

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 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 Location **11:00 AM**
HOA Maryland Restaurant Holder, LLC, t/a Hooters License # LB 196
301 Light Street, Suite 1445, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)
Attorney for Applicant: Leanne Schrecengost
Application to transfer location of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 301 Light Street, Second Floor to 301 Light Street, Suite 1445 (First Floor) to Claudia Levitas and Barbara Barr.
Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on May 8, 2017 and checked on May 18, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.
Corporate Standing: HOA Maryland Restaurant Holder, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.
Violations History: None since 2009.
Witnesses: Leanne Schrecengost – Attorney, Claudia Levitas – Applicant, Kyle Hopkins – Manager
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**
SMERTTZ, LLC, t/a Blairs on Hudson License # LD 024
2822 Hudson Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)
Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan
Application to transfer ownership of a Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to E. Michelle Jackson and Gloria Tyler.
Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 13, 2017 and checked on February 23, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.
Corporate Standing: SMERTTZ, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.
Violations History: None.
Witnesses: Gary Maslan – Attorney, E. Michelle Jackson – Applicant, Gloria Tyler – Applicant

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

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

Olive Grove Catering, Inc., t/a Inn at the Black Olive License # LB 286
803 S. Caroline Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Dimitris Spiliadis, Pauline Spiliadis, and Sotirios Spiliadis.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Olive Grove Catering, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

Disposition: The Board has postponed this case for a future hearing date.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension and Request to Reopen after 90 days **11:00 AM**

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 for 180 day hardship extension by Matthew Smith and David Smith.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Tagliata/Elk Room, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Anastasia T. Nardangeli – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has approved the request of a 180 hardship extension and approved the request to reopen after 90 days to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

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

MVP Entertainment, LLC, t/a Club 347 License # LBD7 409
347 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Ronald Persaud.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: MVP Entertainment, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.

Violations History: June 2, 2016 – Protest of Renewal – Protest withdrawn with terms,
Renewed

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**
Diamond Jim, Inc., t/a Diamond Lounge License # LBD7 386
415 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Michael Buenger and Carolyn Lissau.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Diamond Jim, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.

Violations History: March 12, 2015 – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 4.18, AE Rule 9, and AE Rule 14 – Fined \$625

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**
JBE Corporation, t/a Parkville Bowling Lanes License # WD 040
7603-09 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21234 3rd Councilmanic District (Dorsey)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Edward Foreman, Brian Foreman, and Daniel Inouye.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: JBE Corporation is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 17, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) **1:00 PM**
Linden Bar & Liquors, Inc., t/a Linden Bar & Liquors License # LBD7 334
904-08 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7 Licenses: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 12:05 a.m. on March 31, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BCPD were denied access to the tavern portion of the premise.

Corporate Standing: Linden Bar & Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 16, 2017.

Violations History: None since 2012.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) and Rule 3.09(b) **1:00 PM**
Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc., t/a Bacchus Bar & Liquors License # LBD7 264
1220 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 11:52 p.m. on March 30, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BCPD were denied access to the tavern portion of the premise.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilitates and Health Regulations) when at approximately 11:52 p.m. on March 30, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BLLC observed during their inspection that the restrooms of the establishment needed paper towels, toilet paper, and soap.

Corporate Standing: Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 16, 2017.

Violations History: October 2, 2014 – Violation of Rule 5.03(c), Rule 3.02, Rule 3.06, and Rule 5.03(a) – Fined \$1,125 and suspended 1 month

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) **1:00 PM**
Song Choe Enterprises, Inc., t/a OK Tavern License # LBD7 320
2301 E. Biddle Street, Baltimore MD 21213 13th Councilmanic District (Sneed)

Attorney for Applicant: Josh Swanner

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 10:00 p.m. on March 22, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BCPD & BLLC were denied access to the tavern portion of the premise.

Corporate Standing: Song Choe Enterprises, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 16, 2017.

Violations History: None since 2010.

Witnesses: Josh Swanner – Attorney, Chris Choe – Licensee, Rhonda Carter – Cashier, Detective Greenhill – BCPD Officer, Detective Akinwande – BCPD Officer, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on March 22, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

The Board also voted to suspend the license for 1 day, commencing immediately.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii), Rule 3.03(c),
And Rule 3.09(b)**

1:00 PM

MK Liquors, LLC, t/a North Café
3716 E. Belvedere Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215

License # LBD7 321
5th Councilmanic District (Schleifer)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 12:50 a.m. on March 23, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BCPD & BLLC were denied access to the tavern portion of the premise, saying the bar closed in an hour.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records) when at approximately 12:50 a.m. on March 23, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BLLC observed during their inspection that the attendant could not provide a copy of employee records.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilitates and Health Regulations) when at approximately 12:50 a.m. on March 23, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BLLC observed during their inspection that there was a dog inside the establishment with urine and feces nearby.

Corporate Standing: MK Liquors, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 16, 2017.

Violations History: December 15, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: N/A

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

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

1:00 PM

UEL, Inc., t/a Knight’s Liquors
5139-41 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore MD 21215

License # LBD7 151
6th Councilmanic District (Middleton)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 12:15 a.m. on March 23, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BCPD & BLLC were denied access to the tavern portion of the premise.

Corporate Standing: UEL, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 16, 2017.

Violations History: October 6, 2014 – Violation of Rule 5.03(a) and Rule 3.06 – Fined \$1,125 and suspended 1 day

September 25, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$1,125

July 24, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Habtom Woldemariam – Licensee, Detective Greenhill – BCPD Officer, Detective Akinwande – BCPD Officer, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c)(ii) on March 23, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$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 4.20(c)(ii)

1:00 PM

Arik, Inc., t/a Whispers

License # LBD7 411

1807-11 Baker Street, Baltimore MD 21217

7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7: Open and Operating at all Times) when at approximately 11:20 p.m. on March 22, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department’s Vice Unit conducted an undercover investigation when members of the BCPD & BLLC were denied access to the tavern portion of the premise.

Corporate Standing: Arik, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 16, 2017.

Violations History: April 21, 2017 – Protest of Renewal – Renewed

June 11, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.014(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$1,625

January 29, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: N/A

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