

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Harvey Jones, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

Penalty in Lieu of Hearing Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05 10:30 AM

R & G Traders, Inc., T/a Joe’s Tavern License # LBD7 205
1006-08 Dundalk Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Parker)

Date of Violation: October 19, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 2:15 a.m. on October 19, 2024, members of the BLLC were conducting inspections in the Southeast Police District when they visited the establishment. After entering the establishment, they observed multiple people at the bar drinking what appeared to be beers in labeled bottles. They spoke to the manager and advised that a violation for operating past the mandated closing time of 2:00 a.m. would be issued.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours)

Corporate Standing: R & G Traders, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Disposition: A fine of \$500 was administered for the violation and the licensee paid the fine on January 13, 2025.

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension 10:30 AM

Secured Creditor, T/a No Trade Name License # LBD7 387
307-11 W. Madison Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11th Councilmanic District (Blanchard)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Peter Prevas

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Lisa Markiewicz.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership

10:30 AM

Clase' Define, Inc., T/a Clase' Define Lounge

License # LBD7 398

2709-11 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230

10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Shawn Harby

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License from a secured creditor to Desanni Penn and Christopher Coleman.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 2, 2025 and checked on January 12, 2025 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Clase' Define, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 15, 2025.

Location Violation History: October 19, 2023 – Violation of Rule 3.03(a) (Records), Rule 3.03(c) (Records), Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Records), and Rule 3.06(b) (Records) – Fined \$165

Witnesses: Desanni Penn – Applicant, Christopher Coleman – Applicant

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

10:30 AM

Omni Liquors Baltimore, LLC, T/a Frankford Gardens Liquors

5418-20 Sinclair Lane, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LA 150

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Shawn Harby

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Deepak Bhanot, Madhusudhan Koppurapu, and Tikeshia Nakia Vinson.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 2, 2025 and checked on January 12, 2025 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Omni Liquors Baltimore, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 15, 2025.

Location Violation History: None since 2020.

Witnesses: Madhusudhan Koppurapu – Applicant, Tikeshia Vinson – Applicant

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

10:30 AM

1113 South Charles Street, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending

1113 S. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LB 046

11th Councilmanic District (Blanchard)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Peter Prevas

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service, requesting off-premises catering to Sean Michael White and Michael Raymond Lopez.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on January 2, 2025 and checked on January 11, 2025 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 1113 South Charles Street, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 15, 2025.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Sean White – Applicant, Michael Lopez – Applicant

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(b), Rule 4.17(2) and Rule 4.20(b) 10:30 AM

HBS Enterprise, Inc., T/a Sugar Hill Tavern
2361 Druid Hill Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217

License # LBD7 167
7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Date of Violation: September 18, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 12:00 p.m. on September 18, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. While conducting the inspection, they noticed that the rear tavern was not open and operating, as it appeared to be under construction and not set up for service. Also, some of the alcohol was stored on the floor without a six-inch clearance

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.20(b) (Prohibited Activities by License Type)
● Rule 4.17(2) (Storage)

Date of Violation: November 19, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 4:45 p.m. on November 19, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. While conducting the inspection, they noticed that the rear tavern was not open and operating, and still appeared to be under construction and not set up for service from the September 18, 2024 inspection. The rear area was also roped off so no patron could enter and the ceiling in the bar area was leaking water and smelled like mildew.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.20(b) (Prohibited Activities by License Type)

Corporate Standing: HBS Enterprise, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Ho K. Lawler – Licensee, Terri Chase – BLLC Agent Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Ayana Bass-Myers – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(b) and Rule 4.17(2) on September 18, 2024 and Rule 4.20(b) on November 19, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$450 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(2)

10:30 AM

Richie’s Entertainment, LLC, T/a Richie’s Lounge
1600 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 194
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: October 22, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 4:18 p.m. on October 22, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment. Upon their arrival, they saw several trash bags, a large box with several other boxes on top, and a black truck flatbed attachment at the rear of the establishment. The flatbed was full to capacity and overflowing with bags of trash and cardboard boxes for items, such as Bud Ice, Winebow, and Corona Extra, as well as boxes on the ground next to the flatbed labeled Foraleza Tequilla. The establishment was closed at the time, but the licensees arrived while the inspectors were investigating the violation.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.08(2) (Sanitation and Safety)

Corporate Standing: Richie’s Entertainment, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: October 10, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.08(2) (Sanitation and Safety) and Rule 3.08(2) (Sanitation and Safety) – Fined \$625
September 5, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) and Rule 3.03(1) (Records) – Fined \$325
March 24, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Alterations), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours), and Rule 3.08 (Sanitation and Safety) – No fine assessed, license suspended until license was transferred

Witnesses: Richard Nelson – Licensee, Terri Chase – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(2) on October 22, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$100 and an administrative fee of \$125 by 2-1 vote, both payable within 30 days. (Matricciani and Templeton – \$100 fine, Jones – \$500 fine)

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.15(2)

10:30 AM

Bayview, Inc., T/a Bayview Liquors
3804 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 303
1st Councilmanic District (Parker)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Gary Maslan

Date of Violation: October 19, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 1:25 a.m. on October 19, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate an anonymous complaint that the establishment was providing unlicensed adult entertainment. The inspectors entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and was not required to show ID upon entering. They went to the second floor of the establishment and sat at the bar where they observed a woman dressed in a bra and thong with exposed buttocks dancing and simulating a sexual act on top of the bar. Several males were throwing money and slapping her buttocks.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 4.15(2) (Sexual Practices and Obscenity)

Corporate Standing: Bayview, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: February 17, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$3,125 and license suspended 7 days

Witnesses: Haimanot Solomon – Licensee, Manulu Deta – Manager, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.15(2) on October 18, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.09(2), and Rule 3.08(1)(b) 10:30 AM

El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec, Inc., T/a El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec

3919-21 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 122

1st Councilmanic District (Parker)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: October 19, 2024

Summary of Violation: On October 19, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to a 311-Complaint call for loud music. The inspectors parked approximately 328 feet away from the location and could hear music coming from the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, the inspectors noticed that the music was so loud that it shook the front door. They also observed several people smoking charcoal hookah and could see that the establishment was very smokey.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

● Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)

● Rule 3.08(1)(b) (Sanitation and Safety)

Corporate Standing: El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: October 10, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$2,125

February 22, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$4,125

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 3.09(2)

10:30 AM

316-318 Guilford Avenue, LLC, T/a Ikonc Assembly Room

316-18 Guilford Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBAL 006

11th Councilmanic District (Blanchard)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: September 28, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 12:02 a.m. on September 28, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate a 311-Complaint call for loud noise. The

inspector parked the vehicle approximately 550 feet, or two city blocks, away from the establishment where they could hear music clearing coming from the rooftop of the establishment and took a video recording of the finding. After the inspector arrived at the establishment and made contact with the manager, the manager mentioned that the event just concluded and asked if they could “give her a break.” The inspector played the video for the manager and informed them that a violation would be issued.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

● Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)

Corporate Standing: 316-318 Guilford Avenue, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: October 10, 2024 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$725

April 25, 2024 – Protest of Renewal – Boted to renew (3-0 vote)

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.09(2), Rule 3.12, Rule 3.09(2), Rule 3.08(2), and Rule 3.08(1)(d)

10:30 AM

New Ecstasy Bar and Restaurant, LLC, T/a My Cousin’s Place
3925-27 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 256
1st Councilmanic District (Parker)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: October 7, 2024

Summary of Violation: On October 7, 2024, members of the BLLC responded to the establishment to investigate a 311-Complaint call for loud noise. As the inspector arrived and drove around the block and could hear music at the intersection of Grundy and Mt. Pleasant and parked nearby. The inspector noticed that their car windows were vibrating. At this time, the inspector went into the establishment and determined that the music was loud.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)

● Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)

Date of Violation: October 27, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 12:30 a.m. on October 27, 2024, members of the BLLC were conducting inspections in the area when they could hear loud music coming from the establishment. As they arrived and parked across the street from the location, they could hear music playing at an extremely loud volume. As they approached the establishment, they observed an uncovered and overflowing dumpster and trashcan on the side of the licensed establishment. The inspectors entered the establishment and made contact with the manager to inform them of the violations being issued. However, when they tried to leave through an emergency exit located in the rear of the location, it was locked.

- Alleged violation of:**
- Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)
 - Rule 3.09(2) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations)
 - Rule 3.08(2) (Sanitation and Safety)
 - Rule 3.08(1)(d) (Sanitation and Safety)

Corporate Standing: New Ecstasy Bar and Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: None since 2020.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 4.07(3), Rule 3.01(1), and Rule 3.05(2) 10:30 AM

Mystic T & M, Inc., T/a Mystic Tavern
2949 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 276
10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): N/A

Date of Violation: August 30, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 10:50 p.m. on August 30, 2024, members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force consisting of members from the Baltimore City Fire Department and Department of Housing and Community Development, conducted an investigation at the establishment, as they have received information that the establishment was open using a gas generator to operate. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed a group of approximately five individuals sitting under a canopy with a table and chairs outside on the sidewalk. The inspectors proceeded inside the establishment to conduct a full routine inspection. The inspectors made contact with the manager, who identified themselves as the licensee's husband. The inspectors asked the manager if they had a recent alcohol beverage purchase and an alcohol awareness certificate and the manager stated that their wife, the licensee, did all the paperwork and did not know where that information was kept. The inspector then observed a female come inside and take what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage off the bar and place it under their shirt and proceed outside with the drink. Upon seeing that action, the inspector asked the manager if they allowed people to drink outside although they did not have permission for outdoor seating on the liquor license. The manager stated that they had used the area outside for a while and nobody had ever instructed them to not allow people outside to drink. While finishing up the BLLC paperwork, the Fire Marshall's informed the manager that they would be closing the establishment immediately since they were operating without power and using a generator which caused unsafe conditions.

- Alleged violation of:**
- Rule 3.12 (General Welfare)
 - Rule 4.07(3) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages)
 - Rule 3.03(1) (Records)
 - Rule 3.05(2) (Alcohol Awareness Certification)

January 30, 2025

Corporate Standing: Mystic T & M, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.08(b), Rule 3.09(1), and Rule 4.16 10:30 AM

Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, T/a Jano Ethiopia

34 S. Eutaw Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 157

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Date of Violation: September 7, 2024

Summary of Violation: At approximately 11:45 p.m. on September 7, 2024, members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to conduct a routine inspection. Upon arrival, the inspectors made their way to the second floor where they were confronted by a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, there was an observation of people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. The inspectors then made their way into the kitchen which was also located on the second floor and was discovered to not be in operating condition. The owner advised the inspectors that the cook was off from work that day, but the kitchen was dirty and in unsatisfactory condition with ladders and a TV hanging around. Also, it was discovered that the restrooms were dirty, and the woman's restroom was out of toilet paper, hand soap, and paper towels.

Alleged violation of: ● Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety)

● Rule 3.09(1) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulation)

● Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct)

Corporate Standing: Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of January 16, 2025.

Location Violation History: March 23, 2023 – Violation of Rule 3.06(b) (Signs and Hours of Operation), Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety), Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 4.20(b) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class B Licensees: Functional Kitchen) – Fined \$725

Witnesses: Fikremariam Worku – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.08(b), Rule 3.09(a), and Rule 4.16 on September 7, 2024 and imposed a fine of \$300 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.