

# Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City: Presentation on 9/24/2020 Virtual Hearing

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# Outline of Packet

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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=eb6f85b36e8254f4dd390724053d3113d>
    - Access Code: 173 895 5899
    - 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 9/24/2020 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 – 173 895 5899

# Materials, Evidence and Related Items – 9/24/2020 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 “September 24, 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 22, 2020.

- All evidence should be submitted via email to Assistant Executive Secretary Ms. Staci Russell: [Staci.Russell@baltimorecity.gov](mailto: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 22, 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 9/24/2020 docket on-line, licensees, witnesses, and/or their representatives shall be served notice in accordance with the law.

# Procedures for the 9/24/2020 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 9/24/2020 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 – 9/24/2020

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY  
DOCKET – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 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. Tesfaye Birru and Fikremariam Worku, Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, T/a Jano Ethiopia, 34 S. Eutaw Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – December 20, 2019 –** At approximately 1:47 AM, Baltimore City Police Officer Carpenter responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon Officer Carpenter’s arrival, he observed a trail of blood on the unit block of the even side (the side where the establishment is located) of Eutaw Street. On the ground, the officer observed multiple shell casings of an unknown caliber along with a cell phone and Maryland ID. Also at the scene, Officer Carpenter observed three vehicles parked on the even side of Eutaw Street that had apparent damage from gunfire and a large pane glass window was broken in the parking garage at 11 S. Eutaw Street. No shooting victims were found on scene at the time of police arrival. Further investigation revealed at or around the time of this incident, two males with gunshot wounds that indicated both may have been involved in a gun battle, walked into University of Maryland Shock Trauma Hospital for treatment. On December 23, 2019, Det. Haziminas, responded to the unit block of Eutaw Street where he was able to locate CCTV cameras at 38 South Eutaw Street. Upon gaining access and reviewing the footage Det. Haziminas observed that the shooting suspects/victims exited the establishment on or about December 20, 2019. Det. Haziminas observed these individuals exiting the establishment as a group walking northbound on Eutaw Street without entering any other facilities or vehicles nor meeting any unknown individuals. Moments later both victims/suspects began shooting at each other subsequently striking one another multiple times. Det. Haziminas also observed that the establishment had two (2) security guards that were standing at the front door of the location at the time of this incident.
- 2. Sung Koo Kang and Mi Cha Park, Glof, Inc., T/a Oxford Tavern, 1741 W. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – January 18, 2020 –** At approximately 9:25 PM, BLLC Inspector Terri Chase conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Chase observed overflowing trash cans with boxes, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and small bags of trash around trash cans on the ground. There was also a broken display counter laying in the alley behind the establishment. There was trash placed in the front and on the side areas of the establishment. Inspector Chase entered the establishment and informed the manager, Ms. Myra Bates Otgonjargal, of the overflowing trash issue, reminded her to ensure that the trash of the establishment was secure and placed outside in an orderly manner for pick, and then issued a violation for the sanitation and safety issues she observed.

- 3. Cheryl Hicks and Derek Young, D’s Sport Bar, LLC, T/a D’s Sport Bar, 45 N. Kresson Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) Prohibited Hours – February 16, 2020 –** At approximately 12:43 AM, Baltimore City Police Detective Abraham Gatto, BLLC Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, Agent Andy Perez, Inspector Kenyatta Washington, and Inspector Rosalba Jordan responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct an investigation to determine if this establishment, which has a Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor License that allows them to operate from 6 AM to 1 AM from Monday to Saturday, operated beyond its allowable hours of service. Upon arriving at the location, Inspectors Washington and Jordan entered the establishment and sat at the bar. Inspectors observed that at approximately 12:56 AM, a disc jockey was playing music, patrons were dancing, and alcoholic beverages were being served. At 1:01 AM, Inspector Washington was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage. At approximately 1:03 AM, Det. Gatto and Chief Chrissomallis entered the establishment. Chief Chrissomallis observed that the “Open” sign was illuminated, music was being played, and there were patrons in the establishment drinking alcoholic beverages. At this time, Det. Gatto and Chief Chrissomallis met with Derek Young, the manager of the establishment, and informed him of the violations. All patrons were then instructed to leave the location and the establishment closed for the evening.

**Violation of Rule 4.05(b) Prohibited Hours – February 16, 2020 –** At approximately 12:43 AM, Baltimore City Police Detective Abraham Gatto, BLLC Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, Agent Andy Perez, Inspector Kenyatta Washington, and Inspector Rosalba Jordan responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct an investigation to determine if this establishment, which has a Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor License that allows them to operate from 6 AM to 1 AM from Monday to Saturday, operated beyond its allowable hours of service. Upon arriving at the location, Inspectors Washington and Jordan entered the establishment and sat at the bar. Inspectors observed that at approximately 12:56 AM, a disc jockey was playing music, patrons were dancing, and alcoholic beverages were being served. At 1:01 AM, Inspector Washington was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage. At approximately 1:03 AM, Det. Gatto and Chief Chrissomallis entered the establishment. Chief Chrissomallis observed that the “Open” sign was illuminated, music was being played, and there were patrons in the establishment drinking alcoholic beverages. At this time, Det. Gatto and Chief Chrissomallis met with Derek Young, the manager of the establishment, and informed him of the violations. All patrons were then instructed to leave the location and the establishment closed for the evening.

- 4. Martha Y. Puryear, Special P’s, LLC, T/a Special P’s Bar & Lounge, 2738 Baker Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 6, 2020 –** At approximately 8:40 PM, Baltimore City Police Detective L.C. Greenhill responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from a community representative who stated illegal activity was occurring at the location. The letter indicated that the management of the establishment was allowing customers inside the bar on the second floor to drink and socialize in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan’s Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan’s earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Upon entry to the establishment Det. Greenhill made contact with the manager of the establishment, Mr. Sean Puryear, who is the son of the licensee, Ms. Martha Puryear. A review of the alcoholic beverage license indicated that the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. After advising Mr. Puryear of the allegations, Det. Greenhill asked to inspect the second floor of the establishment. On the second floor of the establishment, Det. Greenhill observed three (3) males, two of which were seated at a folding table and one of which was seated on a couch. Det. Greenhill also observed various open alcoholic beverage containers,

indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the second floor. Further investigation revealed that none of the individuals located on the second floor were relatives of the manager or employees of the establishment. On May 7, 2020, Det. Greenhill was able to confirm with Housing Investigator McGinnis that the second floor was not authorized to be used by the establishment. In addition, Investigator McGinnis informed Det. Greenhill that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the second floor.

**Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – May 6, 2020** – At approximately 8:40 PM, Baltimore City Police Detective L.C. Greenhill responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from a community representative who stated illegal activity was occurring at the location. The letter indicated that the management of the establishment was allowing customers inside the bar on the second floor to drink and socialize in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Upon entry to the establishment Det. Greenhill made contact with the manager of the establishment, Mr. Sean Puryear, who is the son of the licensee, Ms. Martha Puryear. A review of the alcoholic beverage license indicated that the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. After advising Mr. Puryear of the allegations, Det. Greenhill asked to inspect the second floor of the establishment. On the second floor of the establishment, Det. Greenhill observed three (3) males, two of which were seated at a folding table and one of which was seated on a couch. Det. Greenhill also observed various open alcoholic beverage containers, indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the second floor. Further investigation revealed that none of the individuals located on the second floor were relatives of the manager or employees of the establishment. On May 7, 2020, Det. Greenhill was able to confirm with Housing Investigator McGinnis that that the second floor was not authorized to be used by the establishment. In addition, Investigator McGinnis informed Det. Greenhill that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the second floor.

**Violation of Rule 3.08(a) Sanitation and Safety – May 6, 2020** – At approximately 8:40 PM, Baltimore City Police Detective L.C. Greenhill responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from a community representative who stated illegal activity was occurring at the location. The letter indicated that the management of the establishment was allowing customers inside the bar on the second floor to drink and socialize in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Upon entry to the establishment Det. Greenhill made contact with the manager of the establishment, Mr. Sean Puryear, who is the son of the licensee, Ms. Martha Puryear. A review of the alcoholic beverage license indicated that the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. After advising Mr. Puryear of the allegations, Det. Greenhill asked to inspect the second floor of the establishment. On the second floor of the establishment, Det. Greenhill observed three (3) males, two of which were seated at a folding table and one of which was seated on a couch. Det. Greenhill also observed various open alcoholic beverage containers, indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the second floor. Further investigation revealed that none of the individuals located on the second floor were relatives of the manager or employees of the establishment. On May 7, 2020, Det. Greenhill was able to confirm with Housing Investigator McGinnis that that the second floor was not authorized to be used by the establishment. In addition, Investigator McGinnis informed Det. Greenhill that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the second floor.

5. **Aaron O. Hammons and Samori Wyatt, Shipyard Investors, Inc., T/a Shipyard Pub, 3500 O'Donnell Street** – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 1, 2020** – At approximately 8:10 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Cindy Tudhope responded to the establishment to conduct an inspection to ensure that it was in compliance with Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Specifically, inspectors were conducting inspections to ensure that establishments were not serving patrons nor allowing patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises in violation of the amended Executive Order. Upon arrival, Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope observed four (4) individuals hanging out on the side entrance of the establishment, which is located on South Baylis Street. At this time, BLLC staff observed several patrons being served alcoholic beverages through a service window on the front of the establishment. At approximately 8:35 PM, Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope returned to the establishment and observed – through a window – the same four (4) patrons who were previously hanging out near the side entrance of the establishment, inside of the establishment consuming what appeared to be alcoholic beverages out of 32-ounce clear containers. At approximately 8:38 PM Inspectors attempted to gain entry to the establishment by knocking on the side and front door. A female employee opened the front door and allowed inspectors to gain entry. At that time, inspectors made contact with Mr. Aaron Hammons, the licensee, who was on the premises. Inspectors informed Mr. Hammons that as per the Governor's Executive Order, licensed establishments were prohibited from allowing patrons to consume on-premises for any reason. Agent Perez issued the violation and instructed Mr. Hammons to cease allowing for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on-premises.

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**Licensee(s):** Tesfaye Birru and Fikremariam Worku  
Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, T/a Jano Ethiopia  
34 S. Eutaw Street 21201

**Class:** "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

**Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – December 20, 2019** – At approximately 1:47 AM, Baltimore City Police Officer Carpenter responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon Officer Carpenter's arrival, he observed a trail of blood on the unit block of the even side (the side where the establishment is located) of Eutaw Street. On the ground, the officer observed multiple shell casings of an unknown caliber along with a cell phone and Maryland ID. Also at the scene, Officer Carpenter observed three vehicles parked on the even side of Eutaw Street that had apparent damage from gunfire and a large pane glass window was broken in the parking garage at 11 S. Eutaw Street. No shooting victims were found on scene at the time of police arrival. Further investigation revealed at or around the time of this incident, two males with gunshot wounds that indicated both may have been involved in a gun battle, walked into University of Maryland Shock Trauma Hospital for treatment. On December 23, 2019, Det. Haziminas, responded to the unit block of Eutaw Street where he was able to locate CCTV cameras at 38 South Eutaw Street. Upon gaining access and reviewing the footage Det. Haziminas observed that the shooting suspects/victims exited the establishment on or about December 20, 2019. Det. Haziminas observed these individuals exiting the establishment as a group walking northbound on Eutaw Street without entering any other facilities or vehicles nor meeting any unknown individuals. Moments later both victims/suspects began shooting at each other subsequently striking one another multiple times. Det. Haziminas also observed that the establishment had two (2) security guards that were standing at the front door of the location at the time of this incident.

(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/1/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to Baltimore City Police Dept.: P/O Carpenter and Det. Haziminas on 9/1/2020.

(c) **Hearing Timeline:**

- 3/26/2020 - Hearing Postponed due to COVID-19

(d) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 10/10/2019 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sales to Minors
- Violation of Rule 4.16 - Illegal Conduct
- Violation of Rule 3.12 - General Welfare
- Rule 4.01(a) - Fined \$750
- Rule 4.16 - Fined 1,000
- Rule 3.12 - Fined \$750
- \$2,500 + \$125 admin fee
- \$2,625 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 2/7/2019 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 3.08(a) - Sanitation and Safety

- Violation of Rule 3.12 - General Welfare
- Violation of Rule 4.16 - Illegal Conduct
- Rule 3.08(a) - Fined \$1,000
- Rule 3.12 - Fined \$1,000
- Rule 4.16 - Fined \$500
- \$2,500 + \$125 admin fee
- \$2,625 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 11/1/2018 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sales to Minors
- \$1,000 + \$125 admin fee
- \$1,125 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 1/5/2017 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.05 (a) & (b) - Prohibited hours
- Violation of Rule 3.02 - Cooperation
- Violation of Rule 2.13 - Inspections
- Violation of Rule 3.12 - General Welfare
- \$2,000 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$2,125 total fine + 3-day Suspension

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 6/30/2016 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.05 (a) & (b) - Prohibited hours
- \$100 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$225 total fine

(e) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named corporation on 7/9/2015.

**Board's Decision:**

**Licensee(s):** Sung Koo Kang and Mi Cha Park  
Glof, Inc., T/a Oxford Tavern  
1741 W. North Avenue 21217

**Class:** "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

**Violation of Rule 3.08 (b) Sanitation and Safety – January 18, 2020** – At approximately 9:25 PM, BLLC Inspector Terri Chase conducted a compliance inspection of the establishment. Upon arrival, Inspector Chase observed overflowing trash cans with boxes, plastic bags, plastic bottles, and small bags of trash around trash cans on the ground. There was also a broken display counter laying in the alley behind the establishment. There was trash placed in the front and on the side areas of the establishment. Inspector Chase entered the establishment and informed the manager, Ms. Myra Bates Otgonjargal, of the overflowing trash issue, reminded her to ensure that the trash of the establishment was secure and placed outside in an orderly manner for pick, and then issued a violation for the sanitation and safety issues she observed.

(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/1/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to Agent Chase on 9/1/2020.

(c) **Hearing Timeline:**

- **3/26/2020** - Hearing postponed due to COVID-19

(d) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 5/30/2019 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sale to Minor
- \$1,000 + \$125 admin fee
- \$1,125 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 5/24/2018 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sale to Minor
- \$500 + \$125 admin fee
- \$625 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 4/20/2017 in reference to:

- Protest of Renewal
- Board voted to renew the license
- 3-0 vote

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board on 2/5/2015 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.01(a) - Sale to Minor
- \$1,000 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$1,125 total fine
- 30 day suspension

(e) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named corporation on 8/12/2014.

**Board's Decision:**

**Licensee(s):** Cheryl Hicks and Derek Young  
D's Sport Bar, LLC, T/a D's Sport Bar  
45 N. Kresson Street 21224

**Class:** "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

**Violation of Rule 4.05(a) Prohibited Hours – February 16, 2020 –** At approximately 12:43 AM, Baltimore City Police Detective Abraham Gatto, BLLC Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, Agent Andy Perez, Inspector Kenyatta Washington, and Inspector Rosalba Jordan responded to the establishment and proceeded to conduct an investigation to determine if this establishment, which has a Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor License that allows them to operate from 6 AM to 1 AM from Monday to Saturday, operated beyond its allowable hours of service. Upon arriving at the location, Inspectors Washington and Jordan entered the establishment and sat at the bar. Inspectors observed that at approximately 12:56 AM, a disc jockey was playing music, patrons were dancing, and alcoholic beverages were being served. At 1:01 AM, Inspector Washington was able to purchase an alcoholic beverage. At approximately 1:03 AM, Det. Gatto and Chief Chrissomallis entered the establishment. Chief Chrissomallis observed that the "Open" sign was illuminated, music was being played, and there were patrons in the establishment drinking alcoholic beverages. At this time, Det. Gatto and Chief Chrissomallis met with Derek Young, the manager of the establishment, and informed him of the violations. All patrons were then instructed to leave the location and the establishment closed for the evening.

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(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/1/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to Chief Chrissomallis, Agent Perez, Inspector Jordan, and Inspector Washington on 9/1/2020. Summons issued to Baltimore City Police Dept.: Det. Gatto on 9/1/2020.

(c) **Hearing Timeline:**

- 3/26/2020 - Hearing postponed due to COVID-19

(d) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** The current licensee(s) have no history of violations.

(e) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named entity on 12/7/2018.

**Board's Decision:**

September 24, 2020

**Licensee(s):** Martha Y. Puryear  
Special P's, LLC., T/a Special P's Bar and Lounge  
2738 Baker Street 21216

**Class:** "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

**Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 6, 2020** – At approximately 8:40 PM, Baltimore City Police Detective L.C. Greenhill responded to the establishment to conduct an investigation upon receiving a letter from a community representative who stated illegal activity was occurring at the location. The letter indicated that the management of the establishment was allowing customers inside the bar on the second floor to drink and socialize in violation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Upon entry to the establishment Det. Greenhill made contact with the manager of the establishment, Mr. Sean Puryear, who is the son of the licensee, Ms. Martha Puryear. A review of the alcoholic beverage license indicated that the 1st floor was the only place within the establishment that was authorized for alcoholic beverage service. After advising Mr. Puryear of the allegations, Det. Greenhill asked to inspect the second floor of the establishment. On the second floor of the establishment, Det. Greenhill observed three (3) males, two of which were seated at a folding table and one of which was seated on a couch. Det. Greenhill also observed various open alcoholic beverage containers, indicating that alcoholic beverages were being consumed on the second floor. Further investigation revealed that none of the individuals located on the second floor were relatives of the manager or employees of the establishment. On May 7, 2020, Det. Greenhill was able to confirm with Housing Investigator McGinnis that that the second floor was not authorized to be used by the establishment. In addition, Investigator McGinnis informed Det. Greenhill that a prior violation had been issued to the establishment for unauthorized use of the second floor.

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(a) **Service on Licensee(s):** Summons issued to the licensee(s) on 9/1/2020.

(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to Baltimore City Police Dept.: Det. Greenhill and Sgt. Leisher on 9/1/2020. Summons issued to Baltimore City Housing Dept.: Inspector David McGinnis on 9/1/2020.

(c) **Violation History of Current Licensee:** Licensee(s) appeared before the Board 1/9/2020 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 3.09(b) - Restroom Facilities and Health
- \$200 fine + \$125 admin fee
- \$325 total fine

Licensee(s) appeared before the Board 9/27/2012 in reference to:

- Violation of Rule 4.18 - Charter Not in Good Standing
- Submitted documentation
- Hearing cancelled
- \$125 admin fee paid

(d) **License Transfer Date:** The license transferred to the above named entity on 12/28/2011.

**Board's Decision:**

**Licensee(s):** Aaron O. Hammons and Samori Wyatt  
Shipyard Investors, Inc., T/a Shipyard Pub  
3500 O'Donnell Street 21224

**Class:** "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License

**Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – May 1, 2020** – At approximately 8:10 PM, Baltimore City Liquor Board Agent Andy Perez and Inspector Cindy Tudhope responded to the establishment to conduct an inspection to ensure that it was in compliance with Governor Lawrence J. Hogan's Executive Order issued March 16, 2020, which amended Governor Hogan's earlier Executive Order issued on March 12, 2020. Specifically, inspectors were conducting inspections to ensure that establishments were not serving patrons nor allowing patrons to consume alcoholic beverages on-premises in violation of the amended Executive Order. Upon arrival, Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope observed four (4) individuals hanging out on the side entrance of the establishment, which is located on South Baylis Street. At this time, BLLC staff observed several patrons being served alcoholic beverages through a service window on the front of the establishment. At approximately 8:35 PM, Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope returned to the establishment and observed – through a window – the same four (4) patrons who were previously hanging out near the side entrance of the establishment, inside of the establishment consuming what appeared to be alcoholic beverages out of 32-ounce clear containers. At approximately 8:38 PM Inspectors attempted to gain entry to the establishment by knocking on the side and front door. A female employee opened the front door and allowed inspectors to gain entry. At that time, inspectors made contact with Mr. Aaron Hammons, the licensee, who was on the premises. Inspectors informed Mr. Hammons that as per the Governor's Executive Order, licensed establishments were prohibited from allowing patrons to consume on-premises for any reason. Agent Perez issued the violation and instructed Mr. Hammons to cease allowing for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on-premises.

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(b) **Witnesses Summoned:** Summons issued to Agent Perez and Inspector Tudhope on 9/1/2020.

(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 entity on 12/31/2019.

**Board's Decision:**

# Adjournment

- **The Board will be in recess until Thursday, October 1, 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!