

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License **10:30 AM**
Maryland Yards, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # N/A (new)
511 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21201 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)
Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski
Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment, outdoor table service, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Arielle Speert.
Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 29, 2024 and checked on March 9, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.
Corporate Standing: Maryland Yards, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.
Location Violation History: N/A; new license.
Witnesses: Arielle Speert – Licensee, Gary Fisher – General Manager
Disposition: The Board has approved the application of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License **10:30 AM**
DAI!, LLC, t/a DAI! Restaurant & Lounge License # N/A (new)
10 N. Calvert Street #RO12-14, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)
Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman
Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment and off-premises catering to Adonte Mack.
Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 29, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.
Corporate Standing: DAI!, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.
Location Violation History: N/A; new license.
Witnesses: Adonte Mack – Applicant, Andrew Wolff – Landlord, Marc Anthony Walker – Chef
Disposition: The Board has approved the application of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

EMA Liquors, LLC, t/a Greentree Liquors
1400 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LA 148
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Peter Prevas

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Eyob Fssahaya and Giday Kahsay Gebrihwet.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 29, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: EMA Liquors, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Eyob Fssahaya – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

Broadway Hotpot, LLC, t/a Broadway Hotpot
709 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 090
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Craig Schartz

Amended application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License from a secured creditor with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service to Zhiyuan Lu, Yining Wang, and Hongshan Zhang.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 2, 2024 and checked on March 14, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Broadway Hotpot, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2017.

Witnesses: Zhiyuan Lu – Applicant, Yining Wang – Applicant, Hongshan Zhang – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

Gaurika, LLC, t/a Eddie’s of Mt. Vernon
7 W. Eager Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LA 110
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Kabita D. Mahat.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 29, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

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Corporate Standing: Gaurika, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Kabita D. Mahat – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership **10:30 AM**

4537 Harford Road Wilson’s, LLC, t/a Wilson’s Tavern License # LBD7 331
4537 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214 3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Amended application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Layla Aleyhida Valdehck.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 4, 2024 and checked on March 14, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 4537 Harford Road Wilson’s, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2010.

Witnesses: Layla Valdehck – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership **10:30 AM**

Precision Ventures, LLC, t/a Republic Bar & Grill License # LBD7 017
5603 Pulaski Highway, Baltimore MD 21205 2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting live entertainment and outdoor table service to Franklin Guevara.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 1, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Precision Ventures, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Franklin Guevara – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership **10:30 AM**

Jerry, Inc., t/a Jerry’s Belvedere Tavern License # LBD7 076
5928 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212 4th Councilmanic District (Conway)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenksi

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of outdoor table service, requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Jaswinder Singh and Richard Everett Hackett.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 2, 2024 and checked on March 14, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Jerry, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Jaswinder Singh – Applicant, Richard Everett Hackett – Applicant, Kewal Singh – Business Partner

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

Kwality, LLC, t/a Holabird Bar & Liquors
6701 Holabird Avenue, Baltimore MD 21222

License # LBD7 252
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Rajinder Kaur and George Martin Mooney.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 1, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Kwality, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Rajinder Kaur – Applicant, George Mooney – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership and Location

10:30 AM

413 W Baltimore Street, LLC, t/a Baltimore’s Spice Restaurant & Bar
413 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LBD7 354
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 2148-52 Vine Street to 413 W. Baltimore Street requesting off-premises catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Sapana Danpali and Sudeep Raj Uprety.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 29, 2024 and checked on March 9, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

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Corporate Standing: 413 W Baltimore Street, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: Sapana Danpali – Applicant, Sudeep Raj Uprety – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

6700 German Hill Libations, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending

6700 German Hill Road, Baltimore MD 21222

License # LBD7 375

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Juan DeLeon.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 1, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 6700 German Hill Libations, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

Location Violation History: June 16, 2022 – Board rescinded suspension of license; fee of \$3,125 to be paid in 30 days (2-0 vote; Matricciani recluses from decision)
June 2, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.08 (Relations with Wholesalers) – Fined \$3,125 and 30-day suspension to commence immediately
February 11, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Juan DeLeon – Applicant, Edie Schuman – Graceland Park Improvement Association

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

1035 S Charles, LLC, t/a Angeli’s Pizzeria III

1035-37 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LD 006

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting outdoor table service and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Hasan Ilhan.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 22, 2024 and checked on March 2, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 1035 S Charles, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

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Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Hasan Ilhan – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership and Location **10:30 AM**

Thames Street Venture, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LBD7 400
1704 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Anastasia Thomas Nardangeli

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 2501-03 Fleet Street to 1704 Thames Street to Darin Mislan.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 29, 2024 and checked on March 11, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Thames Street Venture, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 5, 2024.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: N/A

Disposition: This matter has been postponed for a future hearing date.

Regular Item – Request to expand licensed premises **10:30 AM**

One Distinct, LLC, t/a Mt. Royal Tavern License # LBD7 118
1204 W. Mt. Royal Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenksi

Request to expand licensed premises to include back yard by Nicholas Wisniewski.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 2, 2024 and checked on March 14, 2024 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: One Distinct, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 4, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Nicholas Wisniewski – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has approved/denied the request to expand the licensed premises to include back yard to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05(a), AE Rule 3.01(a),
AB Rule 3.03(a), Rule 3.03(d)(ii), AB Rule 3.12, and
AE Rule 3.05(a)** **10:30 AM**

Four One Four, LLC, t/a Downtown Lounge License # LBD7 330 / AE 022
414-16 E. Baltimore Street , Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 2:20 a.m. on January 21, 2024 members of the BLLC were on duty and monitoring activity on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street when they observed several individuals entering the establishment known as Downtown Lounge, operating as “Aces” located at 414-16 E. Baltimore Street. The patrons opened the front door and entered the establishment after walking past the cub’s security staff. The inspector entered the location at approximately 2:23 a.m., once inside they observed approximately a bartender actively preparing and serving alcoholic drinks for customers at the bar, and approximately 35 customers inside the location drinking what appeared to be alcohol. In the rear of the establishment, they observed 2 females on stage performing adult entertainment, both dancers were wearing bottom underwear and no tops. The inspector asked security who the manager on duty was and there seemed to be confusion as to who was in charge. After waiting several minutes for a manager to be identified, the inspector instructed the security staff to cease all beverage service, stop the adult entertainment performance, turn off the music, and instruction all patrons to exit the location in an orderly manner. Staff complied and the establishment was cleared out within approximately 10 minutes.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 2:20 a.m. on January 21, 2024 members of the BLLC were on duty and monitoring activity on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street when they observed several individuals entering the establishment known as Downtown Lounge, operating as “Aces” located at 414-16 E. Baltimore Street. The patrons opened the front door and entered the establishment after walking past the cub’s security staff. The inspector entered the location at approximately 2:23 a.m., once inside they observed approximately a bartender actively preparing and serving alcoholic drinks for customers at the bar, and approximately 35 customers inside the location drinking what appeared to be alcohol. In the rear of the establishment, they observed 2 females on stage performing adult entertainment, both dancers were wearing bottom underwear and no tops. The inspector asked security who the manager on duty was and there seemed to be confusion as to who was in charge. After waiting several minutes for a manager to be identified, the inspector instructed the security staff to cease all beverage service, stop the adult entertainment performance, turn off the music, and instruction all patrons to exit the location in an orderly manner. Staff complied and the establishment was cleared out within approximately 10 minutes.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.01(a) (Hours of Operation) when at approximately 2:20 a.m. on January 21, 2024 members of the BLLC were on duty and monitoring activity on the 400 block of East Baltimore Street when they observed several individuals entering the establishment known as Downtown Lounge, operating as “Aces” located at 414-16 E. Baltimore Street. The patrons opened the front door and entered the establishment after walking past the cub’s security staff. The inspector entered the location at approximately 2:23 a.m., once inside they observed approximately a bartender actively preparing and

servicing alcoholic drinks for customers at the bar, and approximately 35 customers inside the location drinking what appeared to be alcohol. In the rear of the establishment, they observed 2 females on stage performing adult entertainment, both dancers were wearing bottom underwear and no tops. The inspector asked security who the manager on duty was and there seemed to be confusion as to who was in charge. After waiting several minutes for a manager to be identified, the inspector instructed the security staff to cease all beverage service, stop the adult entertainment performance, turn off the music, and instruct all patrons to exit the location in an orderly manner. Staff complied and the establishment was cleared out within approximately 10 minutes.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.03(a) (Records – Alcohol Beverage Invoices) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Records – Expired Trader’s License) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Smoking on Premises) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader’s License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on January 26, 2024 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon entering, the inspectors observed multiple individuals smoking cigarettes and

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charcoal hookah throughout the establishment. The inspector made contact with the manager on duty and asked to see all licenses to perform a full routine inspection. The manager was unable to produce any alcoholic beverages invoices to inspectors and the establishment had an expired 2022 Trader's License. The manager was informed that there was to be no smoking inside and immediately complied.

Corporate Standing: Four One Four, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of February 8, 2024.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Terry Watkins – General Manager, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05(a), and AB Rule 3.01(a) on January 21, 2024 and AB Rule 3.03(a), AB Rule 3.03(d)(ii), AB Rule 3.12, and AE Rule 3.05(a) on January 26, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$1,750 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.