

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Harvey Jones, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

FF1-Liquor License, LLC, t/a FF1-Liquor License, LLC License # LBD7 343
921 E. Fort Avenue, Suite 115-135, Baltimore MD 21230 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of outdoor table service, requesting live entertainment, off-premise catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Grant Harrison.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 7, 2020 and checked on January 16, 2020 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: FF1-Liquor License, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 21, 2020.

Location Violation History: None since 2016.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

D&D Arce, LLC, t/a The Twins License # LBD7 291
4020 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224 2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of live entertainment to Kairah Arce and Daniel Arce.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 7, 2020 and checked on January 16, 2020 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: D&D Arce, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 22, 2020.

Location Violation History: December 5, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 5.04(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$3,125, suspended 5 days

October 11, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

October 11, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

Lightrandall Corporation, t/a Riverside Tap House
1542 Light Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LBD7 344
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Frank Shaulis

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service to Ryan Kehoe.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on December 23, 2019 and checked on January 2, 2020 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Lightrandall Corporation is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 22, 2020.

Location Violation History: None since 2010.

Witnesses: Frank Shaulis – Attorney, Ryan Kehoe – 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

11:00 AM

Triple A Limited, t/a Triangle Liquors & Package Goods
2101 Homewood Avenue, Baltimore MD 21218

License # LA 185
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Angel A. Ayeni and Rufus Ayeni.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Triple A Limited is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 21, 2020.

Location Violation History: None since 2015.

Witnesses: Rufus Ayeni – Licensee/Manger

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180-day hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension

11:00 AM

Davis Management, LLC, t/a Flight
5721-23 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212

License # LB 147
4th Councilmanic District (Henry)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Raymond Davis.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Davis Management, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 21, 2020.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Raymond Davis – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 90-day transfer hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension 11:00 AM

ESG Holdings, Inc., t/a Gani’s Wine & Spirits
601 N. Carey Street, Baltimore MD 21217

License # LA 168
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Ebony Gill.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: ESG Holdings, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 23, 2020.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Ebony Gill – Applicant

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 90-day transfer hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 4.16, Rule 3.12, Rule 4.16, 1:00 PM
Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16**

Eva Group, LLC, t/a Pratt Liquors & Bar
1812 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 163
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 12:42 a.m. on November 25, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon the officer’s arrival, they observed a man who had been shot and lying unresponsive in the establishment. As the Baltimore City Fire Department was rendering aid, they alerted the Police Officer of a firearm that was located in the right waistband of the man’s pants.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 12:42 a.m. on November 25, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon the officer’s arrival, they observed a man who had been shot and lying unresponsive in the establishment. As the Baltimore City Fire Department was rendering aid, they alerted the Police Officer of a firearm that was located in the right waistband of the man’s pants.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 10:15 p.m. on December 26, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, they observed a man who had been shot multiple times and lying unresponsive in front of the establishment. Upon follow up, a

BLLC Inspector revealed that prior to the shooting, a verbal altercation between the man and another individual within the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 10:15 p.m. on December 26, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting. Upon arrival, they observed a man who had been shot multiple times and lying unresponsive in front of the establishment. Upon follow up, a BLLC Inspector revealed that prior to the shooting, a verbal altercation between the man and another individual within the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 8:13 p.m. on January 22, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the location to conduct a routine business check at the location. Upon arrival, the officer observed an individual standing in the doorway of the establishment. While this individual had a phone in his right hand pressed against his body, he also appeared to be clutching a large “L” shaped object inside his jacket pocket, and quickly turned and went into the establishment after noticing the officer. The officer believed this man was armed with a handgun and was attempting to discard it. When the officer entered the establishment, the officer heard a sound of a heavy metal object hitting the wood floor and the man appeared to no longer be carrying the large “L” shaped object and proceeded to pass by the officer. At the area of the sound where the man came from, the office observed and secured a semi-automatic handgun.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 8:13 p.m. on January 22, 2020 members of the Baltimore City Police Department responded to the location to conduct a routine business check at the location. Upon arrival, the officer observed an individual standing in the doorway of the establishment. While this individual had a phone in his right hand pressed against his body, he also appeared to be clutching a large “L” shaped object inside his jacket pocket, and quickly turned and went into the establishment after noticing the officer. The officer believed this man was armed with a handgun and was attempting to discard it. When the officer entered the establishment, the officer heard a sound of a heavy metal object hitting the wood floor and the man appeared to no longer be carrying the large “L” shaped object and proceeded to pass by the officer. At the area of the sound where the man came from, the office observed and secured a semi-automatic handgun.

Corporate Standing: Eva Group, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 11, 2020.

Location Violation History: May 23, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875

November 8, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Rupak Karki – Licensee, Officer Butler – Baltimore City Police Officer, Officer Schreven – Baltimore City Police Officer, Officer Moulden –

Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Perry – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Bizay Ranabhat – Co-Business Owner’s Husband, William Colbus – VP Elite Police Protection, Keith Love – Patron (in support), Anthony Caviness – Patron (in support), Kimber James – Patron (in support)

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on November 25, 2019, Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on December 26, 2019, and Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on January 22, 2020, and imposed a fine of \$3,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 10 days, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Titus, Inc., t/a Paradise Liquor

License # LA 033

2223 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore MD 21227

7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:50 p.m. on November 12, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Titus, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2020.

Location Violation History: None since 2013.

Witnesses: Sang Won Song – Licensee, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cadet Queensbury – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cadet Harvell – Baltimore City Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on November 12, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$300 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

B & G Liquor, Inc., t/a B & G Cutrate

License # LA 191

1538 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:20 p.m. on December 19, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: B & G Liquor, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 11, 2020.

Location Violation History: September 7, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,325

Witnesses: Jong Myun Park – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Sneed – Baltimore City Police Cadet, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on December 19, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$750 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Sole Proprietorship, t/a Club Climax

License # LBD7 049

2432 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:35 p.m. on December 19, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None since 2006.

Witnesses: Annie Butler – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Cadet Brown – Baltimore City Police Cadet, Cassandra Ashley-King – Manager/Bartender, Kimberly Bennett – Manger

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on December 19, 2019 and did not imposed a fine and waived the administrative fee of \$125, no fine assessed.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Three K Partners, LLC, t/a Rosie’s Sports Bar

License # LBD7 420

482 S. Bentalou Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant:

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:50 p.m. on December 19, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Three K Partners, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 11, 2020.

Location Violation History: None since 2013.

Witnesses: Cathy Williams – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Brown – Baltimore City Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on December 19, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

February 6, 2020

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Sai Baba Liquors, Inc., t/a Harford Road Liquors
4627 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214

License # LA 022
3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 11:50 p.m. on December 10, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Sai Baba Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 11, 2020.

Location Violation History: None since 2014.

Witnesses: Sunil Sharma – Licensee, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cadet Stokes – Baltimore City Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on December 10, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.