

BLLC Community Connection

A Community Engagement Newsletter from the Baltimore City Liquor Board

May 2020

COVID-19 May Update

For the latest information, [view the COVID-19 section of our website](#).

Office closed to General Public

Please remember: The BLLC requests that all applications, correspondence, and related materials be **mailed in to the office at 1 North Charles St., 15th Floor, Baltimore, MD, 21201**. Phone lines will remain open from 8:30am to 4:30pm each day, though no one will be available in person at the offices.

Reminder - Operations of Licensed Establishments:

To see the list of BLLC **additional guidance** in Baltimore City concerning carry out and delivery procedures for alcoholic beverage service, [please click here](#).

Reminder - Extensions of time periods:

To see a copy of the BLLC's Press Release, [click here](#).

Virtual Hearings:

The BLLC held its first virtual hearing on May 7, 2020, available for [viewing on CharmTv](#). The next hearing will be held on May 21st.

Virtual Community Meetings?

BLLC Community Liaison Matt Achhammer is available to join your association for virtual meetings. Please email him at matt.achhammer@baltimorecity.gov with details.

2020 Audit of BLLC Released

On May 14, 2020, the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) for the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) issued its 2020 Performance Audit Report (2020 Audit) for the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) to the general public.

In his letter addressed to the Joint Audit Committee of the Maryland General Assembly, Legislative Auditor Mr. Gregory Hook stated that the "BLLC made significant improvements in addressing the conditions noted in [the OLA's] preceding audit of the BLLC, with only one of the prior findings repeated." Mr. Hook further acknowledged the BLLC's "willingness to address the audit issues and to implement appropriate corrective actions" through its new "Standard Operating Policies and Procedures" and "management oversight processes that allowed for consistency and accountability."

In response to the release of the Audit report, Maryland Senate President Bill Ferguson recently told *The Baltimore Sun*, "After six years, this audit shows only one repeat finding and all other issues addressed...In a time where trust in the government is low, it is important to show that with proper oversight and accountability, we can ensure that government works for the people."

[Press Release – BLLC – 2020 Performance Audit](#)

[OLA Performance Audit of the BLLC](#)

BLLC Welcomes New Commissioner

On May 15, 2020, the newly appointed BLLC Commissioner Robert Guye was sworn in at the BLLC offices. Commissioner Guye will serve with current Commissioner Aaron J. Greenfield, Esq. and Alternate Commissioner Harvey E. Jones, under the direction of the Chair of the Board Hon. Albert J. Matricciani, Jr.



Commissioner Guye being sworn in by Clerk of the Circuit Court Marilyn Bentley.

Commissioner Guye brings a length of experience and dedication to the City of Baltimore, most recently serving as Chief Investigator for the Department of Public Works, and prior to that serving as Chief of the Environmental Crimes Enforcement Unit for the City. Commissioner Guye is a Veteran and has served on multiple Boards and Commissions such as the Managerial and Professional Society of Baltimore and as Vice President of the Baltimore Chapter of the National Association of Black Veterans (NABVET).

remarking on his appointment, Commissioner Guye said, "I thank Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young for this opportunity. I have met the staff and commissioners; I'm joining a great team. I'm looking forward to great things!"