

# BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

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## BLLC Staff Recognition

This month we are celebrating the recent work anniversaries of two BLLC staff members! A special congratulations and thank you is in order for **Office Assistant Sheña Branch, who is celebrating 19 years of service** with the City. She has been with the Liquor Board since 2006.

### Inspections staff anniversary:

**Inspector Rosalba Jordan— 5 years**

Thank you to Ms. Sheña and Inspector Jordan for all they do for the agency and their continued dedication over the years.

## Staying Up to Date with BLLC

### Email Notification List

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. You will receive emails such as hearing dockets, Notice of Transfers, and important BLLC updates.

### Community Association Updates

If your community organization has a change in leadership or contact info, please let us know. Remember, 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.

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## 2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

The Maryland General Assembly convened for the 2025 Session on January 8<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 2025 Session, visit the MD General Assembly website at:

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>



## 2025 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.

## Protest of Renewal Information

The BLLC has created a [presentation about the Protest of Renewal process](#).

Additionally, the following resources may be helpful:

- Past Protest of Renewal hearings are archived on [Charm City TV's Citizens' Hub](#)
- [This archive](#) will correspond with the dockets for each hearing, in April of each year.

### Some important notes and a brief summary of the Protest of Renewal process:

- The protest must be received by the BLLC or be postmarked by March 31, 2025.
- The protest of renewal must be signed by 10 individual signatories within immediate vicinity of the establishment. The protestants cannot be license holders or applicants for a license.
- At the public hearing, parties must present a case in a two- phase process:
  - Phase one: The protest must be based on a specific complaint (violations, etc., excluding zoning issues) within the previous license year.
  - Phase two: The Board will consider other evidence and must determine that there is "substantial evidence" that merits non-renewal of the license.

[More information can be found on the BLLC website "Protests" page.](#)

## CIAA Events Permit Reminder



The CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit application packet provides all necessary information to apply for a CIAA Related Event Promoter's Permit in Baltimore City:

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

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