

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 10:30 AM

Winston Lounge Bar & Grill, LLC, t/a Winston Lounge Bar & Grill
2343 E. Monument Street, Baltimore MD 21205 License # LBD7 104
13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:05 p.m. on August 9, 2023 members of the Baltimore 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: Winston Lounge Bar & Grill, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: March 18, 2021 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-905(d)(2), Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Mia L. Conaway – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Cadet Stewart – Baltimore Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on August 9, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.03(c) 10:30 AM

Sai Baba Hospitality, LLC, t/a El Dragon Sport Bar & Restaurant
200 S. Haven Street, Baltimore MD 21224 License # LB 049
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:02 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff's Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the

alcoholic beverages they ordered. Inspectors requested employee records to help identify the employee, but no employee records were available.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records) when at approximately 8:02 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff's Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered. Inspectors requested employee records to help identify the employee, but no employee records were available.

Corporate Standing: Sai Baba Hospitality, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: May 18, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625
February 9, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375
July 28, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Neel Sharma – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Baltimore City Sheriff Cadet, Cadet Gough – Baltimore City Sheriff Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.03(c) on October 19, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

Maan and Jaiya, Inc., t/a Mr. Joe's Bar & Cutrate
1-3 S. Highland Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 176
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:25 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff's Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Maan and Jaiya, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: June 2, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation – Dismissed), and Rule 4.10 (False Statements – Dismissed) – Fined \$2,125
August 12, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.02(a) (Inebriates and Drug Addicts) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Baltimore City Sheriff Cadet, Cadet Gough – Baltimore City Sheriff Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 19, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.01(a) and AE Rule 3.05(a) 10:30 AM

Baltimore Sports Bar, LLC, t/a The Penthouse Club License # LBD7 260 / AE 001
615 Fallsway, Baltimore MD 21202 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Licensee(s):

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:54 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 8:54 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Baltimore Sports Bar, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 10:30 AM

Contract Purchaser, t/a No Trade Name License # LB 317
2 E. Wells Street, Suite 116, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 7:30 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Licensees – Failed to Appear, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Cadet Weitzman – Baltimore City Sheriff Cadet, Cadet Gough – Baltimore City Sheriff Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 19, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

10:30 AM

Pirog & Marshall, Inc., t/a Nobles Bar & Grill
1024 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LBD7 103
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s):

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 6:55 p.m. on October 19, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sherriff Cadet(s) entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Pirog & Marshall, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 27, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625
November 4, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.18(a) and Rule 4.20(c)

10:30 AM

Rara 6, Inc., t/a Uptown Bar
1901 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 057
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.18(a) (Alterations) when at approximately 4:01 p.m. on September 15, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if renovations were completed without Board approval. Upon arrival, the inspector made contact with an employee. The inspector entered the establishment and observed that the interior had been completed renovated in the front and a new bar area was being built in the back with no sinks and no bar at the time of inspection.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 4:01 p.m. on September 15, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if renovations were completed without Board approval. Upon arrival, the inspector made contact with an employee. The inspector entered the establishment and observed that the interior had been completed renovated in the front and a new bar area was being built in the back with no sinks and no bar at the time of inspection.

Corporate Standing: Rara 6, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: May 19, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125

Witnesses: Manish Khadka – Manager, Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c) and dismissed Rule 4.18(a) on September 15, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.02

10:30 AM

The Avenue K&B, LLC, t/a The Avenue Kitchen and Bar License # LB 012

911 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211

14th Councilmanic District (Ramos)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on October 26, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed an outdoor party taking place on the temporary outdoor table service area. Over 100 patrons were observed in this area, some of which were not seated at the tables and consuming alcoholic beverages in this outdoor area, and loud music could be heard from over a block away. The inspectors made contact with the night manager and made them aware that the reason of their visit was because of a noise complaint. The night manager offered to turn down the music, but the inspector advised her of other issued that were observed and violations were going to be issued. At that point, the manger informed the inspectors that the part was ending. The inspector explained that the temporary service space must stop operating at 11:00 p.m. as one of the restrictions on the temp permit and that all patrons must be seated to be served. By 11:45 p.m., the music was turned off and patrons began to leave the establishment, however several patrons were observed leaving the establishment with glassware containing what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Also, bar personnel were observed handing out shots to remaining patrons on the temporary outdoor table service area.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on October 26, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed an outdoor party taking place on the temporary outdoor table service area. Over 100 patrons were observed in this area, some of which were not seated at the tables and consuming alcoholic beverages in this outdoor area, and loud music could be heard from over a block away. The inspectors made contact with the night manager and made them aware that the reason of their visit was because of a noise complaint. The night manager offered to turn down the music, but the inspector advised her of other issued that were observed and violations were going to be issued. At that point, the manger informed the inspectors that the part was ending. The inspector explained that the temporary service space must stop operating at 11:00 p.m. as one of the restrictions on the temp permit and that all patrons must be seated to be served. By 11:45 p.m., the music was turned off and patrons began to leave the establishment, however several patrons were observed leaving the establishment with glassware containing what appeared to be alcoholic beverages. Also, bar personnel were observed handing out shots to remaining patrons on the temporary outdoor table service area.

January 11, 2024

Corporate Standing: The Avenue K&B, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: April 13, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.17 (Storage) – Fined \$275

Witnesses:

Disposition: Postponement granted on the record; this matter will be heard at later hearing date.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12

10:30 AM

Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro, LLC, t/a Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro

10 S. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LB 271

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 12:00 a.m. on October 29, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate an overcrowding complaint. At the time the inspectors arrived, Baltimore City Fire Marhsall Inspectors were already on site and investigating the matter. Once at the location, the Fire Marshall inspectors informed BLLC inspectors that they were closing the establishment for the night due to overcrowding and indoor smoking (marijuana/charcoal lit hookahs). The BLLC inspectors informed the licensee that a liquor board violation would be written as a result of their observations and the Fire Marshall’s determination of the establishment being unsafe to continue to operate.

Corporate Standing: Dream at Legacy Bar & Bistro, LLC is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 8, 2021 – Violation of Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$175

Witnesses: Justin Hunt – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Fire Marshall Tennenses – Baltimore City Fire Marshall

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 on October 29, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)

10:30 AM

C & L Caton, LLC, t/a Caton House Bar & Tavern

1506 S. Caton Avenue, Baltimore MD 21227

License # LBD7 149

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7

Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 1:45 p.m. on October 27, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon arrival, the inspector entered the tavern and found the lights to be off and a partition blocking entry to the tavern, as the tavern portion was bring used as a storage area and the 3-compartment sink was empty. The inspector also found liquor bottles on the floor of the bar area. The inspector informed

the employee that inventory must be 6 inches off the floor and issued violations for not having the tavern open and operating and for the inventory being on the floor.

Corporate Standing: C & L Caton, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2013.

Witnesses: Lina Li – Licensee, Kevin D. Sanders – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c) on October 27, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c) and Rule 3.09

10:30 AM

Sole Proprietorship, t/a AKO Liquors

License # LBD7 234

2700 W. Fairmount Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7

Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 27, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon entering the bar, the inspector found the lights to be off and the tavern being used as a storage area. The inspector found the 3-compartment sink with one filled with cold water, the middle sink empty, and the last sink filled with a cooking pot. The inspector also found the bathroom could not be used as it was filthy with black stuff all over the toilet, and there was no toilet paper, soap, or paper towels or dyer. The inspector spoke with an employee and advised them that the tavern must always be operational.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09 (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 1:30 p.m. on October 27, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon entering the bar, the inspector found the lights to be off and the tavern being used as a storage area. The inspector found the 3-compartment sink with one filled with cold water, the middle sink empty, and the last sink filled with a cooking pot. The inspector also found the bathroom could not be used as it was filthy with black stuff all over the toilet, and there was no toilet paper, soap, or paper towels or dyer. The inspector spoke with an employee and advised them that the tavern must always be operational.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Won Park – Manager, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c) and Rule 3.09 on October 27, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.