

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Dana P. Moore, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

Sangria, LLC, t/a Sangria License # LB 060
930 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

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

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on December 13, 2016 and checked on December 23, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Sangria, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 30, 2016.

Violations History: January 15, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625
June 7, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.18 – Dismissed

Witnesses: Julieanna McGuire – Applicant, Justin Williams – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has approved/ the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

Solab, LLC, t/a Wolfe Liquors License # LA-2 006
1642-44 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore MD 21213 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A-2” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Solomon Asfaha and Anthony Flood.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 22, 2016 and checked on December 2, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Solab, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 30, 2016.

Violations History: September 4, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$500

Witnesses: Solomon Asfaha – Applicant, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

Read-Park, Inc., t/a The Drinkery
203-09 W. Read Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LBD7 416
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License and requesting live entertainment to Amy Miller and Stanley Freeman.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 22, 2016 and checked on December 2, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Read-Park, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 30, 2016.

Violations History: July 14, 2016 - Violation of Rule 4.07(e) (Open Container) - Fined \$375
Protest of Renewal for 2016-2017 license year, license revoked May 19, 2016. Decision to revoke was reversed and license was granted for renewal after hearing Motion for Reconsideration.

Witnesses: Amy Miller – Applicant, Stanley Freeman – Applicant, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Eric Evans – Mt. Vernon Belvedere Association

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership and Location

11:00 AM

World Theatre Company, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending
404-06 N. Howard Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LD 039
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 225 W. Read Street to 404-06 N. Howard Street with live entertainment to Evan Moritz and Richard Royer.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on December 13, 2016 and checked on December 23, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: World Theatre Company, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Evan Moritz – Applicant, Richard Royer – Applicant, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

11:00 AM

Truth Lounge, LLC, t/a Truth Lounge

License # LBD7 448

4507-09 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Application to transfer ownership of a Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License and requesting live entertainment to Darryl Strange.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 22, 2016 and checked on December 2, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. Various letters of opposition was received. There were no letters of communication supporting the transfer.

Corporate Standing: Truth Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 9, 2016.

Violations History: August 2, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Corporation not in Good Standing) – Paid \$125 in lieu of hearing

Witnesses: Darryl Strange – Applicant, Abraham Hurdle – Attorney, Barbara Jackson – Frankford Community Association President, Margie Porter – Resident

Disposition: The Board has approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Lucky 77, LLC, t/a A-One Convenience Store

License # LA 221

1625 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 7:18 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Lucky77, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2016.

Violations History: June 2, 2016 – Protest of Renewal – Dismissed

Witnesses: Mengxiong Wang – Licensee, Li Huang – Manager, Gary Maslan – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff's Department

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on August 20, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a), Rule 3.09(a),
and Rule 3.03(c)**

1:00 PM

Gilmore Pleasure Club, LLC, t/a Gilmore Pleasure Club

License # LBD7 123

347 S. Gilmore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 7:53 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover,

underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(a) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulation) when at approximately 7:53 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. During the investigation, the inspectors conducted a compliance check and observed the bathrooms were in unsatisfactory condition.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 7:53 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. During the investigation, the inspected requested copies of the establishment's employee records when the server did not comply and show records.

Corporate Standing: Gilmore Pleasure Club, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 29, 2016.

Violations History: October 2, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Mario Vaccaro – Licensee, Peter Prevas – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff's Department, Deputy Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff's Department, Victoria Cox – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a), Rule 3.09(a) and Rule 3.03(c) on October 20, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$2,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 1:00 PM

Joe-Charl, Inc., t/a Skeeters License # LBD7 187
2506 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)
Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:38 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Joe-Charl, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Steven Saffron – Manager, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Joanne Martin – BLLC Inspector, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff's Department, Victoria Cox – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 20, 2016 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) 1:00 PM

Marshall's, Inc., t/a Marshall's Bar License # LBD7 084
2351 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)
Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:24 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Marshall's, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 29, 2016.

Violations History: October 17, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Selling Alcoholic Beverages without Valid License) – Fined \$625
February 21, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: George Marshall – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Joann Martin – BLLC Inspector, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff's Department

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 20, 2016 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) and Rule 4.16 1:00 PM

MP & AP, Inc., t/a Joe's Tavern & Pizzeria License # LBD7 133
2709-11 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)
Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 7:18 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 10:54 a.m. on December 28, 2016 members BLLC conducted a review of corporate status and found that the entity was forfeited.

Corporate Standing: MP & AP, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2016.

Violations History: October 1, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.03(c) (Records) and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$1,625
February 21, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor), Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct-dismissed) and Art. 2B § 10-505 (Liquor License not Displayed) – Fined \$2,375

Witnesses: Surinder Singh – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Joann Martin – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff's

Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrios-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 20, 2016 and dismissed Rule 4.16 on December 28, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$3,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 and Rule 4.01(a) **1:00 PM**
110 Water Street Series 247, LLC, t/a Supano’s Steak House License # LB 262
110 Water Street, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)
Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:00 p.m. on October 14, 2016 members of BLLC conducted a special investigation where they were located in a covert location to make observations when they observed at least 3 individuals exit the establishment with open alcoholic beverages and leave the area.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 6:10 p.m. on October 20, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: 110 Water Street Series 247, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 28, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Terry Coffman – Licensee, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrio-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 on October 14, 2016 and Rule 4.01(a) on October 20, 2016 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) **1:00 PM**
Ecstasy Bar & Restaurant, LLC, t/a My Cousin Place License # LBD7 058
3925-27 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224 2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)
Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 7:55 p.m. on October 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Ecstasy Bar & Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 29, 2016.

Violations History: December 15, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$500

Witnesses: Priscilla Irizarry – Licensee, Blanca Pesquera – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrio-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 28, 2016 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) 1:00 PM

Poniatowski, Stanley t/a Mary’s Tavern License # LD 025
2057 Gough Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 7:14 p.m. on October 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Violations History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: Stanley Poniatowski – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrio-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 28, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 1:00 PM

Butts & Betty’s Tavern, Inc., t/a Butts & Betty’s Tavern License # LBD7 038
2200 Gough Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant:

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 6:57 p.m. on October 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Buts & Betty Tavern, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 29, 2016.

Violations History: April 19, 2012 – Protest of renewal – Dismissed but suspended for 2 days

Witnesses: Cindy Johnson – Licensee, Jessica Thompson – Bartender, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff’s

Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrio-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 28, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) **1:00 PM**
Summerhill, Inc., t/a Brewster’s Tavern License # LBD7 341
2201 Gough Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)
Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 6:45 p.m. on October 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Summerhill, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 29, 2016.

Violations History: August 2, 2012 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Charter of Corporation not in good standing, Art. 2B § 10-301(j)(1) – Proof of Property Taxes – Paid \$125 in lieu of hearing

Witnesses: Kathleen Lovejoy – Manager, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrio-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 28, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) **1:00 PM**
Bernia, Inc., t/a Honey’s Lounge License # LBD7 203
1722-24 Gough Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)
Attorney for Applicant: Shawn Harby

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 6:20 p.m. on October 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Bernia, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 29, 2016.

Violations History: August 25, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$375
March 7, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.20(a) (Alterations) and Rule 4.20(a) (Alterations) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Nidia Sierra – Licensee, Shawn Harby – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Sergeant Poma – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Deputy Perez – Baltimore City Sheriff’s Department, Christina Barrio-Lopez – Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on October 28, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.