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**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
ANNOUNCES NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

Baltimore, MD – On Friday, January 12, 2024, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) announced personnel changes for the agency. Effective Tuesday, January 16, 2024, the agency will welcome Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., as the new Deputy Executive Secretary. The Board thanks Nicholas Blendy, Esq., outgoing Deputy Executive Secretary, for his work and commitment in advancing the agency’s goals and efforts.

Ms. Wirzberger comes to the BLLC having most recently served as Chief of Staff to Baltimore Police Department Commissioner Richard Worley. In her time at the BPD, she also served as Director of Legislative Affairs, and prior to that the Chief of the Consent Decree Implementation Unit.

Prior to working for the BPD, Ms. Wirzberger served as Executive Director of the Midtown Community Benefits District; Director of Legislative Affairs for City Council President Bernard “Jack” Young; Staff Attorney for the Community Law Center; Communications Manager for the National Correctional Industries Association (NCIA) and Community Organizer for the Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA). Ms. Wirzberger holds a law degree from the University of Baltimore (2008) and is an admitted member of the Maryland State Bar.

Board Chairman Albert J. Matricciani, Jr., remarked, “We are excited to bring Ms. Wirzberger to the agency. Her depth of knowledge and wide range of experience in Baltimore City make her an excellent choice for this role.”

Executive Secretary Douglas K. Paige welcomed Ms. Wirzberger, stating, “Michelle’s engagement and commitment to the citizens of Baltimore will serve to strengthen the goals and mission of the BLLC. We look forward to her joining the team.”

The Board recognized outgoing Deputy Executive Secretary Nicholas Blendy for his work and contributions to the BLLC during the December 14, 2023, hearing. In a special point before the hearing, Chair of the Board Albert J. Matricciani remarked, "We thank you for your service and dedication. You have always provided us with good advice. We wish good luck to you."

Commissioner Granville Templeton added, "As the newest member of the Board, I appreciate and thank you for all that you've done and in helping me get acclimated."

Commissioner Edward Reisinger concurred, "Your door was always open, and I thank you for your service and assistance to the Board."

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