

**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

**HEARING DISPOSITIONS**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018  
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215  
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson  
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner  
Elizabeth A. Hafey, Commissioner**

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year** **10:00 AM**

Chen’s Liquor, Inc., t/a B & O Café License # LBD7 423  
1301-03 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Stephan Fogleman

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board, on its own initiative, and brings this protest of renewal against the establishment in consideration of specific complaints that resulted in three separate incidents that resulted in violations, which were sustained by the Board at hearings within the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** Chen’s Liquor is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125

October 5, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$1,125

July 20, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$625

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been 7 calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Bing Chen – Licensee, Bif Browning – Union Square Community Association (in opposition), Sergeant Welton Simpson, Jr. – Baltimore City Police Officer (in opposition), Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board voted to not renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 2-1 vote. (Greenfield – in support to renew, Matricciani & Hafey – not in support to renew)

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year** **10:45 AM**

Wehazit, Inc., t/a Opposite Sidewalk Saloon License # LBD7 068  
132 S. Carey Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Bullock)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Peter Prevas

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board, on its own initiative, and brings this protest of renewal against the establishment in consideration of specific complaints that**

**resulted in three separate incidents that resulted in violations, which were sustained by the Board at hearings within the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** Wehazit, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

February 8, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times), Rule 3.09(a) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations – Not guilty), Rule 4.17(a) (Storage), and Rule 4.18(a) (Alterations) – Fined \$675

October 19, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times) – Fined \$375

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been 8 calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Peter Prevas – Attorney, Akililu Gebre – Licensee, Yosief Tesfazion – Licensee, Bif Browning – Union Square Community Association (in opposition), Sergeant Welton Simpson, Jr. – Baltimore City Police Officer

**Disposition:** The Board voted to renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year**

**11:30 AM**

Arik, Inc., t/a Whispers

License # LBD7 411

1807-11 Baker Street, Baltimore MD 21217

7<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Stephan Fogleman

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board, on its own initiative, and brings this protest of renewal against the establishment in consideration of specific complaints that resulted in three separate incidents that resulted in violations, which were sustained by the Board at hearings within the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** Arik, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125

February 15, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$1,125

June 29, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$475

April 20, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – 3-0 vote to renew

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been no calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Ashley Kim – Licensee, Kyung Lee – Licensee, Officer Bryant Jones, II – Baltimore City Police Officer (in opposition), Cheryl Paschall – Councilman Pinkett’s Office Representative (in opposition), Dr. Marvin Cheatham – Matthew

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Henson Community Association (in support), Rev. Keith Bailey – Robert W. Coleman Community Association, Janet Blair – Robert W. Coleman Community Association (in opposition)

**Disposition:** The Board voted to renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year**

**1:15 PM**

UZO, LLC, t/a Good Fellas Lounge  
4919 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 300  
2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmanic District (Scott)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Melvin Kodenski

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board received a petition dated March 28, 2018 where 11 residents and/or property owners in the immediate vicinity are protesting the renewal for the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** UZO, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** April 5, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed) – Fined \$1,125  
September 28, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Rule 3.09(b) (Restaurant Facilities and Health Regulations) – Fined \$625  
April 27, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – 2-1 vote to renew

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been 44 calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Melvin Kodenski – Attorney

**Disposition:** The Board has granted a postponement request to continue this matter for a future hearing date.

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year**

**2:00 PM**

Bernia, Inc., t/a Honey's Lounge  
1722-24 Gough Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 036  
1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Shawn Harby

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board received a petition dated March 28, 2018 where 81 residents and/or property owners in the immediate vicinity are protesting the renewal for the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** Bernia, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** November 9, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors), Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times), Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating at all Times – Dismissed) – Fined \$3,125 & suspended 10 days  
January 19, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375

August 25, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375

March 7, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.20(a) (Alterations without Board’s Permission), Rule 4.20(b) (Alterations without City Permits) – Fined \$250

February 18, 2010 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625

August 4, 2005 – Violation of Rule 4.08 (Purchasing from other than a licensed wholesaler), Art. 2B § 12-113(d) (Tampering of Alcohol), Art. 2B § 12-108(d) (Allowing minor to consume alcohol on licensed premise), and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125 & suspended 6 days

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been 21 calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Shawn Harby – Attorney, Nidia Sierra – Licensee, Becky Witt – Attorney for the Upper Fells Point Improvement Association (in opposition), Brian Seel – Neighbor in Community (in opposition), Cathy Sierra – Translator for Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector

**Disposition:** The Board voted to not renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year**

**2:45 PM**

Casa Luna Sports Bar, Inc., t/a Casa Luna Sports Bar  
500 S. Lehigh Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 404  
1<sup>st</sup> Councilmanic District (Cohen)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Shawn Harby

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board received a petition dated March 28, 2018 where 12 residents and/or property owners in the immediate vicinity are protesting the renewal for the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** Casa Luna Sports Bar, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** July 27, 2017 – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) – Fined \$2,125 & suspended 7 days  
April 27, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – 3-0 vote to renew  
November 3, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$2,625 & suspended 1 week  
August 21, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Art. 2B § 11-304(2) (Prohibited Hours), Art. 2B § 11-304(2) (Prohibited Hours), Art. 2B § 11-304(2) (Prohibited Hours), Art. 2B § 11-304(2) (Prohibited Hours), Art. 2B § 11-304(2) (Prohibited Hours), and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$3,625 &

suspended 2 weeks

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been no calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Shawn Harby – Attorney, Jose Luna – Licensee, Megan Bisasky – Representative for the Greater Greektown Neighborhood Association (in opposition), Brooke Travers – Representative for the Greater Greektown Neighborhood Association (in opposition), Kent Dejong – Representative for the Greater Greektown Neighborhood Association (in opposition), Jose Robinson – President of the Hispanic Association/Translator

**Disposition:** The Board (Commissioner Greenfield recluses himself from this decision) voted to renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 2-0 vote.

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year**

**3:30 PM**

Mombee TLC, Inc., t/a Club Bunns  
606-08 W. Lexington Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LBD7 340/AE 025  
11<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Costello)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Peter Prevas

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board received a petition dated March 29, 2018 where 16 residents and/or property owners in the immediate vicinity are protesting the renewal for the 2017-2018 license year.**

**Corporate Standing:** Mombee TLC, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** August 7, 2014 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation – Not Guilty) – Fined \$2,125  
September 20, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Corporate Standing) – Paid \$125 in lieu of hearing  
October 23, 2008 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$250

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been 1 call forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Peter Prevas – Attorney, Donald Owens – Licensee, R. Dana Owens – Brother of Licensee/Manager, Allison Lavin – Staff Attorney of the Office of University Council for University of Maryland, Thomas Akras – BLLC Deputy Executive Secretary, Margo Sipes – Downtown Baltimore Child Care Executive Director, Jay Myers – University Place Apartments Manager

**Disposition:** The Board voted to renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Protest of Renewal – 2017-2018 License Year**

**4:15 PM**

BS&R, LLC, t/a Waverly Tavern  
3801 Old York Road, Baltimore MD 21218

License # LBD7 155  
4<sup>th</sup> Councilmanic District (Henry)

**Attorney for Applicant:** Stephan Fogleman

**Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board received a petition dated March 29, 2018 where 32 residents and/or property owners in the immediate vicinity are protesting the renewal for the 2017-2018 license year.**

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**Corporate Standing:** BS&R, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing.

**Licensee Violation History:** None since 2014 when license transferred to current licensees.

**311 Call History:** A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have been no calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

**Witnesses:** Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Bibek Gautam – Licensee, Shekhar Karki – Licensee, Becky Witt – Attorney for the Waverly Improvement Association (in opposition), Officer Eric Dodson – Baltimore City Police Officer, Sergeant Amy Streett, Baltimore City Police Officer, Sergeant Michael Mercado – Baltimore City Police Officer, Major Richard Gibson – Baltimore City Police Officer, Dr. Elizabeth Simons Kasameyer – Community Member, Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke – 14<sup>th</sup> District, Terence Marcus – Bar Manager

**Disposition:** The Board voted to renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.