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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 22, 2025

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the Minutes for December 4; the vote was unanimous. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the Minutes for January 8; the vote was unanimous.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

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U.S. Treasurer	Withholding	3465.55
State Comptroller	Withholding	907.67
ConnectPay	Accounting	90.00
Payroll	Payroll	8207.36
Maryland State Retirement	Retirement	691.09
First Bankcard	Office	304.62
First Bankcard	Gas & Vehicle	388.69
First Bankcard	Gas	45.92
Kelly & Associates	Insurance	2390.61
Comcast	Telephone	287.37
T-Mobile	Telephone	149.35
BGE	Utilities	774.01
Malissa Roche	Maintenance	80.00
Baltimore Sun	Advertising	484.92
Modus Solutions, LLC	Office	9.66
Mitchell's Blinds	Maintenance	170.00
The Shred Mill	Maintenance	81.50
Petty Cash	Office	149.96
MD State Retirement	Board Contribution	2208.00

PERSONS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR

1) First Time Applicant - Pipeline Soccer Club - Per Diem B&W

First Time Applicants Danielle Rush and Maryann Rush appeared on behalf of Pipeline Soccer Club in connection with a per diem beer and wine license application for a bull roast being held on February 22 at The Millstad Center in Joppa. Motion was made by Commissioner Miller and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

2) Shree Radhakrishna, Inc., T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn - Transfer

Dhairya Patel, President, Asnaben Patel, Vice President, Shree Radhakrishna, Inc., T/A Short Stop Beverage Barn, 719 S. Philadelphia Boulevard, Aberdeen, appeared along with their attorney, Robert F. Kahoe, Jr., in connection with a Transfer Application for this Class A1 – BWL – On Sale Only License. Each of the applicants holds 50% interest in the corporation. Both applicants have passed the licensee test, and Asnaben Patel will serve as the responsible operator. Additionally, a retail delivery application has been submitted. Outstanding items include a fully executed copy of the promissory note, a fully executed lease, proof of the bulk transfer permit, and proof of settlement. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application contingent on the four outstanding items being submitted; the vote was

unanimous. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the retail delivery application. A license dated 01/24/2025 was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

1) Lemon Ginger, Inc., T/A Lemon N' Ginger Asian Grille - Transfer

Yan Xia Xiao, President, Yong Di Lin, Assistant Secretary, Lemon Ginger, Inc., T/A Lemon N' Ginger Asian Grille, 3491 Merchant Boulevard, Abingdon, appeared along with their attorney Jay Yoo, in connection wit a Transfer Application for this Class B-BWL-On Sale Only license. Ms. Xiao holds 50% interest in the corporation and Ms. Lin holds 50% interest. Both applicants have passed the licensee test, and Ms. Lin will serve as the responsible operator. Applications for wine corkage and the outside service area have also been submitted. Outstanding items include the original affidavit of transferor, proof of settlement, and signed bill of sale. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the transfer application contingent on receipt of the three outstanding items being submitted, wine corkage application, and outside service area application; the vote was unanimous. A license dated 01/24/2025 was prepared and signed by Chair Goddard.

SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

1) Herb's Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Herb's Wine & Spirits

Daniel Lose, Member, Herb's Wine & Spirits, L.L.C. T/A Herb's Wine & Spirits, 2226 Hanson Road, Edgewood, appeared in connection with violation of the following:

CHARGE 1: Failure to comply with Alcohol Awareness certification requirement. AB 4-505(f); AB 22-1903 and Board Rule 3:14 (a) and (c).

The alleged violation occurred on November 4, 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 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 Walters and was seconded to impose a fine of \$100.00; the vote was unanimous.

2) Saucey Enterprises, L.L.C. T/A Das Bierhalle Bel Air

Shelby L. Stange, Member, Andrew R. Pipitone, Member, Paul M. Yosua, Member, Saucey Enterprises, L.L.C. t/a Das Bierhalle Bel Air, 119 S. Main Street, 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 December 10, 2024.

Chair Goddard disclosed that he has a relationship with Shelby Stange but that that will not affect his vote.

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 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.

3) Rickie, Inc. T/A C.R. Wings

Nirav Patel, President, Robert Heller, III, Vice President, Rickie, Inc. T/A C.R. Wings, 546 Baltimore Pike, 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 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 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 Miller 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 \$1,500.00; the vote was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

- 1) American Legion 17, Inc., T/A P. Dailey-M. Logsdon Memorial Service Post 17 Supplemental American Legion 17, Inc. T/A Patrick Dailey Mark Logsdon Memorial Service Post 17, 415 Edgewood Road, Edgewood has submitted a Supplemental Application following club elections. Richard Drabic will be added to the license and will replace Robert Carr. Remaining on the license will be Barry Smith and Stephen Laorange. Motion was made by Vice Chair Majewski and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.
- 2) V.F.W. Post 8672, Inc., T/A Jarrettsville Manor Memorial Post 8672 Supplemental V.F.W. Post 8672, Inc., T/A Jarrettsville Manor Memorial Post 8672, 1714 Morse Road, Forest Hill, has submitted a Supplemental Application following club elections. Kyle Cavileer and Crystal Gray will be added to the license to replace Robert Lane and Christopher Skowron. Remaining on the license will be John Knopp. Motion was made by Commissioner Sines and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.

PER DIEM LICENSES TO BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD

- 1) <u>Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church Tsiknopempti 02/20 BWL</u>
 Per diem beer, wine and liquor license application submitted by Peter Karas and Dennis Kougionis on behalf of Sts. Mary Magdalene & Markella Greek Orthodox Church for their Tsiknopempti Celebration to be held on February 20 on church grounds. Motion was made by Commissioner Walters and was seconded to approve the application; the vote was unanimous.
- 2) <u>Harford County 4-H Clubs Barn Dance 02/22 BW</u>
 Per diem beer and wine license application submitted by Marta Kastner and Scott Schoendiest on behalf of Harford County 4-H Clubs for a barn dance being held on February 22 at Deer Creek Overlook.
- 3) R. Madison Mitchell Endowment Annual Dinner 3/7 BW

 Per diem beer and wine license application submitted by Patrick Vincenti and Michael Tarquini on behalf of R. Madison Mitchell Endowment for their annual dinner being held on March 7 at Level Volunteer Fire Company.
- 4) <u>St. Ignatius Church Irish Pot of Gold Bingo 03/15 BWL</u>

 Per diem beer, wine and liquor license application submitted by Virginia Barger and Concetta York on behalf of St. Ignatius Church for their Irish Pot of Gold Bingo event being held at the parish center on March 15.

STAFF REPORT / PUBLIC COMMENT / BOARD COMMENT

There was discussion concerning the legislation proposal in connection with Class A licenses to increase the per capita license quota to 4750 (currently 4000) which would leave two Class A / A1 licenses available for issuance.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Wayne S. Goddard, Chair

Mary Sporre, Secretary