

# BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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## 2024 CIAA Tournament



The BLLC would like to remind the public and our licensees about the upcoming CIAA Tournament to be held in Baltimore from February 26-March 2, 2024. To learn more about or apply for the CIAA Related Event Promoters Permit, see the links below:

---CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit Application [\[PDF\]](#)

---CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit Rules & Regulations [\[PDF\]](#)

[Read the letter to licensees here.](#)

## Staying Up to Date with BLLC

If you do not currently receive BLLC emails when Hearing Schedules are published, please be sure to [send your email to Kimberly Kerns](#), BLLC Executive Assistant, and ask to be added to the distribution list.

### Community Association Updates

If your community organization has a change in leadership or contact info, please let us know. Also, we would like to remind community associations and other stakeholder groups that Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available for presentations and our agency is always ready to join on safety walks, or other events in your community. [Matt.Achhammer@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Matt.Achhammer@baltimorecity.gov)

## BLLC Welcomes New Deputy Executive Secretary Michelle Wirzberger, Esq.

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, Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., joined the agency 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 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. The Board officially welcomed Ms. Wirzberger at the January 25<sup>th</sup> hearing. [Read the full press release here.](#)



Above: Ms. Wirzberger being welcomed by the Board, BPD headshot, and with BLLC Executive Secretary Douglas Paige and Community Liaison Matt Achhammer at a National Night Out event on August 1, 2023.

## 2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

The Maryland General Assembly convened for the 2024 Session on January 10<sup>th</sup>. As you may know, State law guides the operations of the BLLC. Each session, new legislation is passed which may affect alcoholic beverage licensing in the City and State. To follow along with the 2023 Session, visit the MD General Assembly website at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>



## 2024 BLLC License Renewal Coming Soon

Every year license holders are required to submit a renewal application in order to continue operating for the new license year. The renewal period is from March 1 – March 31. New licenses are issued for the license year which starts on May 1 and ends April 30 of each year. Look for details and application materials coming soon on the BLLC website (<https://llb.baltimorecity.gov/renewal>) and in this newsletter.