night of Fun to be held at the Darlington Volunteer Fire Company on September 14. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Island Spice Cuisine, L.L.C. T/A Island Spice Grille & Lounge – Outside Event Application

Island Spice Cuisine, L.L.C. T/A Island Spice Grille & Lounge has submitted an Outside Event Application for their 10th year anniversary celebration on August 24. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Fines Paid

The following fines have been paid: Steelefish Grille North, L.L.C. T/A Steelefish Grille \$2,850.00 (alcohol records \$1,500.00; AA training \$100.00; employee records \$1,000.00; failure to appear \$250.00).

3) Audit FY 2023-2024

The FY 2023-2024 audit has been completed and we await the audit report. The 2024-2025 budget has been submitted to the County Executive and County Council.

4) Third Party Delivery

The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 808 this past session and was codified as Md. Code Ann. Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article § 4-1107 “Local Delivery Service” allowing for delivery of alcoholic beverages/products sold by a licensee by a third-party service provider who is independent from the licensee if the delivery service provider applies for and is granted a local delivery service permit issued by the Harford County Liquor Control Board. However, the local licensing board has the discretion to determine if a delivery license will be created and issued. After full debate and consideration, motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to vote against the creation of a Local Delivery Service License; the vote was unanimous. Ms. Finneran will draft a memo to license holders for Chair Goddard’s review.

5) Z Food Sctor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault

Z Food Sctor, L.L.C. T/A Z Vault has turned in their license effective July 22 and the unused portion of the license fee has been issued.

6) Commissioners input regarding "Drone" delivery system (James Bays).

James Bays once again made a short presentation on his drone delivery system targeting golf courses and is looking for an endorsement from HCLCB and to work with the Board concerning regulations. Motion was made to approve the utilization of drone technology to deliver alcoholic beverages and other products offered by the license holder within the confines of its licensed premises by a person that is legally able to sell and dispense alcohol provided that in conjunction with such delivery all FAA requirements are met as well as any and all regulatory requirements for the utilization of that technology; the motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous. Ms. Finneran will prepare the "Implementation Regulations" that will be reviewed by GM Crabbs and the Board and voted on by the Board.

7) Schedule a "special" meeting to discuss the proposed changes/additions to the Rules and Regulations

GM Crabbs will send an email with possible dates to schedule a meeting to review the revisions to the Rules and Regulations.

8) Automobile Claim

Chair Goddard advises that he expects the auto claim check to be received by the next Board meeting.

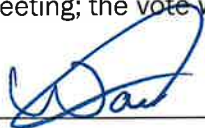
EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Miller to convene to executive session pursuant to Maryland's 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 motion was seconded by Commissioner Sines and the vote was unanimous. The Maryland State Retirement System recently conducted an audit that revealed that one employee's retirement was underfunded due to incorrectly reported hours. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters to fund the employee's portion from the Board of Directors account and to fund the Board's portion from the money market account. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded by Commissioner Walters to close the executive session and return to open session.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

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



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Sporre, Secretary

