

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Regular Item – Request to add Live Entertainment, Outdoor Table 11:00 AM

Service and expand premises to include 1010 Fleet Street

Tagliata/Elk Room, LLC, t/a Tagliata

License # LB 317

1012 Fleet Street, Baltimore MD 21202

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Anastasia T. Nardangeli

Request to expand premises to include 1010 Fleet street, add live entertainment and outdoor table service by Matthew Smith.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 15, 2017 and checked on June 26, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Tagliata/Elk Room, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 27, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Steven A. Thomas – Attorney, Matthew Smith – Licensee, Bernard Jack Young – City Council President

Disposition: The Board has approved the request to expand the premises to include 1010 Fleet Street, the request for live entertainment and outdoor table service to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) and Rule 3.08(b) 11:00 AM

New Chuho Enterprise, Inc., t/a Kim's Liquor & Grocery License # LA 134

200 N. Monastery Avenue, Baltimore MD 21229

8th Councilmanic District (Burnett)

Attorney for Applicant: Jay Yoo

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 9:30 a.m. on March 20, 2017 members of the BLLC, Baltimore City Health Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department conducted a special investigation at the establishment due to complaints of illegal activity in and around the store. Upon inspection, the Heath Inspector observed numerous violations of the Baltimore City Health Code and closed the operations of the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 9:30 a.m. on March 20, 2017 members of the BLLC, Baltimore City Health Department and the Baltimore City Fire Department conducted a special investigation at the establishments due to the complaints of illegal activity in and around the store. Upon inspection, the Fire Marshall observed numerous violations of Baltimore City Fire Code.

Corporate Standing: New Chuho Enterprise, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 8, 2017.

Violations History: July 29, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.03(c) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Jay Yoo – Attorney, Dolores Spann – Licensee, Toung Yea Yon – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Cassandra Cary – Baltimore City Health Inspector, Eugene McCullough – Baltimore City Fire Marshall

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.09(b) and Rule 3.08(b) on March 20, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$300 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16

11:00 AM

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

License # LBD7 176

3919-21 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 12:40 a.m. on March 25, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department responded to a loud music complaint at the establishment, when upon arrival they observed the front door open and loud music playing. After asking the manager 3 times to lower the music, he complied and turned down the music.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 12:40 a.m. on March 25, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department responded to a loud music complaint at the establishment, when upon arrival they observed the front door open and loud music playing. After asking the manager 3 times to lower the music, he complied and turned down the music.

Corporate Standing: El Oasis Restaurant Y Discotec is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 8, 2017.

Violations History: June 30, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Licensee failed to appear – Fined \$3,125 and suspended 30 days. Motion for reconsideration was granted on July 12, 2016 reducing the fine to \$1,123 and reducing the suspension to 15 days.

Witnesses: Licensees FTA, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on March 25, 2017 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 indefinitely, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) **11:00 AM**
Sunlight Lounge, Inc., t/a Sunlight Lounge License # LD 039
1713-15 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)
Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:01 a.m. on April 1, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a special investigation of the establishment to determine if it was operating after hours, when they observed a group at a table and patrons at the bar with an alcoholic beverage after the establishment should have been closed.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:01 a.m. on April 1, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a special investigation of the establishment to determine if it was operating after hours, when they observed a group at a table and patrons at the bar with an alcoholic beverage after the establishment should have been closed.

Corporate Standing: Sunlight Lounge, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 8, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Kassim Ahmed – Licensee, Suad Ahmed – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.05(b) on April 1, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$200 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a), Rule 4.05(b), **11:00 AM**
and Rule 3.03(c)

Arizona Bar & Grill, Inc., t/a Arizona Bar & Grill Restaurant License # LD 001
25 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)
Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:01 a.m. on March 25, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a special investigation of the establishment if it was operating after hours, when they observed about 4 patrons consuming alcoholic beverages after the establishment should have been closed.

(Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:01 a.m. on March 25, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a special investigation of the establishment if it was operating after hours, when they observed about 4 patrons consuming alcoholic beverages after the establishment should have been closed.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 1:05 a.m. on March 25, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a special investigation of the establishment to determine if it was operating after hours, when they asked the bar manager on duty to provide records, he could not produce any for the individuals working.

Corporate Standing: Arizona Bar & Grill, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 8, 2017.

Violations History: September 25, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) – Fined \$2,125

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Jose Morales – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a), Rule 4.05(b), and Rule 3.03(c) on March 25, 2017 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 4 days, commencing on July 14, 2017.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)

1:00 PM

ACA Liquors, Inc., t/a Eric 500
500 E. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 322
12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 12:15 a.m. on March 31, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When officers went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion, that is was currently closed.

Corporate Standing: ACA Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 8, 2017.

Violations History: November 3, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$1,625

April 23, 2015 – Protest to renewal – Board voted to renew license

February 2, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$2,500 and suspended license until April 30, 2015

September 18, 2014 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare), Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare) and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,000 and suspended 2 weeks

August 7, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$1,625

Witnesses: Byoung Wook An – Licensee, Jong Lee – Translator, Reginald Tony – Employee/Manager, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Detective Akinwande – Baltimore City Police Officer, Kelly Cross – Old Goucher Community Association President

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on March 31, 2017 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 # days, commencing July 14, 2017.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 4.16 and
Rule 3.03(c)**

1:00 PM

P.N.J., Inc., t/a Club Hours Bar & Liquor
4217 Erdman Avenue, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LBD7 270
13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 11:55 p.m. on April 26, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When officers went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion, that is was currently closed.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:55 p.m. on April 26, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When officers went into the establishment, they observed two females smoking in the closed off tavern portion of the bar, which is also a State law violation.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 11:55 p.m. on April 26, 2017 members of the BLLC and the Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment, when they asked the bar manager on duty to provide records, he could not produce any employee records.

Corporate Standing: P.N.J., Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 19, 2017.

Violations History: March 9, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and Rule 4.20(c) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$1,625

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Cheatan Sharma – Licensee, Jatinder Singh – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Detective Akinwande – Baltimore City Police Officer, Rupendra Raj Timaisina – Employee, Manprett Singh – Employee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 4.16, and Rule 3.03(c) on April 26, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$ 2,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)

1:00 PM

4325 Belair Road, Inc., t/a Sheldon Lounge
4325-27 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 296
2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 10:10 p.m. on April 26, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When officers went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion, that is was currently closed.

Corporate Standing: 4325 Belair Road, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 20, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer, Navroop Kour Sandhu – Licensee, Gurinder Singh Sandhu – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on April 26, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$350 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii)

1:00 PM

Hyun’s Liquors, Inc., t/a Penn Liquor

License # LBD7 206

1041 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore MD 21202

12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 12:40 a.m. on April 27, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an undercover investigation to see if they could gain access to the tavern portion of the establishment. When officers went into the establishment, they could not enter the tavern portion, that is was currently closed.

Corporate Standing: Hyun’s Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 20, 2017.

Violations History: October 23, 2014 – Violation of Rule 5.03 (Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) and Rule 5.03 (Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) – Fined \$925

Witnesses: Jong ho Lee – Licensee, Kelly Cross – Old Goucher Community Association President, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, Detective Akinwande – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on April 27, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$350 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a), Rule 4.05(b),
and Rule 3.03(c)**

1:00 PM

El Estanko, LLC, t/a El Estanko

License # LD 032

45 N. Kresson Street, Baltimore MD 21224

2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited hours) when at approximately 12:50 a.m. on April 29, 2017 members of the BLLC conducted observations of the establishment to determine if it was operating after hours when they observed individuals entering the establishment at 1:00 a.m. when the establishment is supposed to be closed. Upon entering the establishment 1:10 a.m. they observed at least 7 individuals inside.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited hours) when at approximately 12:50 a.m. on April 29, 2017 members of the BLLC conducted observations of the establishment to determine if it was operating after hours when they observed individuals entering the establishment at 1:00 a.m. when the establishment is supposed to be closed. Upon entering the establishment 1:10 a.m. they observed at least 7 individuals inside.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 12:50 a.m. on April 29, 2017 members of the BLLC conducted observations of the establishment to determine if it was operating after hours, after entering the establishment they asked the bar manager on duty to provide records, he could not produce any employee records.

Corporate Standing: El Estanko, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of June 8, 2017.

Violations History: September 1, 2016 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 3.03(c) (Records), and Rule 3.01 (Ownership and Operation) – Fined \$1,125

January 8, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$625 and suspended 3 days

Witnesses: Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector, German Dimas – Employee, Maria Hernandez – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a), Rule 4.05(b), and Rule 3.03(c) on April 29, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$2,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days. The Board also voted to suspend the license for # days, commencing July 14, 2017.