

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 10:30 AM

6700 German Hill Libations, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending
6700 German Hill Road, Baltimore MD 21222 License #LBD7 319
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Juan DeLeon.

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

Corporate Standing: 6700 German Hill Libations, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 8, 2023.

Location Violation History: June 16, 2022 – Board rescinded suspension of license; fee of \$3,125 to be paid in 30 days (2-0 vote; Matricciani recluses from decision)
June 2, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.08 (Relations with Wholesalers) – Fined \$3,125 and 30-day suspension to commence immediately
February 11, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), and Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Juan DeLeon – Applicant, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Maggie Masters – Chief of Staff for Councilman Cohen

Disposition: The Board (Chairman Matricciani recluses himself from this decision) approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 2-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 10:30 AM

Shoyou Canton, Inc., t/a Sushi Bruceya License # LB 173
1634 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Drew Tilden / Caroline Hecker

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of outdoor table service to Bruce S. Lee.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 17, 2023 and checked on February 27, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Shoyou Sushi, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 8, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2012.

Witnesses: Bruce Lee – 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**

Palance Roti Shop & Bar, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LB 336
2031 E. Fairmount Avenue, Baltimore MD 21231 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Amended application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Sean Andre Stephen and Gregory Miles Smith.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 17, 2023 and checked on February 27, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Palance Roti Shop & Bar, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 8, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2010.

Witnesses: Gregory Smith – 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 **10:30 AM**

Hampden Events, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LBD7 296
1014 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211 7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Peter Prevas

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 3602 Hickory Avenue to 1014 W. 36th Street requesting outdoor table service to Timothy Langford Conder.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 17, 2023 and checked on February 27, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Hampden Events, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: N/A; new location.

Witnesses: Timothy Conder – 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

Savoy Management Services, LLC, t/a Club Pussycat
411 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 168 / AE 006
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Jay Yoo

Application to transfer ownership of the Class “BD7” Beer, Wine and Liquor License and Class “AE” Adult Entertainment License with continuation of live entertainment to Catherine Yvonne Savoy.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 17, 2023 and checked on February 27, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Savoy Management Services, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History:

Witnesses: Catherine Savoy – 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

Shree Om Sai, LLC, t/a Corkey’s
5404-06 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212

License # LA 129
4th Councilmanic District (Conway)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages to Manisha Patel and Montgomery Jones.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 17, 2023 and checked on February 26, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Shree Om Sai, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2013.

Witnesses: Manisha Patel – Applicant, Meredith Riley – Councilman Conway’s Office

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

Mission Driven Dining, LLC, t/a Ampersea
1417 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LB 321
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): David Mister

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

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on February 17, 2023 and checked on February 27, 2023 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

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Corporate Standing: Mission Driven Dining, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of February 23, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Kyle Smedberg – 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 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension 10:30 AM

2933 O'Donnell, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LB 312
2933 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Moshoula Koukides.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: 2933 O'Donnell Street is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

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 10:30 AM

Bottoms Up Canton, LLC, t/a 3 of a Kind License # LBD7 035
3301 Foster Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Peter Prevas

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Ruben Gonzalez Arizmendi, IV and Lance Neal Bixler.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Bottoms Up Canton, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 9, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Ruben Arizmendi – Applicant, Lance Bixler – 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 10:30 AM

Washington Liquor, Inc., t/a Washington Liquor & Bar License # LBD7 142
2501-03 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Gurpreet Singh and Edward Jeter.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

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Corporate Standing: Washington Liquor, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: June 11, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Gurpreet Singh – 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 10:30 AM

Chiza's & Co, Inc., t/a Curley's Liquors
5200 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore MD 21215

License # LA 140
6th Councilmanic District (Middleton)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Jay Yoo

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Krystal Peoples.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Chiza's, & Co, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Krystal Peoples – 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 10:30 AM

KBBQ 2005, Inc., t/a Bone
2821-23 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 246
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): N/A

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Alexis Junghwan Lee and Terry RL Schroyer-Greene.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: KBBQ 2005, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 28, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – No fine assessed, license suspended indefinitely commencing immediately until licensee takes actions
March 24, 2022 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$275

Witnesses: Alexis Junghwan Lee – 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 10:30 AM

We Out Here Enterprises, LLC, t/a Uptown Liquors License # LA 011
2115 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Kanwarpall Manhani Singh and Anastasia Makofski.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: We Out Here Enterprises, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: August 29, 2019 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$275

Witnesses: Kanwarpall Manhani Singh – 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 10:30 AM

Satguru Nanak JI, LLC, t/a Akbar Restaurant License # LB 003
823 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Khalid Pervaz Mir and Sharamjit Singh.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Satguru Nanak JI, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Khalid Pervaz Mir – Applicant, Dharamjit Singh – 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 10:30 AM

Jemal’s B&O Beverage, LLC, t/a Kimpton Hotel Monaco Baltimore Inner Harbor
2 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201 License # LBHM 025
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): David Mister

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Norman Douglas Jemal and Megan Elizabeth Case.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Jemal’s B&O Beverage, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: John Gilligan – General Manager

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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 10:30 AM

Lady Lyle, LLC, t/a Huck’s American Craft License # LBD7 359
3728 Hudson Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Shawn Harby

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Lisa Potts.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Lady Lyle, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Lisa Potts – 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 10:30 AM

Fezzy, LLC, t/a Unity Bar & Restaurant License # LB 236
111 W. Centre Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Michael Fiseha.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Fezzy, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 7, 2023.

Location Violation History: July 28, 2022 – Violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) and Rule 3.06(b) (Signs and Hours of Operations) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Michael Fiseha – 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 Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4), Rule 4.05, 10:30 AM
Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4), Rule 4.05, Rule 3.03(c), and Rule 3.02**

New Club Thunderbird, Inc., t/a Club Thunderbird License # LBD7 406
2201 E Chase Street, Baltimore MD 21213 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art 12-2004(c)(4) when at approximately 1:00 a.m. on November 5, 2022 members of the BLLC returned to the establishment after observing approximately 5 people standing outside the establishment and lights appeared to be on inside the establishment while passing by on their way to a different assignment and decided to return to the establishment later in the evening to confirm. Upon their arrival, the inspectors parked directly in front of the establishment and heard voices and music

emanating from inside. At this time, the inspectors decided to enter the establishment and found the front door leading to the packaged goods side to be open. The inspectors continued through and reached to open the door leading to the tavern and heard the door being locked from the inside. The inspector proceeded to knock on the door loudly and identified themselves. Once the door was opened, the inspector observed approximately 10-14 people sitting and standing inside the bar. The inspector made contact with the owner and was told they were having a private party. The inspector informed the owner that the establishment was not permitted to stay open and operating past 10:00 p.m. and instructed the owner to close the establishment for the night.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 1:00 a.m. on November 5, 2022 members of the BLLC returned to the establishment after observing approximately 5 people standing outside the establishment and lights appeared to be on inside the establishment while passing by on their way to a different assignment and decided to return to the establishment later in the evening to confirm. Upon their arrival, the inspectors parked directly in front of the establishment and heard voices and music emanating from inside. At this time, the inspectors decided to enter the establishment and found the front door leading to the packaged goods side to be open. The inspectors continued through and reached to open the door leading to the tavern and heard the door being locked from the inside. The inspector proceeded to knock on the door loudly and identified themselves. Once the door was opened, the inspector observed approximately 10-14 people sitting and standing inside the bar. The inspector made contact with the owner and was told they were having a private party. The inspector informed the owner that the establishment was not permitted to stay open and operating past 10:00 p.m. and instructed the owner to close the establishment for the night.

Alleged violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) when on November 18, 2022 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force, consisting of the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall, Baltimore Housing and Baltimore City Health Department, conducted an inspection at the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors and SCTF members observed the business open and operating with approximately 5 customers seated at the bar drinking. The inspector made contact with the bartender and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00 p.m. An individual seated at the bar stated that they were all employees of the establishment. The inspector requested the employee records to verify that statement. The individual at the bar instructed the bartender that they did not have to provide inspectors with any employee records and that they will give them only when the courts made them and the BLLC inspectors did not have the right to ask for this information and that they were harassing them. The inspector mentioned that failure to provide employee records for their inspection would result in another violation. The bartender mentioned the individual seated at the bar was the bar manager and in charge but also did not know where the

employee records were kept. Throughout the duration of this visit, it was observed that numerous customers were attempting to enter the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) when on November 18, 2022 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force, consisting of the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall, Baltimore Housing and Baltimore City Health Department, conducted an inspection at the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors and SCTF members observed the business open and operating with approximately 5 customers seated at the bar drinking. The inspector made contact with the bartender and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00 p.m. An individual seated at the bar stated that they were all employees of the establishment. The inspector requested the employee records to verify that statement. The individual at the bar instructed the bartender that they did not have to provide inspectors with any employee records and that they will give them only when the courts made them and the BLLC inspectors did not have the right to ask for this information and that they were harassing them. The inspector mentioned that failure to provide employee records for their inspection would result in another violation. The bartender mentioned the individual seated at the bar was the bar manager and in charge but also did not know where the employee records were kept. Throughout the duration of this visit, it was observed that numerous customers were attempting to enter the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Employee Records) when on November 18, 2022 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force, consisting of the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall, Baltimore Housing and Baltimore City Health Department, conducted an inspection at the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors and SCTF members observed the business open and operating with approximately 5 customers seated at the bar drinking. The inspector made contact with the bartender and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00 p.m. An individual seated at the bar stated that they were all employees of the establishment. The inspector requested the employee records to verify that statement. The individual at the bar instructed the bartender that they did not have to provide inspectors with any employee records and that they will give them only when the courts made them and the BLLC inspectors did not have the right to ask for this information and that they were harassing them. The inspector mentioned that failure to provide employee records for their inspection would result in another violation. The bartender mentioned the individual seated at the bar was the bar manager and in charge but also did not know where the employee records were kept. Throughout the duration of this visit, it was observed that numerous customers were attempting to enter the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when on November 18, 2022 members of the BLLC along with the Social Club Task Force, consisting of the Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Marshall, Baltimore Housing and Baltimore City Health Department, conducted an inspection at the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors and

SCTF members observed the business open and operating with approximately 5 customers seated at the bar drinking. The inspector made contact with the bartender and informed them that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00 p.m. An individual seated at the bar stated that they were all employees of the establishment. The inspector requested the employee records to verify that statement. The individual at the bar instructed the bartender that they did not have to provide inspectors with any employee records and that they will give them only when the courts made them and the BLLC inspectors did not have the right to ask for this information and that they were harassing them. The inspector mentioned that failure to provide employee records for their inspection would result in another violation. The bartender mentioned the individual seated at the bar was the bar manager and in charge but also did not know where the employee records were kept. Throughout the duration of this visit, it was observed that numerous customers were attempting to enter the establishment.

Corporate Standing: New Club Thunderbird, Inc. is a forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of March 8, 2023.

Location Violation History: October 20, 2022 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) and Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) and Rule 4.05 on November 5, 2022, and Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4), Rule 4.05, Rule 3.03(c), and Rule 3.02 on November 18, 2022 and has dismissed all charges, no fine was assessed.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.17

10:30 AM

The Avenue K&B, LLC, t/a The Avenue Kitchen and Bar License # LB 240
911 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211 14th Councilmanic District (Ramos)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.17 (Storage) when on November 25, 2022 members of the BLLC arrived at the establishment to find a table set up with coffee and tea and bottles of liquor that were displayed on the sidewalk om front of the establishment, outside of the premises. The inspector met with the manger and explained that they cannot do that unless they have an extension of the premises for the use of alcohol. Upon an inspection, the inspector asked for the manger to produce a valid traders license, but the manager was unable to. A violation was issued for the storage of alcohol outside the premises and gave them 7-10 business days to obtain a valid 2022 trader’s license. The manager removed the table at that time.

Corporate Standing: The Avenue K&B, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of March 8, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Darryl Clark – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: Attorney Stephan Fogleman requested a postponement on the record. The Board has granted the request for postponement. This matter will be scheduled for a future hearing date.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.06(b), Rule 3.08(a), Rule 3.09(b), Rule 4.16, Rule 4.16, and Rule 4.20(b) 10:30 AM

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

34 S. Eutaw Street, Baltimore MD 21201

License # LB 135

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Roland Harris

Alleged violation of Rule 3.06(b) (Signs and Hours of Operations) when at approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 2, 2022 members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force, which consists of members of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, and the Baltimore City Fire Department, conducted a joint investigation at the establishment. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on S. Eutaw Street. However, when the inspector attempted to enter using the same door, it was locked. Members of the task force were able to enter the establishment using the door on W. Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the inspectors observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so they made their way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, inspectors observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. They also made their way into the kitchen, also located on the second floor, and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the inspectors that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia. Upon further inspection, it was observed that the establishment was not displaying, nor could anyone provide, a valid liquor license or health license.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety) when at approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 2, 2022 members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force, which consists of members of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, and the Baltimore City Fire Department, conducted a joint investigation at the establishment. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on S. Eutaw Street. However, when the inspector attempted to enter using the same door, it was locked. Members of the task force were able to enter the establishment using the door on W. Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the inspectors observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so they made their way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, inspectors observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. They also made their way into the kitchen, also located on the

second floor, and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the inspectors that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia. Upon further inspection, it was observed that the establishment was not displaying, nor could anyone provide, a valid liquor license or health license.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 2, 2022 members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force, which consists of members of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, and the Baltimore City Fire Department, conducted a joint investigation at the establishment. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on S. Eutaw Street. However, when the inspector attempted to enter using the same door, it was locked. Members of the task force were able to enter the establishment using the door on W. Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the inspectors observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so they made their way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, inspectors observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. They also made their way into the kitchen, also located on the second floor, and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the inspectors that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia. Upon further inspection, it was observed that the establishment was not displaying, nor could anyone provide, a valid liquor license or health license.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 2, 2022 members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force, which consists of members of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, and the Baltimore City Fire Department, conducted a joint investigation at the establishment. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on S. Eutaw Street. However, when the inspector attempted to enter using the same door, it was locked. Members of the task force were able to enter the establishment using the door on W. Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the inspectors observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so they made their way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, inspectors observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. They also made their way into the kitchen, also located on the second floor, and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the inspectors that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia. Upon further inspection, it was observed that the

establishment was not displaying, nor could anyone provide, a valid liquor license or health license.

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Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(b) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class B Licensees: Functional Kitchen) when at approximately 11:45 p.m. on December 2, 2022 members of the BLLC along with members of the Social Club Task Force, which consists of members of the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Housing and Community Development, Baltimore City Health Department, and the Baltimore City Fire Department, conducted a joint investigation at the establishment. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on S. Eutaw Street. However, when the inspector attempted to enter using the same door, it was locked. Members of the task force were able to enter the establishment using the door on W. Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the inspectors observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so they made their way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, inspectors observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. They also made their way into the kitchen, also located on the second floor, and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the inspectors that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia. Upon further inspection, it was observed that the establishment was not displaying, nor could anyone provide, a valid liquor license or health license.

Corporate Standing: Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of March 8, 2023.

Location Violation History: January 2, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$425

Witnesses: Fikremariam Worku – Licensee, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.06(b), Rule 3.08(a), Rule 3.09(b), Rule 4.16, Rule 4.16, and Rule 4.20(b) on December 2, 2022 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16

10:30 AM

Acroscopic Enterprises, Inc., t/a Southern Provisions
3000-02 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 110
1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Frank Shaulis

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:56 p.m. on January 21, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open. The inspector observed that the front door was closed and that the music was at an acceptable volume, the outside area was closed, and no outside speakers were on. When the inspector was returning to their car, they heard people screaming and observed people pushing and being shoved out of the front door of the establishment. The inspector returned to the establishment and made contact with the security officer. The inspector observed the establishment inside and could see that there was a large amount of people up to the front door and asked the security guard how many people were inside and they stated it was around 82 people downstairs and 30 people upstairs. The inspector asked what the capacity was and the security guard stated the capacity was 90 downstairs and 30 upstairs. When the inspector entered the establishment to get a head count, it appeared that there were significantly more than 83 patrons inside on the first floor. The inspector was unable to make it to the bar area as there was no room to walk and patrons were shoulder to shoulder trying to move around. The inspector started to count and counted approximately 120 people, excluding staff, and a room to the side was estimated to have 20 more people as the inspector was unable to make it over to that area to do an exact count. The inspector made contact with the manager and asked them to provide their liquor license and their fire permit, which was provided on the second floor. Upon review of the fire permit, the capacity was 90 people on the first floor and 60 people on the second floor. The inspector did a quick count and found there to be approximately 60 people on the second floor. The manger instructed security to not allow anyone in as the establishment tried to get their numbers on the first floor in compliance.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:56 p.m. on January 21, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint for disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open. The inspector observed that the front door was closed and that the music was at an acceptable volume, the outside area was closed, and no outside speakers were on. When the inspector was returning to their car, they heard people

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Location Violation History: None since 2009.

Witnesses: N/A

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