

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

Regular Item – Application for New Class “BD7” License **11:00 AM**
Parkway Theatre Service, LLC, t/a Parkway Theatre License # N/A (new)
3-5 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21201 12th Councilmanic District (Stokes)

Attorney for Applicant: Ryan Potter

Application for a new Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license to Evan Rogers.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on June 1, 2017 and checked on June 11, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. Four letters of support was received. There were no letters of communication opposing the transfer.

Corporate Standing: Parkway Theatre Service, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 2, 2017.

Violations History: N/A; new license.

Witnesses: James Bragdon – Attorney, Evan Rogers – Applicant, Gaylord Dutton – Baltimore Development Corporation Member, Jed Dietz – Founding Director of Maryland Film Festival

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**
803 SCLL, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LB 286
803 S. Caroline Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: Adam Baker

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License to Daniel Baird, Jeffrey Stein, and Elena Johnson.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on October 10, 2017 and checked on October 19, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: 803 SCLL, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 2, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Regular Item – Request to expand premises to include 2nd & 3rd floors **11:00 AM**
2844 Hudson, LLC, t/a Lee’s Pint & Shell License # LBD7 358
2844 Hudson Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request to expand premises to include 2nd & 3rd floors by Theresa Suliga-Moskunas.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on October 26, 2017 and checked on November 6, 2017 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. One letter of support was received. There were no letters of communication opposing the transfer.

Corporate Standing: 2844 Hudson, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 2, 2017.

Violations History: None since 2010.

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Theresa Suliga-Moskunas – Licensee,

Disposition: The Board has approved the request to expand the premises to include 2nd & 3rd floors to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**
O & W Company, LLC, t/a Murphy’s Neighborhood Bar & Grill

5800 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212 License # LBD7 428
4th Councilmanic District (Henry)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Ronald Pruett and Robert Wehner.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: O & W Company, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of November 1, 2017.

Violations History: None.

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**
A.O. Hammons Group, Inc., t/a Shipyard Pub License # LBD7 107
3500 O’Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Request for 180 day hardship extension by Aaron Hammons and Samori Wyatt.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: A.O. Hammons Group, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 2, 2017.

Violations History: None since 1997.

Witnesses: Aaron Hammons – Licensee, Samori Wyatt – Licensee

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

Regular Item – Request for a 90 Day Transfer Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**
Building Two Café, LLC, t/a Café Gourmet License # WB 005
801 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21201 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant: Linda Carter

Request for 90 day transfer hardship extension by Emmanuel Fishelman.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Building Two Café, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of November 2, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

Disposition: The applicants have withdrawn their request for a transfer hardship.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 & Rule 4.16 **1:00 PM**

Robjam, Inc., t/a Clipper Mill License # LB 225
1619 Union Avenue, Baltimore MD 21211 7th Councilmanic District (Pinkett)

Attorney for Applicant: Kevin O’Keefe

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 9:55 p.m. on May 19, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted an investigation of the establishment when they observed 3 individuals enter an alleyway and continued through a wooden fence. When the officials entered the adjacent area, they observed an individual with an open bottle of beer that was purchased from the establishment.

Corporate Standing: Robjam, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of September 29, 2017.

Violations History: September 19, 2013 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Kevin O’Keefe – Attorney, Robert Makarovich – Licensee, Detective Gatto – Baltimore City Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector, Jennifer Grimes – Hampden Community Council; Crime & Safety Committee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 & Rule 4.16 on May 19, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16, AE Rule 3.17(c)(1), AE Rule 3.17(c)(1), AE Rule 3.17(c)(2) & AE Rule 3.17(d) **1:00 PM**

A&S Brothers, Inc., t/a Lust License # LBD7 371 & AE 024
408 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 1:45 a.m. on September 16, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a joint inspection of the establishment when BLLC's Chief Inspector observed inappropriate touching of a dancer while grinding against the dancer by two patrons and a dancer walking through the crowd topless.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.17(c)(1) (Sexual Practices and Obscenity) when at approximately 1:45 a.m. on September 16, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a joint inspection of the establishment when BLLC's Chief Inspector observed inappropriate touching of a dancer while grinding against the dancer by two patrons and a dancer walking through the crowd topless.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.17(c)(1) (Sexual Practices and Obscenity) when at approximately 1:45 a.m. on September 16, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a joint inspection of the establishment when BLLC's Chief Inspector observed inappropriate touching of a dancer while grinding against the dancer by two patrons and a dancer walking through the crowd topless.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.17(c)(2) (Sexual Practices and Obscenity) when at approximately 1:45 a.m. on September 16, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a joint inspection of the establishment when BLLC's Chief Inspector observed inappropriate touching of a dancer while grinding against the dancer by two patrons and a dancer walking through the crowd topless.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.17(d) (Sexual Practices and Obscenity) when at approximately 1:45 a.m. on September 16, 2017 members of the BLLC and Baltimore City Police Department conducted a joint inspection of the establishment when BLLC's Chief Inspector observed inappropriate touching of a dancer while grinding against the dancer by two patrons and a dancer walking through the crowd topless.

Corporate Standing: A&S Brothers, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 30, 2017.

Violations History: August 11, 2016 – Violation of Rule 3.09 (Restrooms and Facilities), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.11(c) (Restrooms), and Rule 3.18 (Illegal Conduct and Code Compliance) – Fined \$1,125 and suspended 60 days
February 11, 2016 – Violation of AE Rule 14 (Preventing Nuisances), Rule 3.12 (Public Welfare), and Rule 3.03(c) – Fined \$2,325
October 8, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) and AE Code 9 (Codes Compliance) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Nathaniel Brown – Licensee, Ashraf Ibrahim – Licensee, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16, AE Rule 3.17(c)(1), AE Rule 3.17(c)(1), AE Rule 3.17(c)(2), and AE Rule 3.17(d) on September 16, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$1,500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16 & Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

Barracuda, LLC, t/a Barracuda

License # LBD7 341

1230 E. Fort Avenue, Baltimore MD 21230

11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:50 p.m. on September 22, 2017 members of the BLLC conducted a special investigation into the establishment based on complaints concerning outdoor table service without authorization. When talking to the licensee, it was explained that catering is not outdoor table service and the license did not authorize outdoor table service.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:50 p.m. on October 13, 2017 members of the BLLC conducted a follow-up investigation into the establishment based on complaints concerning outdoor table service without authorization. When talking to the licensee, he was in talks with zoning to get outdoor table service approved, but it was still not authorized with the BLLC as it was still not on the license.

Corporate Standing: Barracuda, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 30, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: N/A

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

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.16

1:00 PM

EZ Group, LLC, t/a Warehouse 518

License # LB 136

518 N. Charles Street, Baltimore MD 21201

11th Councilmanic District (Cotello)

Attorney for Applicant: N/A

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 2:45 p.m. on September 24, 2017 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint about disturbing the peace and had the front door of the establishment open. Upon arrival, the inspector observed the door was indeed open and heard loud music coming from the establishment with 10-15 people outside talking very loudly.

Corporate Standing: EZ Group, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 30, 2017.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Tegist Ayalew – Licensee, Ezra Tilaye – Licensee, John Howard – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.16 on September 24, 2017 and imposed a fine of \$150 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.