

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Protest of Renewal – 2022-2023 License Year (Continuation) 10:30 AM

Sangria, LLC, t/a Sangria License # LB 278
930 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Christopher Rizakos

Regarding the Protest of Renewal where the Board received a petition dated March 27, 2023 where 31 residents and/or property owners in the immediate vicinity are protesting the renewal for the 2022-2023 license year.

Corporate Standing: Sangria, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of April 5, 2023.

Licensee Violation History: December 15, 2022 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$625
May 20, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$225
June 13, 2019 – Violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) – Fined \$375

311 Call History: A search of the Customer Service Request (CSR) database indicates that there have/has been 11 calls forwarded to the BLLC regarding this licensed location.

Witnesses: Stephan Fogleman – Attorney for the community association, Councilman Costello – 11th District

Disposition: The Board voted to renew the license to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 10:30 AM

Broadway Hotpot, LLC, t/a Broadway Hotpot License # LBD7 090
709 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Craig Schwartz

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service to Zhiyuan Lu, Yining Wang, Hongshan Zhang.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on April 19, 2023 and checked on April 2, 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: Broadway Hotpot, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2017.

Witnesses: Zhiyuan Lu – Applicant, Yining Wang – Applicant, Hongshan Zhang – 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

Fielders, LLC, t/a Fielder’s Tavern License # LBD7 378
1184-86 Nanticoke Street, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Marvin Warfield.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Fielders, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of May 3, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 1996.

Witnesses: Marvin Warfield – 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

Karelas Café, LLC, t/a Karelas Café License # LBD7 413 (2022)
426 S. Newkirk Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Peter Prevas

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Eugenia Karelas, Nikolaos Karelas, and Emmanuel Karelas.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Karelas Café, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 4, 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.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) 10:30 AM

Sai Baba Hospitality, LLC, t/a El Dragon Sport Bar & Restaurant
200 S. Haven Street, Baltimore MD 21224 License # LB 049
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:35 p.m. on March 20, 2023 members of the Baltimore City Police Department & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover,

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underage Baltimore City Police Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages they ordered.

Corporate Standing: Sai Baba Hospitality, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of May 4, 2023.

Location Violation History: February 9, 2023 – Violation of rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375
July 28, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: Neel Sharma – Licensee, Cadet Degraffinried – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Ayala – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Rodriguez – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on March 30, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

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Amigos Bar, Inc., t/a Amigo's Bar
400 S. Eaton Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LD 010
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:16 p.m. on March 20, 2023 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: Amigos Bar, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 4, 2023.

Location Violation History: April 13, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$625
November 5, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) and Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Christian Rugel – Licensee, Carlos Sotelo – Licensee, Cadet Degraffinried – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Ayala – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Rodriguez – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on March 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

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

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Stt, Inc., t/a Pratt Liquor & Convenience
1816-18 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21231

License # LA 080
13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

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Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:50 p.m. on March 20, 2023 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. While attempting to identify the manager, they stated they did not have any identification on them. The manager talked to an individual on the phone where the chief inspector advised them that if employee records need to be shown or a violation for failing to produce records would be issued. After speaking to the individual on the phone, the manager showed their driver's license, but a violation for failure to cooperate would be issued.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 9:50 p.m. on March 20, 2023 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. While attempting to identify the manager, they stated they did not have any identification on them. The manager talked to an individual on the phone where the chief inspector advised them that if employee records need to be shown or a violation for failing to produce records would be issued. After speaking to the individual on the phone, the manager showed their driver's license, but a violation for failure to cooperate would be issued.

Corporate Standing: Stt, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 4, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Semhar Tecele – Licensee, Cadet Degraffinried – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Ayala – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Rodriguez – Baltimore Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) and Rule 3.02 on March 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

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Fishtail Spirits, LLC, t/a Fishtail Spirits
3800 E. Lombard Street, #13, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LA 065
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:25 p.m. on March 20, 2023 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.

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Corporate Standing: Fishtail Spirits, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of May 4, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Krishna Chhetri – Licensee, Cadet Degraffinried – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Ayala – Baltimore Police Cadet, Cadet Rodriguez – Baltimore Police Cadet, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on March 20, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$250 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

R.Y.E., LLC, t/a Rye

License # LBD7 374

1639 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231

1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when on April 1, 2023 members of the BLLC were on duty and close to the establishment at the corner of Thames Street and South Broadway. The chief inspector was approached by a female asking for help and stated that there were two (2) individuals that had been burned due to an “explosion” inside the establishment. When the inspector walked to the establishment, they noticed a female sitting on the ground with what appeared to be burn marks on her face, neck, and shoulders. Witnesses stated to the inspector that they saw a “fire ball” go through the bar and others stated that a light fixture exploded. At that time, the establishment was having a private party and was closed to the general public. The establishment was cleared of people with assistance of BPD as the reason of the fire was still unknown. During the investigation, the inspector determined that the bartender was making a “flammable” drink, and while doing so, popped a balloon, which startled a customer making them spill their alcoholic drink on the flame, burning the two (2) victims.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when on April 1, 2023 members of the BLLC were on duty and close to the establishment at the corner of Thames Street and South Broadway. The chief inspector was approached by a female asking for help and stated that there were two (2) individuals that had been burned due to an “explosion” inside the establishment. When the inspector walked to the establishment, they noticed a female sitting on the ground with what appeared to be burn marks on her face, neck, and shoulders. Witnesses stated to the inspector that they saw a “fire ball” go through the bar and others stated that a light fixture exploded. At that time, the establishment was having a private party and was closed to the general public. The establishment was cleared of people with assistance of BPD as the reason of the fire was still unknown. During the investigation, the inspector determined that the bartender was making a “flammable” drink, and while doing so, popped a balloon, which startled a customer making them spill their alcoholic drink on the flame, burning the two (2) victims.

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Corporate Standing: R.Y.E., LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 4, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 on April 1, 2023 and dismissed Rule 3.12 and imposed a fine of \$250 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 3.12, Rule 3.02, Rule 2.13, 10:30 AM
Rule 3.03(a), Rule 3.03(b), Rule 3.03(c), and Rule 3.03(d)(ii)**

City Line Food, Inc., t/a City Line Bar & Grill
6506-10 Belair Road, Baltimore MD 21206

License # LBD7 175
2nd Councilmanic District (McCray)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.02 (Cooperation) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the

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Alleged violation of Rule 2.13 (Inspections) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(a) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was

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Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(b) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share

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Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(d)(ii) (Records) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on April 10, 2023 members of the BLLC was on duty and received a call from a dispatcher over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department. The BLLC Chief Inspector answered the call and after a few conversations with BPD, was informed by the BPD that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. The BPD officer informed the chief inspector that they believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The BPD officer responded to the call for service, arrived at the establishment, and asked the owner who refused to share video footage with the police. The chief mentioned that this was the second incident of which they are personally aware the owner refused to share requested evidence with the BPD, the other of which was a shooting. The chief arrived at the establishment and spoke to a female who mentioned the owner was not at the establishment, but the chief or police officer did not observe the owner leaving the establishment and their vehicle was still parked outside. The chief proceeded to the second floor where an office is located and knocked on the door several times. The chief could hear people inside, but no one unlocked the door to grant them entry. The chief asked the female worker if they had keys to the office as it is part of the licensed premises and would like to conduct an inspection, but they stated she did not have keys. Both the female employee and the chief called the owner on the phone, but the owner did not answer. The chief informed the female worker that they would be issuing several violations of the Board's rules.

Corporate Standing: City Line Food, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of May 4, 2023.

Location Violation History: December 1, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) – Fined \$225

Witnesses: N/A

Disposition: This matter was postponed for a future hearing date.