

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021
WEBEX VIRTUAL HEARING
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Aaron Greenfield, Commissioner
Robert E. Guye, Commissioner**

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

Rymks Bar & Grille, LLC, t/a Rymks Bar & Grille License # N/A (new)
819 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21202 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Leanne Schrecengost

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license requesting outdoor table service, off-premise catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages to Trevor Scott Ivan White, Teacon Veras Everage, and Derek Reginald Smith; Board to rehear matter concerning an issue identified during issuance process.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 2, 2021 and checked on March 11, 2021 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Rymks Bar & Grille, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of March 9, 2021.

Location Violation History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: Trevor Scott Ivan White – 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

Obsession Bar, LLC, t/a Obsession Bar License # LBD7 101
701 S. Curley Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to German Bahena Torres and Robert Cook; Board to rehear matter concerning an issue identified during issuance process.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on March 27, 2020 and checked on April 6, 2020 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Obsession Bar, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 24, 2020.

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Location Violation History: December 7, 2017 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) –
Fined \$275

Witnesses: German Bahena Torres – Applicant

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

**Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.16, AB Rule 3.12, AB Rule 4.18, 11:00 AM
AE Rule 3.01, AE Rule 3.05, AE Rule 3.18 and AE Rule 3.19**

Don West Management Services, LLC, t/a Indulge Nightclub

403-05 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 351/AE 021 (20)

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music

playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC.

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.18 (Alterations) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.01 (Hours of Operation) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City

Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05 (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the

establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC. Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.18 (Illegal Conduct and Codes Compliance) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.19 (Alterations) when at approximately 10:43 p.m. on January 28, 2021 members of the BLLC responded to the establishment with the Social Club Task Force, which consists of the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore City Fire Department, Baltimore City Housing Department, and Baltimore City Health Department, to conduct an investigation at the establishment. Upon arrival, inspectors went to the side entrance that leads to an underground door but were unable to gain entry. While standing outside the door, the inspectors could hear patrons talking and music playing. Detectives went to the front door to gain entry, but the door was also locked. When rechecking the front door, the detectives saw a security officer escorting several male patrons up stairs to the front door of the club, unlock the door, and allow the patrons to leave. After this observation, the inspectors and detectives were able to enter the establishment. Upon entry, the inspectors observed approximately 8 male patrons and 10 female dancers. Upon further investigation, there was a male and female inside a 4x4 private room where the female was attempting to block the doorway with her body, but the inspectors were able to see the male quickly adjusting their waistband. At this time, the inspectors made contact with the manager and informed them of the violations of the

Governor Executive Order 21-01-28-01 dated January 28, 2021, which prohibited on-premises patrons of food service after 10 p.m. and the Mayor's Executive Order dated January 22, 2021 which prohibited adult entertainment and in-person live entertainment. At this time, the patrons were leaving the establishment and the dancers were getting dressed to leave. Inspectors also made note that alterations had been made to the establishment without receiving approval from the BLLC.

Corporate Standing: Don West Management Services, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of April 29, 2021.

Location Violation History: February 7, 2019 – Violation of AB Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) and AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) – Fined \$1,625

May 24, 2018 – Violation of AB Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) and AE Rule 3.05(a) (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) – Fined \$125 admin fee (& suspended until license is transferred)

Witnesses: Donald Savoy – Licensee, Walter Farley-Robinson – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Detective Greenhill – Baltimore City Police Officer

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated AB Rule 4.16, AB Rule 3.12, AB Rule 4.18, AE Rule 3.01, AE Rule 3.05, AE Rule 3.18, and AE Rule 3.19 on January 28, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$350 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14, Rule 4.16, and Rule 3.12 11:00 AM

Mi Canton, Inc., t/a Mi Canton Restaurant License # LB 296 (2020)
2629 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.14 (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 11:30 p.m. on April 10, 2021 members of the BLLC and the Baltimore City Police Department arrived at the establishment to investigate a flyer provided to the BLLC that the establishment was hosting adult entertainment without an adult entertainment license. Upon arrival, inspectors entered the establishment and observed a DJ playing music through an amplified speaker and an unmasked female in a thong and bikini top dancing on a customer at the bar. The inspector approached the bar and the female ceased dancing and walked away from the bar area. Upon further inspection, the inspector observed that the establishment did not have live entertainment listed on their license. The inspector reached out to the manager on duty and informed them that they were in violation for having live entertainment without authorization and that they were in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order issued on March 26, 2021 which prohibited live entertainment performances if the social distancing and mask requirements could not be adhered to. Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:30

p.m. on April 10, 2021 members of the BLLC and the Baltimore City Police Department arrived at the establishment to investigate a flyer provided to the BLLC that the establishment was hosting adult entertainment without an adult entertainment license. Upon arrival, inspectors entered the establishment and observed a DJ playing music through an amplified speaker and an unmasked female in a thong and bikini top dancing on a customer at the bar. The inspector approached the bar and the female ceased dancing and walked away from the bar area. Upon further inspection, the inspector observed that the establishment did not have live entertainment listed on their license. The inspector reached out to the manager on duty and informed them that they were in violation for having live entertainment without authorization and that they were in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order issued on March 26, 2021 which prohibited live entertainment performances if the social distancing and mask requirements could not be adhered to. Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:30 p.m. on April 10, 2021 members of the BLLC and the Baltimore City Police Department arrived at the establishment to investigate a flyer provided to the BLLC that the establishment was hosting adult entertainment without an adult entertainment license. Upon arrival, inspectors entered the establishment and observed a DJ playing music through an amplified speaker and an unmasked female in a thong and bikini top dancing on a customer at the bar. The inspector approached the bar and the female ceased dancing and walked away from the bar area. Upon further inspection, the inspector observed that the establishment did not have live entertainment listed on their license. The inspector reached out to the manager on duty and informed them that they were in violation for having live entertainment without authorization and that they were in violation of the Mayor's Executive Order issued on March 26, 2021 which prohibited live entertainment performances if the social distancing and mask requirements could not be adhered to.

Corporate Standing: Mi Canton, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 29, 2021.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.14, Rule 3.12, and Rule 3.12 on April 10, 2021 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.