

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 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, General Manager Crabbs and Board Counsel Finneran.

MINUTES July 10

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to pay the following bills; the vote was unanimous.

U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3132.49
State Comptroller	Withholding	836.48
ConnectPay	Accounting	90.00
Payroll	Payroll	7156.25
State Retirement	Retirement	670.97
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
BGE	Utilities	332.77
Comcast	Telephone	274.59
T-Mobile	Telephone	148.85
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2210.06
Baltimore Sun Media	Advertising	1103.04
Town Security	Maintenance	120.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR

1) First-Time Applicants – Andre Johnson – Per Diem BWL

First-Time Applicants Shawwna and Andre Johnson appeared as first-time applicants in connection with a per diem beer, wine, and liquor license application for a fundraising event being held for Delegate Andre Johnson on August 17 at Friendship Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) First-Time Applicants - Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Kevin Division 1 – Per Diem BWL

First-Time Applicants James and Josephine Cosgrove, Kathi and Thomas O'Hara, and Vincent Dattoli appeared on behalf of Ancient Order of Hibernians St. Kevin Division 1 in connection with a per diem beer, wine and liquor license application for an event being held at Friendship Park on August 23, 24, and 25. Commissioner Miller disclosed that she has a relationship with Josephine Cosgrove. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Aberdeen Rose, Inc., T/A Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar – Supplemental

James Zeller, III, Assistant Secretary, Aberdeen Rose, Inc., T/A Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 991 Beards Hill Road, Aberdeen appeared along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with a Supplemental Application to remove Rodger Grim, Sr., and add James Zeller, III, to the license. Mr. Zeller has passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated 08/14/2024 was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

4) Saubel's Market, L.L.C., T/A Saubel's - Supplemental

Gregory Saubel, Member/Manager, Nicholas Roberts, Member, Saubel's Market, L.L.C., T/A Saubel's, 2902 Whiteford Road, Whiteford appeared along with their attorney Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with a Supplemental Application to add Nicholas Roberts to the license. Mr. Roberts has passed the licensee test and will serve as the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated 08/14/2024 was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

5) Tutti Paella Bar & Grill, L.L.C., T/A Tutti Paella Restaurant - New License (POSTPONED)

This hearing has been postponed and will be rescheduled.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C. t/a Latitude Bel Air

Vishal Patel, Managing Member, Latitude Bel Air, L.L.C. t/a Latitude Bel Air, 5 Bel Air South Parkway, Suite 1559, Bel Air, appeared in connection with violation of the following:

Charge 1:

Board Rule 4:01, MINORS, (a)(b) and (c) which states:

(a) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not sell or provide alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.

(b) A license holder, a proprietor, or an operator of an establishment that provides alcoholic beverages may not allow on-premises consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by an individual under the age of 21 years, regardless of who purchased or obtained the alcoholic beverages.

(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder shall be fully responsible for determining that the individual to whom alcoholic beverages is sold is over the age of 21 years; and every license holder or employee of a license holder shall have the right to refuse the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual who does not provide sufficient proof of legal age to the satisfaction of the license holder or employee of a license holder.

and

Alcoholic Beverages Article § 6-304, Selling or providing alcoholic beverages to individual under the age of 21 years.

A license holder or an employee of the license holder may not sell or provide alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years.

The alleged violation occurred on July 1, 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 finding:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

2) Lemon N' Ginger, Inc. T/A Lemon N' Ginger Asian Grille

Yan Bin Liu, President, Lemon N' Ginger, Inc. T/A Lemon N' Ginger Asian Grille, 3491 Merchant Boulevard, Abingdon, appeared along with their attorney, Jay S. Yoo, in connection with violation of the following:

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(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder shall be fully responsible for determining that the individual to whom alcoholic beverages is sold is over the age of 21 years; and every license holder or employee of a license holder shall have the right to refuse the sale of alcoholic beverages to any individual who does not provide sufficient proof of legal age to the satisfaction of the license holder or employee of a license holder.

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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 Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

3) MacGregor's, Inc. T/A MacGregor's Restaurant

Stephanie Giordano, President, MacGregor's, Inc. T/A MacGregor's Restaurant, 331 Saint John Street, Havre de Grace, appeared in connection with violation of the following:

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and

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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 finding:

On Charge 1, motion was made by Commissioner Miller 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 in the amount of \$250.00; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Member Stroll – 08/15 – B&W

Per diem application for beer and wine was submitted by Barbara Barnhoff and Emily Emerick on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for a Member Stroll to be held 08/15. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Ladew Topiary Gardens – Twilight Tuesdays – 08/20 & 08/27 – B&W

Per diem application for beer and wine was submitted by Barbara Barnhoff and Emily Emerick on behalf of Ladew Topiary Gardens for Twilight Tuesdays to be held 08/20 & 08/27. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) The Albert P. Close Foundation – “Close to the Country” – 09/04 – BWL

Per diem application for beer, wine and liquor was submitted by Wendell Baxter and Tracey Dallahan-McLaughlin on behalf of the Albert P. Close Foundation for their “Close to the Country” fundraising event to be held 09/04 at Stone Ridge Hollow. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

4) Ducks Unlimited – “Sippin for the Ducks” – 09/14 B&W

Per diem application for beer and wine was submitted by Neil Crumbacker and Steven Steinbacher on behalf of Ducks Unlimited for their “Sippin for the Ducks” fundraising event on 09/14 at Jerusalem Mill. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

1) Bel Air Kay Cee Club, Inc., T/A Bel Air Kay Cee Club – Supplemental

Bel Air Kay Cee Club, Inc., T/A Bel Air Kay Cee Club, 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, has submitted a Supplemental Application to add John Knapstein, Vice President, to the license due to club elections. Stephen Michael will be removed from the license. Remaining on the license will be Albert DiCocco, Treasurer, and Robert Knorr, President. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated 08/14/2024 was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

2) Freebooting Friar, Inc. T/A Vagabond Sandwich Co. – Outside Event Application

Freebooting Friar, Inc. T/A Vagabond Sandwich Co., 111 Thomas Street, Bel Air has submitted an Outside Event Application to be used on 10/05 for their “Sandwich Stock” outdoor event planned for their parking lot. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

3) Status of September 2023 Collision

Chair Goddard confirmed that a claim has been filed in District Court against the insurer for the September 2023 auto collision for the unpaid out of pocket expenses.

4) Property Lease Expires 08/31/2025

The Board was advised that the current property lease expires 08/31/2025.

5) 2024 – 2025 Budget

GM Crabbs advised that he has received confirmation that the employee raises have been approved by the County Executive.

6) Bond Account

The last bond that the Board was holding has been paid to the license holder, leaving a balance of \$105.01 in the bond account. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to move the \$105.01 balance to the Board account; the vote was unanimous.

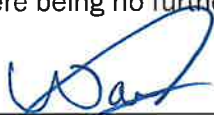
7) Third Party Delivery

2024 legislation permits third party delivery but is discretionary to the local jurisdictions. Ms. Finneran has drafted an email to the license holders advising that the HCLCB will not permit third party delivery which Chair Goddard will review.

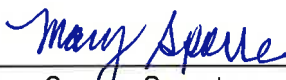
STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There were no comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Wayne S. Goddard, Chair



Mary Spore, Secretary

