

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Regular Item – Application for New Class “B” License 11:00 AM

The Boiler Room Restaurant, LLC, t/a The Boiler Room Restaurant

License # N/A (new)

1 N. Haven Street, Baltimore MD 21224

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: Justin Williams

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting live entertainment, outdoor table service, and off-premise catering to David Seibert; Board to rehear matter concerning an issue identified during issuance process.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 14, 2019 and checked on February 25, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: The Boiler Room Restaurant, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 23, 2019.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Justin William – Attorney, David Seibert – Applicant

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

Chanan Liquor, LLC, t/a La Bamba’s Liquor & Grocery

License # LA 129

459 Anglesea Street, Baltimore MD 21224

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Kenneth Siu and Aubrey Lee Thompson.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on October 17, 2019 and checked on October 26, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Chanan Liquor, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 10, 2019.

Location Violation History: November 9, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) –

Fined \$875

October 27, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) –
Fined \$625

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Kenneth Siu – 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 and Location **11:00 AM**

Little Chang, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending
2322 Boston Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 320
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Abraham Hurdle

Amended application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 1010 Aliceanna Street to 2322 Boston Street requesting outdoor table service and off-premise catering to Benjamin Sawyer and Pichet Ong.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on December 13, 2018 and checked on December 24, 2018 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Little Chang, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 10, 2019.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: Abraham Hurdle – Attorney, Benjamin Sawyer – Applicant, Pichet Ong – 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 **11:00 AM**

Dizz Management, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending
300 W. 30th Street, Baltimore MD 21211

License # LBD7 048
14th Councilmanic District (Clarke)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of outdoor table service, requesting off-premise catering to David Alima.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 9, 2019 and checked on November 18, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Dizz Management, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 10, 2019.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: David Alima – Applicant, Elan Kotz – Principal Member of Dizz Management, LLC

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

Regular Item – Request to expand premises **11:00 AM**

Water for Chocolate Catering, LLC, t/a Water for Chocolate
1839-41 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # WD 038
13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request to expand premises to include 1839-41 E. Lombard Street by Marcia Hargrove.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on November 8, 2019 and checked on November 18, 2019 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Water for Chocolate, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 10, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2008.

Witnesses: Marcia Hargrove – Licensee, Sean Guy – Son of licensee/Manager

Disposition: The Board has approved the request to expand the premises to include 1839-41 E. Lombard Street to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

BH-Kee Corporation, t/a Bank Discount Liquors License # LA 188
1419-21 Bank Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Debora Kee and Debora Kee (PR).

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: BH-Kee Corporation is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 23, 2019.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

Red Star North, LLC, t/a Red Star License # LB 021
3224 St. Paul Street, Baltimore MD 21218 14th Councilmanic District (Clarke)

Attorney for Applicant: Joseph Woolman

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Rehanna Parent.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Red Star North, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 23, 2019.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Joe Woolman – Attorney, Cathie Bryant – Beatty Development Group Vice President/Asset Manager

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**

R.V., Inc., t/a York Club License # LBD7 036
5407 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212 4th Councilmanic District (Henry)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Savita Gajare and Oscar Cooper.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: R.V., Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 23, 2019.

Location Violation History: July 26, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – No fine assessed; suspended 30 days.

September 7, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$875

Witnesses: Savita Gajare – Applicant, Oscar Cooper – Applicant, Anand Yadava – Husband of 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**

1207 Bar and Lounge, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending

License # LBD7 422

4017-19 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Norma Rosario.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: 1207 Bar and Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 23, 2019.

Location Violation History: Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Dismissed), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – Dismissed), Rule 4.18(a) (Alterations), and Rule 4.17(a) (Storage) – Fined \$2,125

May 3, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

December 8, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Norma Rosario – 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 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

4200 Parkside Belair, Inc., t/a Slim Ace of Club

License # LBD7 207

4200 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 11:10 p.m. on November 21, 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: 4200 Parkside Belair, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 13, 2019.

Location Violation History: January 17, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Carroll Smith – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, JoAnn Martin – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cadet Stokes – Baltimore City Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on November 21, 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) and Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

Arik, Inc., t/a Whispers

License # LBD7 336

1807-11 Baker Street, Baltimore MD 21217

7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:15 p.m. on November 21, 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.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 3:50 p.m. on December 13, 2019 members of the BLLC conducted a review of the entity known as “Arik, Inc.” and found that it was deemed forfeited by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Corporate Standing: Arik, Inc. is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of December 13, 2019.

Location Violation History: May 23, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625

November 1, 2018 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 6-313(a)(2) (Tampering with alcoholic beverage container) – Fined \$1,125

April 19, 2018 – Protest of Renewal – Voted to renew the license (3-0 vote)

March 1, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,125

February 15, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$1,125

June 29, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$475

April 20, 2017 – Protest of renewal – Voted to renew the license
(3-0 vote)

Witnesses: Peter Prevas – Attorney, Kyung Lee – Licensee, Yung Choi Yun – Bartender,
Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, JoAnn Martin – BLLC Agent Inspector,
Cadet Stokes – Baltimore City Police Cadet

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on November 21, 2019
and Rule 4.16 on December 13, 2019, and imposed a fine of \$2,500 and an administrative fee of
\$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 2 days,
commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.02

1:00 PM

Negash, Inc., t/a Bayview Liquors & Upper Level Lounge License # LBD7 195

3804 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan

**Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:00 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. When members of the task force entered the
establishment and notified the bartender about serving a minor, the bartender entered the
bathroom and hid from the task force. The bartender returned and presented herself to the
task force and the night manger provided a list of all bartenders present, including the
bartender who served a cadet.**

**Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 9:00 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. When members of the task force entered the
establishment and notified the bartender about serving a minor, the bartender entered the
bathroom and hid from the task force. The bartender returned and presented herself to the
task force and the night manger provided a list of all bartenders present, including the
bartender who served a cadet.**

Corporate Standing: Negash, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of
December 13, 2019.

Location Violation History: July 11, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and
Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records) – Fined \$3,125

July 12, 2018 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7

Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Gary Maslan – Attorney, Yonas Negash – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, 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) and Rule 3.02 on November 12, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$2,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 2 days, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b)

1:00 PM

Special P's, LLC, t/a Special P's Bar & Lounge
2738 Baker Street, Baltimore MD 21216

License # LD 012
7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health) when at approximately 11:30 p.m. on November 8, 2019 members of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Health Department, and BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon inspection, the Baltimore City Health Department observed several health violations including, an expired health permit, no running hot water, and no three-compartmental sink behind the bar area.

Corporate Standing: Special P's, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 13, 2019.

Location Violation History: None since 2012.

Witnesses: Martha Puryear – Licensee, Sean Puryear – Son of licensee/Manager, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Brian Rice – Baltimore City Health Department Inspector, Josh Gruver – Baltimore City Health Department Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Acting Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(b) on November 8, 2019 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Muna, LLC, t/a Busy Bee
4500-04 Erdman Avenue, Baltimore MD 21213

License # LBD7 304
13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant:

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:50 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: Muna, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of December 13, 2019.

Location Violation History: March 9, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

January 9, 2020

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, 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 \$750 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.