BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2018 100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215 BALTIMORE, MD 21202

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

Regular Item – Application for New Class "B" License

11:00 AM

R:R Taqueria 30 Light St, LLC, t/a R & R Taqueria License # N/A (new)

30 Light Street, Suite 002, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Application for a new Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment, outdoor table service, and off-premise catering to Rodrigo Albarran-Torres and Gregory Brown.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 6, 2018 and checked on March 16, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: R:R Taqueria 30 Light St, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 13, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Stephan Fogleman – Attorney

Disposition: The Board approved the request to postpone this matter for a future hearing date.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

3333 Charles, LLC, t/a Homeslyce License # LB 121

3333 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21218 14th Councilmanic District (Clarke)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Application to transfer ownership of a Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting outdoor table service and off-premise catering to Christopher Grylewicz and Mustafa Rahman Saruhan.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 13, 2018 and checked on March 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 3333 Charles, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 13, 2018.

Location Violation History: None since 1999.

Witnesses: Abraham Hurdle – Attorney, Christopher Grylewicz – Applicant, Mustafa Rahman

Saruhan – 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

11:00 AM

Melody, Inc., t/a Melody License # WD 026

800 St. Paul Street, Baltimore MD 21202 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Application to transfer ownership of a Class "D" Beer & Wine License and requesting outdoor table service to Darlene Johnson-Strange.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 5, 2018 and checked on March 13, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Melody, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 13, 2018.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Darlene Johnson-Strange – 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

11:00 AM

Happy Dog, Inc., t/a Todd Conner's License # LBD7 031

700 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of outdoor table service to Christian Wilkins, Robert Baker, and Deborah Baker.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 5, 2018 and checked on March 15, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Happy Dog, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 13, 2018.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Christian Wilkins – Applicant, Robert Baker –

Applicant, Deborah Baker – 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

11:00 AM

B&M Deli & Grocery, LLC, t/a B&M Deli & Grocery License # WA 030

3123 Elmora Avenue, Baltimore MD 21213 13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Application to transfer ownership of a Class "A" Beer & Wine License to Felix Mendoza.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 15, 2017 and checked on November 24, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. Two letters of opposition was received. There were no letters of communication supporting the transfer.

Corporate Standing: B&M Deli & Grocery, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 1, 2017.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Abraham Hurdle – Attorney, Felix Mendoza – Applicant, Alvin Gibson – President of the Four by Four Community Association, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Alba De La Cruz – Translator for Applicant, Michael Hilliard – Program Director for HARBEL Community Organization, Luis Mendoza – Brother of 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 Location

11:00 AM

Union Craft Brewing Company, LLC, t/a Union Craft Brewing 1700 W. 41st Street, Baltimore MD 21211 License # D 001

7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Application to transfer location of a Class "D" Beer License presently located at 1700 Union Avenue requesting outdoor table service, off-premise catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to 1700 W. 41st Street to Adam Benesch, Jonathan Zerivitz, and Robert Kemmery, III.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 13, 2018 and checked on March 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Union Craft Brewing Company, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 14, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: Caroline Hecker - Attorney, Justin Williams - Co-Council, Adam Benesh -

Licensee, Jonathan Zerivitz – Licensee, Robert Kemmery, III – Licensee

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

11:00 AM

Lansdowne Liquors, Inc., t/a Boozeman Bar & Lounge License # LD 046
3360 Annapolis Road, Baltimore MD 21230 License # LD 046
10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 2511 E. Fayette Street to 3360 Annapolis Road with delivery of alcoholic beverages to John Barnhart.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on October 30, 2017 and checked on November 8, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Lansdowne Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 2, 2018.

Location Violation History: N/A;; new location.

Witnesses: Frank Boozer – Attorney for Applicant, John Barnhart – Applicant, Will Harrington – Attorney for Lakeland Community Association Partnership, Pamela Oliver – President of Lakeland Community Association Partnership (in opposition), Edward Reisinger – Councilman for District 10 (in opposition), Fillmore Green – Chairman for the Lakeland Community Association (in support), Cory Hamilton – Community Member (in opposition)

Disposition: The Board has held the decision Sub Curia – This matter has been postponed for a future hearing date.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

PNA, Inc., t/a Washington Bar & Liquor

License # LBD7 272

2501-03 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Application to transfer ownership of a Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Alireza Haider Mukhi and Edward Jeter.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 13, 2018 and checked on March 22, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: PNA, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 14, 2018.

Location Violation History: September 17, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Edward Jeter – Applicant, Alireza Haider Mukhi – Applicant, Manpreet Singh – Current Licensee

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Bombay Grill of Baltimore, Inc., t/a Indigma License # LB 019

801 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Anthony Chammanoor and Diane Hicks.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Bombay Grill of Baltimore, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 15, 2018.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Anthony Chammanoor - Licensee, Anne Chammanoor - Wife of Licensee

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180 hardship extension to the licensee(s)

by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Secured Creditor, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LB 006

1225 Cathedral Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Robert Mayn.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Abraham Hurdle – Attorney, Robert Mayn – Secured Creditor

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180 day hardship extension to the

licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Hny Entertainment, LLC, t/a Charm City Life Club License # LBD7 075

407 E. Saratoga Street, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan

Request for 90 day transfer hardship extension by Ermias Abbai and Almaz Negash.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Hny Entertainment, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good

standing as of March 15, 2018.

Location Violation History: March 3, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and

Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Gary Maslan – Attorney, Almaz Negash – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 90 day transfer hardship extension to the

licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Hilton Management Liquor, LLC, t/a Hilton Baltimore License # LBHM 003

401 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Leanne Schrecengost

Request for 90 day transfer hardship extension by Keith Clampet, Joseph Berger, Jr., and

Craig Zissel.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Hilton Management Liquor, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in

good standing as of March 22, 2018.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Leanne Schrecengost – Attorney, Gary Nelson – Finance Director

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 90 day transfer hardship extension to the

licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Propolis, LLC, t/a The Loop Bar & Kitchen License # LBD7 378

4238 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore MD 21229 8th Councilmanic District (Burnett)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for 90 day transfer hardship extension by Lonnie Abdallah and Bernard

Truesdale.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Propolis, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of

March 15, 2018.

Location Violation History: None since 2012.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b)

1:00 PM

UZO, LLC, t/a Goodfellas Lounge License # LB 300

4919 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206 2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited hours) when at approximately 2:30 a.m. on December 3, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and Department of Housing and Community Development conducted a special investigation at the location in response to complaints that the establishment was operating after hours. Upon entering the location, officials observed people inside the establishment consuming alcoholic beverages in addition to patrons leaving the establishment with a half-consumed bottle of beer. Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited hours) when at approximately 2:30 a.m. on December 3, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and Department of Housing and Community Development conducted a special investigation at the location in response to complaints that the establishment was operating after hours. Upon entering the location, officials observed people inside the establishment consuming alcoholic beverages in addition to patrons leaving the establishment with a half-consumed bottle of beer. Corporate Standing: UZO, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 28, 2018.

Location Violation History: September 28, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited

Hours), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), and Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) –

Fined \$625

April 27, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – Voted to renew (2-1 vote)

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attornye, Uzo Nwosu – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Dan Reiner – Baltimore City Housing and Community Development Investigator, Michael Hilliard – Program Director for HARBEL Community Organization, Nomso Okonkwo – Manager, Candice Holmes – Employee **Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) on December 3, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(a)

1:00 PM

Elite Lounge, LLC, t/a Elite Lounge License # LD 042

1571 Ridgely Street, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on December 15, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall's Office, and the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment due to a complaint filed by BGE. Upon arrival, officers observed that the establishment was illegal obtaining power from a separate source.

Corporate Standing: Elite Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 28, 2018.

Location Violation History: May 11, 2017 – Violation of Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$625 and suspended for 1 week.

Witnesses: Kendrick Goden – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, David McGinnis – Baltimore City Housing and Community Development Investigator, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector **Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(a) on December 15, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.09(b) and Rule 4.16 1:00 PM

Exit 59, Inc., t/a Exit 59 Lounge and Restaurant License # LB 237

6820-24 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 10:12 p.m. on December 8, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and BLLC conducted an investigation of the location. While conducting various inspections, a fight broke out on the second floor and staff from the BLLC and Police attempted to break up the fight, which continued for several minutes until security guards deployed mace to disperse the crowd.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 10:12 p.m. on December 8, 2017 members of the Baltimore City Police

Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and BLLC conducted an investigation of the location. While conducting various inspections, the Health Department discovered numerous infractions regarding food storage, which included discarding contaminated chicken.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when on January 23, 2018 members of the BLLC were reviewing the reports of the investigations that occurred on December 8, 2017 and noticed that, after a warning of not having an up-to-date trader's license, the establishment had not procured an updated 2017-2018 trader's license.

Corporate Standing: Exit 59, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of January 23, 2018.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Gary Maslan – Attorney, Yared Tesfaye – Pending Owner, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, Melanie Clarke – Baltimore City Housing Department Inspector, Todd Ward – Baltimore City Housing Department Inspector **Disposition:** The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.09(b) on December 8, 2017 and Rule 4.16 on January 23, 2018 and imposed a fine of \$700 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 and Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

Touch Down, LLC, t/a Touch Down

License # LBD7 432

1171-73 W. Hamburg Street, Baltimore MD 21230

10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when on May 5, 2017, the office received the 2017-2018 renewal application for this establishment. On the application, the licensee indicated "no" in response to the "have you been convicted and/or found guilty" question regarding a criminal offense in the past 12 months. Through an independent investigation, the BLLC discovered that the licensee pled guilty and received a felony conviction on March 28, 2017, approximately 1½ months prior to submitting the renewal application. Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 1:03 p.m. on March 1, 2018 members of the BLLC conducted a review of the entity known as "Touch Down, LLC" and found that it was deemed forfeited by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Corporate Standing: Touch Down, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of March 1, 2018.

Location Violation History: December 7, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$375

July 14, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) and Art. 2B 13-101(e)(4)(ii) (Failure to Present up to

Date Valid Certification) – Fined \$625

April 5, 2018

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Kevin Young – Licensee, James Temple – Attorney for

Corporation (Touch Down, LLC)

Disposition: The Board approved the request to postpone this matter for a future hearing date.