

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 2023
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Edward Reisinger, Chairperson
Harvey Jones, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License 10:30 AM

M8 Spring Garden, LLC, t/a M8 Beer License # N/A (new)
175 W. Ostend Street, Baltimore MD 21230 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting outdoor table service and off-premises catering to Steven Wayne Groenke.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 26, 2023 and checked on July 6, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: M8 Spring Garden, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Steven Groenke – Applicant, Jeffrey Osborne – Business Partner, Will Bauer – Consultant

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

Regular Item – Application for New Class “A-7” License 10:30 AM

Fleurs d’Ave, Inc., t/a Trade Name Pending License # N/A (new)
1200 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21207 7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Application for a new Class “A-7” Beer, Wine & Liquor license requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Brandon M. Wylie.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 22, 2023 and checked on July 3, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Fleurs d’Ave, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Brandon M. Wylie – Applicant

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

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

Checkerspot Brewing, LLC, t/a Checkerspot Brewing License # D 004
1421 Ridgely Street, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Application to transfer location of a Class “D” Beer License presently located at 175 W. Ostend Street, Suite B-1 to 1421 Ridgely Street to Judith Neff.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on July 25, 2023 and checked on August 3, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Checkerspot Brewing, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location

Witnesses: Judith Neff – 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 **10:30 AM**

Kol Project 2, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LBD7 067
4505 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214 3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Amended application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 1000 E. Hoffman Street to 4505 Harford Road requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Cheryl Denise Wiley.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on July 25, 2023 and checked on August 3, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Kol Project 2, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: Cheryl Wiley – Applicant

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 **10:30 AM**

UZO, LLC, t/a Good Fells Lounge License # LB 262
4919 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206 2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Uzo Nwosu and Obiefule Uwadineke.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: UZO, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 14, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$825’
April 7, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625
December 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Licensees – Failed to Appear

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

Yangs, LLC, t/a Broadway Liquors
1645 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LA 122
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:27 p.m. on June 29, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Yangs, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: November 4, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Rabin Silwal – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sheriff’s Department Cadet, Cadet Stanley – Sheriff’s Department Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on June 29, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 60 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

BDU Nepal, LLC, t/a Bristol Liquors
501 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBD7 144
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:03 p.m. on June 29, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: BDU Nepal, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2015.

Witnesses: Dhruva Raj Onta – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sheriff’s Department Cadet, Cadet Stanley – Sheriff’s Department Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on June 29, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01

10:30 AM

We Out Here Enterprises, LLC, t/a Uptown Liquors
2115 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

License # LA 068
7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:05 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: We Out Here Enterprises, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Anita Leona – Employee, Kanwarpall Singh – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sheriff’s Department Cadet, Cadet Gough – Sheriff’s Department Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01 on July 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01

10:30 AM

Doc Liquors, Inc., t/a Doc’s Liquor
1501 N. Fulton Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

License # LA 074
7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:25 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:35 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An

undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered, again.

Corporate Standing: Doc Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: May 19, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625
October 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$325

Witnesses: Michael Ghebru – Licensee, Kibrom Sengal – Employee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sheriff’s Department Cadet, Cadet Gough – Sheriff’s Department Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01 on July 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$5,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 3 days: September 1, 2, and 4, 2023.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01

10:30 AM

Suah Lighthouse Company, Inc., t/a Club Bar
1609 Laurens Street, Baltimore MD 21217

License # A-7 011
7th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Frank Shaulis

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:47 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Suah Lighthouse Company, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01

10:30 AM

Om Shiva, Inc., t/a Club Paradise Liquor
1300-02 Laurens Street, Baltimore MD 21217

License # A-7 016
7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:55 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

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Corporate Standing: Om Shiva, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Uday Pansara – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sheriff’s Department Cadet, Cadet Gough – Sheriff’s Department Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01 on July 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01

10:30 AM

Wa Wa Liquors, Inc., t/a Mel’s Liquor

License # LA 133

1813 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:10 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Wa Wa Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Ki Jeong Lee – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Sheriff’s Department Cadet, Cadet Gough – Sheriff’s Department Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01 on July 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01, Rule 3.06(b), and Rule 3.02

10:30 AM

Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc., t/a Bacchus Bar & Liquors

License # A-7 014

1220 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Frank Shaulis

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:25 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. After the sale, the inspectors entered the establishment to provide notice of the sale. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed that the liquor license was not displayed. The inspectors advised the manager to close for the evening as the license was not displayed and could not be produced.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.06(b) (License on Display and Presented Upon Request) when at approximately 9:25 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office

Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. After the sale, the inspectors entered the establishment to provide notice of the sale. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed that the liquor license was not displayed. The inspectors advised the manager to close for the evening as the license was not displayed and could not be produced.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 9:25 p.m. on July 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff's Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. After the sale, the inspectors entered the establishment to provide notice of the sale. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors observed that the liquor license was not displayed. The inspectors advised the manager to close for the evening as the license was not displayed and could not be produced.

Corporate Standing: Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2017.

Witnesses:

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.02

10:30 AM

1715 Thames Licensee, LLC, t/a Pendry Hotel
1715 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LBHM 003
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s):

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 2:30 a.m. on June 24, 2023 members of the BLLC were on duty working with the Baltimore City Fells Point Deployment. Members of the Baltimore Police Department notified the BLLC Chief Inspector that a white male with a large knife had slashed the tires of the BPD wagon that was in the area, which was parked directly across from the establishment. When BPD asked the security manager of the establishment if they could view the exterior camera to get a better description of the suspect with the knife, they were told to get a subpoena. BPD conveyed this information to the BLLC Chief Inspector, and the inspector then went to the establishment and asked to speak to the manager on duty. The inspector asked the manager if they could review the exterior cameras as there was a suspect in the area with a large knife, but the manager was not willing to allow the footage to be viewed unless a subpoena or warrant was provided. The inspector reminded the manger of the BLLC's Rules & Regulations on the liquor license, that the establishment was under an obligation to cooperate with representatives of the Board, the Police Department, and other city, state, or federal agencies on official business and that a failure to do so would result in a violation

being issued for non-cooperation. The manager stated that they were following company rules and would not share footage.

Corporate Standing: 1715 Thames Licensee, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14(a), 4.16, Rule 4.18, and Rule 4.16 **10:30 AM**

Castle Seafood, Inc., t/a Castle Seafood Restaurant License # LB 268
3720 Potee Street, Baltimore MD 21225 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 10:15 p.m. on June 17, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar”. As the inspector approached the establishment, they could hear loud music being played by a DJ who was set up in the outdoor courtyard. Upon further inspection, the inspector confirmed that a bar was also set up in the courtyard. The inspector spoke to the manager on duty and they volunteered to immediately close the outdoor table, admitting they were in violation of the issued BLLC license. However, the manager was under the impression that they were permitted to have outdoor live entertainment, but the inspector explained that the live entertainment was not permitted outside and instructed the manager to relocate the live entertainment to the interior of the building, where it was permitted.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04; No Jukebox or other form of live entertainment) when at approximately 10:15 p.m. on June 17, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar”. As the inspector approached the establishment, they could hear loud music being played by a DJ who was set up in the outdoor courtyard. Upon further inspection, the inspector confirmed that a bar was also set up in the courtyard. The inspector spoke to the manager on duty and they volunteered to immediately close the outdoor table, admitting they were in violation of the issued BLLC license. However, the manager was under the impression that they were permitted to have outdoor live entertainment, but the inspector explained that the live entertainment was not permitted outside and instructed the manager to relocate the live entertainment to the interior of the building, where it was permitted.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.18 (Alterations) when at approximately 10:15 p.m. on June 17, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar”. As the inspector approached the establishment, they could hear loud music being played by a DJ who was set up in the outdoor courtyard. Upon

further inspection, the inspector confirmed that a bar was also set up in the courtyard. The inspector spoke to the manager on duty and they volunteered to immediately close the outdoor table, admitting they were in violation of the issued BLLC license. However, the manager was under the impression that they were permitted to have outdoor live entertainment, but the inspector explained that the live entertainment was not permitted outside and instructed the manager to relocate the live entertainment to the interior of the building, where it was permitted.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04; No outdoor bar) when at approximately 10:15 p.m. on June 17, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 call complaint describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar”. As the inspector approached the establishment, they could hear loud music being played by a DJ who was set up in the outdoor courtyard. Upon further inspection, the inspector confirmed that a bar was also set up in the courtyard. The inspector spoke to the manager on duty and they volunteered to immediately close the outdoor table, admitting they were in violation of the issued BLLC license. However, the manager was under the impression that they were permitted to have outdoor live entertainment, but the inspector explained that the live entertainment was not permitted outside and instructed the manager to relocate the live entertainment to the interior of the building, where it was permitted.

Corporate Standing: Castle Seafood, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: November 20, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation & Safety – Dismissed), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Dismissed), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$1,125

Witnesses: N/A

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