### LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

16 North Main Street, Bel Air, MD 21014

#### **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 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 Amy K. Finneran.

#### **MINUTES** November 13

Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the minutes for November 13; the vote was unanimous.

#### **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

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

| U.S. Treasurer State Comptroller ConnectPay Payroll State Retirement Amy Finneran Kopin, LLC Kopin, LLC Malissa Roche | Withholding Withholding Accounting Payroll Retirement Legal Rent Rent Maintenance | 3323.56<br>860.96<br>90.00<br>7776.38<br>691.09<br>1750.00<br>2804.00<br>120.00<br>80.00 |
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| Malissa Roche<br>T-Mobile   | Telephone   | 149.35   |
| Kelly & Associates  | Insurance   | 2210.06  |
| BG&E<br>Comcast   | Utilities<br>Telephone  | 255.72<br>275.86   |
| Maryland State Retirement TASC  | Board Contribution Administrative fee   | 29831.00<br>370.00   |

#### PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR

# First Time Applicants - Baltimore Gurung (Tamu) Samaj - Per Diem BWL - 12/29

First Time Applicants Bal Bahadur Gurung and Kum Bahadur Gurung appeared on behalf of Baltimore Gurung (Tamu) Samaj in connection with a Per Diem beer, wine and liquor license application for a Tamu (new year) event being held on 12/29 at Ramada Conference Center. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

#### SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

#### Hickory Lodge, L.L.C. T/A Hickory Lodge

David Steele, Member, Walter Glanville III, Member, Robyn Steele, As Legal Guardian, Hickory Lodge, L.L.C. T/A Hickory Lodge, 2119 Conowingo Road, Bel Air, appeared along with their attorney, Joseph F. Snee, Jr., in connection with violation of the following:

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 August 29, 2024.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Inspector Lance Griffin), 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 Walters and was seconded to find License Holder in violation; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to impose a fine in the amount of \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

### 3) Kiyomi Sushi, Inc. T/A Kiyomi Sushi

Jia Den Chen, President, Min Xia He, Vice President, Kiyomi Sushi, Inc. T/A Kiyomi Sushi, 1443B Rock Spring Road, Bel Air, appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

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

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- (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 September 17, 2024.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Inspector Lance Griffin), 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 \$1,000.00; the vote was unanimous.

## 4) Explore Jerky Inc. T/A Fallston Barrel House (AA Viol)

William Grose, President/Treasurer, Wyatt Mackie, Vice President/Secretary, Explore Jerky Inc. T/A Fallston Barrel House, 2403 Bel Air Road, Fallston, appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

(1) Failure of an individual certified by a state-approved alcohol awareness program to be present on the licensed premises during the hours in which alcoholic beverages may be sold, which individual shall be the license holder, or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity by violating Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages Article, Sections 4-505(f) and 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14.

The alleged violation occurred on October 18, 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 Daniel 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 not in violation; the vote was unanimous.

#### 5) D&M's Tiki Bar & Crab Deck, L.L.C. T/A D&M's Tiki Bar & Crab Deck (UA Sale)

Malissa Vaughn, Member, D&M's Tiki Bar & Crab Deck, L.L.C. T/A D&M's Tiki Bar & Crab Deck, 2207 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood, appeared in proper person in connection with violation of the following:

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 September 17, 2024.

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board considered all the evidence presented. Based upon the statement of facts (i.e., the written report of Inspector Lance Griffin), 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 Vice Chair Majewski 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.

## PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

1) Friendship Park Performing Arts - Annual Holiday Toy Drive - 12/14 - BWL

Per diem beer, wine and liquor license application was submitted by Sara Scheuerman and Sheila Scheuerman on behalf of Friendship Park Performing Arts for Harford County Sheriff's Office 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Toy Drive to be held on 12/14 at Friendship Park. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Harford County Farm Fair - "Deck the Stalls" - 12/13 and 12/14 - B&W

Per diem beer and wine license application was submitted by Aimee O'Neill and Nina Depkin on behalf of Harford County Farm Fair for a "Deck the Stalls" fundraising event being held at the Harford Co. Equestrian Center on December 13 and 14. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

1) OG Beverages of MD, L.L.C., T/A Olive Garden Restaurant - 60-Day Update (September & November 2024)

Sixty-day status updates have been submitted; construction is underway.

- 2) RARE Beverages of MD, Inc., T/A LongHorn Steakhouse 60-Day Update (September & November 2024) Sixty-day status updates have been submitted; construction is underway.
- 3) Rickie, Inc., T/A C. R. Wings Responsible Operator Change

Carolyn M. Evans, attorney for Rickie, Inc. T/A C.R. Wings, has submitted written notice to change the Responsible Operator; Nirav Patel will now be the Responsible Operator. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve this change; the vote was unanimous.

4) November's Performance Budget

November's Performance Budget was reviewed.

### STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

Chair Goddard, GM Crabbs, and Chief Inspector Buchler appeared in District Court in connection with collection of the auto claim. Judgement was entered in the amount of \$5918 plus pre-judgment interest of \$320 and \$40 in costs. As \$675 was spent to hire private investigators for service, etc., Chair Goddard has filed a Motion to Revise the costs.

Chief Inspector Buchler advised that future cadets will be alerted to only order beer as opposed to a mixed drink during compliance tests.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Wayne S. Goddard, Chair

Mary Sporre, Secretary