

Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City: Presentation on 10/1/2020 Virtual Hearing

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Introduction to the Webex Platform

- **Cisco Webex is the on-line meeting platform that the City of Baltimore uses to conduct all of its virtual meetings**
 - The Board of Estimates, City Council, and Planning Department have used Webex to hold virtual meetings since the outbreak of COVID-19
- **Cisco Webex Basics**
 - To fully utilize the Webex system, members of the general public should have access to a laptop, Ipad, smartphone or similar device with camera and microphone capabilities.
 - If your electronic device does not have microphone capabilities then you will need to utilize the phone number provided to dial in.
 - To participate in the Webex meeting, members of the public will have to download the Webex app to through their smartphones or click on the following link to access the hearing on-line:
 - <https://bmore.webex.com/bmore/onstage/g.php?MTID=e724d736b622b9f925e713cc22e242172>
 - Access Code: 173 207 6105
 - Password: BLLC1234
 - The BLLC suggests that if you are going to use your smartphone, Ipad, or similar device that you download the application at least one day before the date of the 10/1/2020 hearing to ensure you have access to the program.
 - If a member of the general public does not have access to a computer, smartphone or similar device they can call the following number and enter the following access code to LISTEN ONLY to the hearing:
 - Phone Number - 1-408-418-9388
 - Access Code – 173 207 6105

Materials, Evidence and Related Items – 10/1/2020 Docket

- **Materials**

- Copies of the short docket, which provide a brief description of the cases before the Board, and long docket, which include all application materials can be found on the BLLC's website under hyperlinks for "October 1, 2020":
 - <https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/hearings-schedule>

- **Evidence – 48 Hour Rule for On-line Hearings**

- All of the evidence to be considered by the Board can be found in the long docket. The Board will be accepting evidence from any party to the hearing up until 11am on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.
 - All evidence should be submitted via email to Assistant Executive Secretary Ms. Staci Russell: Staci.Russell@baltimorecity.gov

- **Related Items**

- **EVIDENCE NOTE – Licensees should make all efforts to provide any documentation that they plan on submitting to the Board by 11:00 am on Tuesday, September 29, 2020.**
 - Attempts to introduce evidence at the hearing that was not submitted prior to the hearing may lead to a postponement of your case.
- In addition to the posting of the 10/1/2020 docket on-line, licensees, witnesses, and/or their representatives shall be served notice in accordance with the law.

Procedures for the 10/1/2020 Docket

- **Preliminary Reading of the Instructions and Calling of the Cases**

- The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES) will read the preliminary instructions and general ground rules for the hearing process
- The DES shall call each case in the order as listed on the short docket. The Chairman will then ask for the licensee, his or her representative, and all BLLC and Police Department personnel to identify themselves and be sworn in by the Court Reporter.

- **Evidentiary Hearing**

- The DES will call the case and the Board will a conduct an evidentiary hearing, which will include the calling of witnesses, hearing testimony, and reviewing documents entered into the record to determine whether or not a violation occurred.
- Upon conclusion of the hearing, which may include closing arguments by licensee an/or his representative, the Board will vote to determine whether or not a violation occurred. If the Board finds that a violation occurred, the Board may hear testimony or review evidence before imposing a sentence.
 - The Board will provide an opportunity to the general public to present testimony at the mitigation phase of the hearing
 - If an individual would like to testify, then he or she will have use the “raise your hand feature” within Webex, be recognized, identify yourself, be sworn in, and then testify.
 - All individuals who testify are subject to questioning by the Board and cross examination by the attorney or applicant.
 - REMEMBER – If you only have access to a phone you will not have the opportunity to testify.

- **Sentencing**

- Once the Board hears all of the evidence and testimony from the mitigation phase, the Board will then make a sentencing determination, which could include a fine, suspension, and/or revocation.

General Ground Rules and Helpful Information for 10/1/2020 Hearing

Ground Rules for Hearing Process

- Please mute yourself when you are not speaking. This will minimize feedback and extra noise.
- Please identify yourself and state the spelling of your name, before you speak.
- Please speak slowly and in a clear voice so that the Court Reporter understands exactly what is being said and who is saying it.
- Please note that this event will run live on Charm TV and a Court reporter will be present.
- Individuals who use profanity, are disrespectful, or unruly may be expelled from the virtual hearing.
- All attendees – applicants, licensees, and members of the public – that wish to provide testimony during the hearings must be sworn in prior to giving testimony.

Helpful Reminders to improve Webex Experience

- Be prepared - Read materials ahead of time, test the video conferencing platform ahead of time
- Location matters - Try to find a quiet space with good light and a strong internet connection so you can be seen and heard clearly
- Be present - don't multitask
- Be patient with yourself and others .

BLLC Short Docket – 10/1/2020

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY DOCKET – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020 – 11:00 a.m. WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4380 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m.

I. Violations:

1. **Berry Clark, Alex Perez, and Olivia Thomas, Papi & Co, LLC, Tia Papi Cuisine, 1520 Fleet Street – Class 'F' Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – March 11, 2020 –** At approximately 2:40 PM, Inspector Kevin Barley and Inspector Alan Southworth ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Berry Clark, the licensee and manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages behind the bar, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Clark. Inspectors asked Mr. Clark if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Clark could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Clark that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler – March 11, 2020 – At approximately 2:40 PM, Inspector Kevin Barley and Inspector Alan Southworth ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Berry Clark, the licensee and manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages behind the bar, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Clark. Inspectors asked Mr. Clark if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Clark could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Clark that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 27 unaccounted for

4. **Aron Estafanos and Michæl Ghebru, Doc Liquors, Inc., Tia Doc's Liquor, 1501 N. Fulton Avenue – Class 'A' Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – December 30, 2019 –** At approximately 9:45 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold of the Field Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office conducted a routine inspection of the location. Upon conducting her inspection, Agent Mangold discovered Other Tobacco Products (OTPs) that included 9/5 sticks of Black and Mild, 128 sticks of Dutch Master, 50 sticks of Game, 353 sticks of Backwoods, 124 sticks of Show, 78 sticks of Trivio, 102 sticks of 1882, 10 sticks of Bluntville, and 60 sticks of Good Times cigarettes for which neither the licensee, Mr. Michael Ghebru nor store clerk Berkelei Tamrad, could produce receipts indicating that these products were purchased from an authorized distributor. Accordingly, Agent Mangold seized the aforementioned OTPs and issued criminal citations to Mr. Ghebru for illegal possession and sales of OTPs.

5. **Steven W. Preston, The Manor Baltimore, LLC, Tia The Manor, 924 N. Charles Street – Class 'F' Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 31, 2020 –** At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street via Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), Inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door as allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very untruthful with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her,

bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

2. **Gabriela Salas, Charro Negro, LLC, Tia Charro Negro, 4617-19 Eastern Avenue – Class 'F' Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – February 12, 2020 –** At approximately 11:00 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Southworth, Agent Herndon, Agent Breig, and Agent Cusumano ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Jesus Garcia, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 135 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Garcia. Inspectors asked Mr. Garcia if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Garcia could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Garcia that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to Louis Goldstein Treasury Building, 80 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland for storage.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler – February 12, 2020 – At approximately 11:00 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Southworth, Agent Herndon, Agent Breig, and Agent Cusumano ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Jesus Garcia, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 135 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Garcia. Inspectors asked Mr. Garcia if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Garcia could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Garcia that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to Louis Goldstein Treasury Building, 80 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland for storage.

3. **Carol D. Wilson, 627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, Tia Janae's 2, 625-27 N. Duncan Street – Class 'D' Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – January 29, 2020 –** At approximately 2:00 PM, Agent

to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street via Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), Inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door as allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very untruthful with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay, about not allowing individuals to consume alcoholic beverages on premises as per Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order 20-05-13-01 and 20-05-27-01. At this time, BLLC staff issued a violation to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street via Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriv-

and supervisor Agent Madison ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted an inspection of the establishment based on information provided to them by Agent Andy Perez of the BLLC. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Ms. Debra Ransom, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Ms. Ransom. Inspectors asked Ms. Ransom if she could provide them with additional invoices for the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits. Ms. Ransom could not produce the invoices upon request. In addition, Agent Mangold contacted Mr. Rodney Brown, the "owner" of the establishment, and asked him for copies of invoices related to findings made by the Inspectors. Mr. Brown informed Agent Mangold that "he was not able to respond to the business" and could not, at that time, provide her copies of the requested invoices. At that time, Inspectors informed Ms. Ransom and Mr. Brown that they were in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler – January 29, 2020 – At approximately 2:00 PM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Barley, Agent Breig, Agent Calvert, Agent Cusumano, and supervisor Agent Madison ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted an inspection of the establishment based on information provided to them by Agent Andy Perez of the BLLC. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Ms. Debra Ransom, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Ms. Ransom. Inspectors asked Ms. Ransom if she could provide them with additional invoices for the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits. Ms. Ransom could not produce the invoices upon request. In addition, Agent Mangold contacted Mr. Rodney Brown, the "owner" of the establishment, and asked him for copies of invoices related to findings made by the Inspectors. Mr. Brown informed Agent Mangold that "he was not able to respond to the business" and could not, at that time, provide her copies of the requested invoices. At that time, Inspectors informed Ms. Ransom and Mr. Brown that they were in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very untruthful with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay, about not allowing individuals to consume alcoholic beverages on premises as per Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order 20-05-13-01 and 20-05-27-01. At this time, BLLC staff issued a violation to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.

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October 1, 2020

Licensee(s): Berry Clark, Alex Perez, and Olivia Thomas
Papi & Co, LLC, T/a Papi Cuisine
1928 Fleet Street 21231

Class: "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – March 11, 2020 – At approximately 2:40 PM, Inspector Kevin Burley and Inspector Alan Southworth ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Berry Clark, the licensee and manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages behind the bar, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Clark. Inspectors asked Mr. Clark if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Clark could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Clark that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler – March 11, 2020 – At approximately 2:40 PM, Inspector Kevin Burley and Inspector Alan Southworth ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Berry Clark, the licensee and manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages behind the bar, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 27 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Clark. Inspectors asked Mr. Clark if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Clark could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Clark that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 27 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/15/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to State Comptroller's Office: Inspector Kevin Burley and Inspector Alan Southworth on 9/15/2020.

(c) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** The current corporation has no history of violations.

(d) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named corporation on 1/23/2020.

Board's Decision:

October 1, 2020

Licensee(s): Gabriela Salas
Charro Negro, LLC, T/a Charro Negro
4617-19 Eastern Avenue 21224

Class: "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – February 12, 2020 – At approximately 11:00 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Southworth, Agent Herndon, Agent Breig, and Agent Cusimano ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted a routine inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Mr. Jesus Garica, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 135 bottles of spirits and wine that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Mr. Garcia. Inspectors asked Mr. Garcia if he could provide them with additional invoices for the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine. Mr. Garcia could not produce the invoices upon request. At that time, Inspectors informed Mr. Garcia that he was in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 135 unaccounted for bottles of spirits and wine and transported them to Louis Goldstein Treasury Building, 80 Calvert Street, Annapolis, Maryland for storage.

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(c) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** Licensee(s) appeared before the Board 8/6/2020 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.16 - Illegal Conduct
- Violation of Rule 3.12 - General Welfare
- Rule 4.16 - Fined \$75
- Rule 3.12 - Fined \$75
- \$150 + \$125 admin fee
- \$275 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board 10/10/2019 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sales to Minors
- \$750 + \$125 admin fee
- \$875 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 1/17/2019 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sales to Minors
- \$650 + \$125 admin fee
- \$775 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 12/15/2011 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.10 - Purchasing from other than a wholesaler.
- \$250 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$375 total fine

(d) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named corporation on 5/4/2009.

Board's Decision:

October 1, 2020

Licensee(s): Carol D. Wilson
627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, T/a Janae's 2
625-27 N. Duncan Street 21205

Class: D' Beer, Wine & Liquor License

Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) Relations with Wholesalers – January 29, 2020 – At approximately 2:00 PM, Agent Michelle Mangold, Inspector Burley, Agent Breig, Agent Calvert, Agent Cusimano, and supervisor Agent Madison ("Inspectors") from the Comptroller of Maryland's Field Enforcement Division conducted an inspection of the establishment based on information provided to them by Agent Andy Perez of the BLLC. Upon entering the establishment, Inspectors identified themselves to Ms. Debra Ransom, the manager of the establishment, who was present. After identifying themselves, Inspectors requested the alcoholic beverage invoices for the current alcoholic beverage inventory within the establishment. Upon review of the invoices and inspection of the alcoholic beverages throughout the establishment, Inspectors discovered that there were approximately 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits that could not be accounted for on the invoices provided by Ms. Ransom. Inspectors asked Ms. Ransom if she could provide them with additional invoices for the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits. Ms. Ransom could not produce the invoices upon request. In addition, Agent Mangold contact Mr. Rodney Brown, the "owner" of the establishment, and asked him for copies of invoices related to findings made by the Inspectors. Mr. Brown informed Agent Mangold that "he was not able to respond to the business" and could not, at that time, provide her copies of the requested invoices. At that time, Inspectors informed Ms. Ransom and Mr. Brown that they were in possession of alcoholic beverages without proper invoices and issued a violation. Inspectors seized the 499 bottles of beer, wine, and spirits and transported them to the Comptroller of Maryland's Motor Fuel Laboratory in Jessup, Maryland for storage.

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(c) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 2/13/2020 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) - Sanitation and Safety
- Violation of Rule 4.08 (a) - Relations with Wholesalers
- Rule 3.08(b) - Denial - Dismissed; no fine
- Rule 4.08(a) - Guilty - Fined \$500
- \$500 + \$125 admin fee
- \$625 total fine

(d) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named entity on 8/2/2019.

Board's Decision:

October 1, 2020

Licensee(s): Aron Estifanos and Micahel Ghebru
Doc Liquors, Inc., T/a Doc's Liquor
1501 N. Fulton Avenue 21217

Class: "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – December 30, 2019 – At approximately 9:45 AM, Agent Michelle Mangold of the Field Enforcement Division of the Maryland State Comptroller's Office conducted a routine inspection of the location. Upon conducting her inspection, Agent Mangold discovered Other Tobacco Products (OTP) that included 925 sticks of Black and Mild, 128 sticks of Dutch Master, 90 sticks of Game, 353 sticks of Backwoods, 124 sticks of Show, 78 sticks of Trivo, 102 sticks of 1882, 10 sticks of Bluntville, and 60 sticks of Good Times cigarillos for which neither the licensee, Mr. Michael Ghebru nor store clerk Bereket Tamrad, could produce receipts indicating that these products were purchased from an authorized distributor. Accordingly, Agent Mangold seized the aforementioned OTPs and issued criminal citations to Mr. Ghebru for illegal possession and sales of OTPs.

(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/15/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to State Comptroller's Office: Agent Michelle Mangold on 9/15/2020.

(c) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 2/7/2019 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sales to Minors
- \$1,500 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$1,625 total fine
- Motion for reconsideration filed on 2/18/2019; denied on 3/12/2019.

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 2/25/2016 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sales to Minors
- \$750 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$875 total fine

(d) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named corporation in 2014.

Board's Decision:

October 1, 2020

Licensee(s): Steven W. Preston
The Manor Baltimore, LLC, T/a The Manor
924 N. Charles Street 21201

Class: "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street t/a Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door was allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very unruly with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay, about not allowing individuals to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises as per Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order 20-05-13-01 and 20-05-27-01. At this time, BLLC staff issued a violation to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.

Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street t/a Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door was allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the

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Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – May 31, 2020 – At approximately 1:08 AM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Inspectors Cindy Tudhope, Walter Robinson, and Agent Darryl Clark responded to a 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110) for loud music at 922 North Charles Street t/a Sangria, a licensed establishment. After arriving at the scene and conducting their investigation, BLLC officials found that the allegations against Sangria were unfounded. However, during their investigation into 311 Customer Service Request (#20-00303110), inspectors happened to notice individuals entering and exiting the establishment known as "The Manor" located at 924 North Charles Street. At approximately 1:35 AM, Inspector Tudhope knocked on the door was allowed into the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, a female, who appeared to be highly intoxicated exited the establishment and fell down the stairs. Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark helped the female regain her footing, while Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment. After entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope went to the first floor bar and observed at least six (6) or more patrons being rushed out of a door on the opposite side of the bar area. While there, Inspector Tudhope also observed that the bar area was covered with beer bottles, half empty drinks, and empty bottles of alcohol. Inspector Tudhope also observed a trash can next to the bar overflowing with bottles and empty cups. Inspector Tudhope then began to investigate how the patrons she saw were able to exit the establishment. Inspector Tudhope discovered that there was a rear exit through the kitchen that lead to an alleyway where the patrons were exited. Inspector Tudhope then returned to the bar area where Inspector Robinson and Agent Clark were located. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with an individual who claimed to be the property owner. This individual became very unruly with Inspector Tudhope by directing expletives toward her, telling her to leave the premises, raising his voice, and yelling at Inspector Tudhope – all while not practicing social distancing and not wearing a mask. Concurrently, Agent Clark was speaking with the owner of the corporation that holds the license, who was later identified as Mr. Robert Gay, about not allowing individuals to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises as per Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order 20-05-13-01 and 20-05-27-01. At this time, BLLC staff issued a violation to the establishment and instructed ownership not to allow for on-premises consumption.

(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/15/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to Agent Clark, Inspector Tudhope, and Inspector Robinson on 9/15/2020.

(c) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** The current corporation has no history of violations.

(d) **License Transfer Date:** The license issued to the above named entity on 2/6/2020.

Board's Decision:

Adjournment

- **The Board will be in recess until Thursday, October 15, 2020. The Board shall post on its website, provide notice to applicants and/or attorneys, and conduct a virtual hearing on this date.**
- Please call our office at 410-396-4377 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm with any questions or concerns that you have concerning this matter or any other!