

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

**Albert Matricciani, Jr., Chairperson
Edward Reisinger, Commissioner
Granville Templeton, Commissioner**

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension 10:30 AM

Contract Purchaser, t/a No Trade Name License # WD 037
508 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore MD 21230 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Rajeev Kunich.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180-Day Hardship Extension 10:30 AM

Secured Creditor, t/a No Trade Name License # LBD7 072
737 Carroll Street, Baltimore MD 21230 10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 180-day hardship extension by Brent Fuller.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

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

Regular Item – Request for a 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension 10:30 AM

1613 Grocery, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # LA 125
1209 W. North Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 7th Councilmanic District (Torrence)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Stephan Ofori.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: 1613 Grocery, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

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

The Urban Oyster, LLC, t/a The Urban Oyster License # LB 033
916 W. 36th Street, Baltimore MD 21211 14th Councilmanic District (Ramos)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Stephan Fogleman

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Jasmine M. Norton.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: The Urban Oyster, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: --

Disposition: The Board (Commissioner Templeton recluses himself from this decision) has approved the request of a 90-day transfer hardship extension to the licensee(s) by a 2-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 90-Day Transfer Hardship Extension 10:30 AM

Steel Horse 349, LLC, t/a Trade Name Pending License # WD 016
349-51 S. Calhoun Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Applicant(s): Abraham Hurdle

Request for a 90-day transfer hardship extension by Edward Lee Mahan and Suzzanne Mahan.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Steel Horse 349, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: September 3, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$425

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 4.05(a) and Rule 4.07(e) 10:30 AM

627 Duncan Restaurant, LLC, t/a Janae’s 2 License # LD 007
625-27 N. Duncan Street, Baltimore MD 21205 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 10:25 p.m. on September 8, 2023 members of the BLLC and Baltimore Police Department conducted a

compliance check for licenses in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00 p.m. closure. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they found the establishment open and numerous customers drinking at the bar and playing pool, which is in violation of operating after 10:00 p.m. as required by 2020 House Bill 954. The inspector also found a group gathered outside consuming alcohol. Alleged violation of Rule 4.07(e) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages) when at approximately 10:25 p.m. on September 8, 2023 members of the BLLC and Baltimore Police Department conducted a compliance check for licenses in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00 p.m. closure. When the inspectors arrived at the establishment, they found the establishment open and numerous customers drinking at the bar and playing pool, which is in violation of operating after 10:00 p.m. as required by 2020 House Bill 954. The inspector also found a group gathered outside consuming alcohol.

Corporate Standing: 627 Duncan Street, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: March 18, 2021 – Violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) and Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) – Fined \$225
October 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers – Dismissed) and Alc. Bev. Art. 6-311(b)(1) (Possession of Alcohol Purchased from Other than a Wholesaler) – Fined \$375 (Appeal filed on 10/22/2020, decision pending)
February 13, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety – Dismissed) and Rule 4.08(a) (Relations with Wholesalers) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Rodney Brown – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 4.07(e) on September 8, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$1,000 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**

Kali's Court, LLC, t/a Kali's Court License # LBD7 047
1602-08 Thames Street, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Cohen)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on September 30, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 Complaint. Upon arrival to the establishment, the inspectors observed the establishment open and operating and that the doors and windows were open with loud music playing. Inspectors spoke to the licensee about the noise complaint and the licensee did close the windows. The inspector then conducted a compliance inspection and observed an outdoor bar operating. The liquor

license for the establishment references “no outdoor bar on premises per BMZA 198-99X”. The licensee was issued two violations and the inspectors left without further incident. Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) when at approximately 11:40 p.m. on September 30, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 Complaint. Upon arrival to the establishment, the inspectors observed the establishment open and operating and that the doors and windows were open with loud music playing. Inspectors spoke to the licensee about the noise complaint and the licensee did close the windows. The inspector then conducted a compliance inspection and observed an outdoor bar operating. The liquor license for the establishment references “no outdoor bar on premises per BMZA 198-99X”. The licensee was issued two violations and the inspectors left without further incident.

Corporate Standing: Kali’s Court, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: December 1, 2020 – Violation of Rule 3.12 (General Welfare) and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$325

Witnesses: Vasilios Koramidas – Manager, Ted Losen – Business Council, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 3.12 and Rule 4.16 on September 30, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$700 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c) and Rule 3.09(a) 10:30 AM

United Penn Operating, LLC, t/a Wonderland Liquors License # LBD7 145
2043-45 Pennsylvania Avenue, Baltimore MD 21217 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7

Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when on September 26, 2023

members of the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment to determine if the establishment had a fully open and operating tavern as required by the class of license it holds. Upon entering the tavern section, the inspector found the lights to be off and the tavern appeared to be being used as a storage area. The inspector also found that the three compartment sink was empty with a mop placed inside of it, the women’s bathroom could not be used as it was inaccessible due to various items blocking access, and the men’s bathroom was in an unsanitary condition. The inspector spoke to the manager of the establishment who stated that the tavern was not open at that time but could be open by the following day. The inspector informed the manager that they would be receiving a violation for failing to have the tavern be open and operating.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09(b) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when on September 26, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection of the establishment to determine if the establishment had a fully open and operating tavern as required by the class of license it holds. Upon entering the tavern section, the inspector found the lights to

be off and the tavern appeared to be being used as a storage area. The inspector also found that the three compartment sink was empty with a mop placed inside of it, the women's bathroom could not be used as it was inaccessible due to various items blocking access, and the men's bathroom was in an unsanitary condition. The inspector spoke to the manager of the establishment who stated that the tavern was not open at that time but could be open by the following day. The inspector informed the manager that they would be receiving a violation for failing to have the tavern be open and operating.

Corporate Standing: United Penn Operating, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Jim Pei – Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c) and Rule 3.09(b) on September 26, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(b) and Rule 4.07(a) 10:30 AM

Three K Partners, LLC, t/a Rosie's Sports Bar
482 S. Bentalou Street, Baltimore MD 21223

License # LBD7 169
9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 10:18 p.m. on September 22, 2023 members of the BLLC received a 311 complaint that was alleging the establishment was operating after hours. While responding to the call at 10:18 p.m., two other 311 complaints came in at 10:21 p.m. and 10:25 p.m., respectively. The inspectors responded to all complaints and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:05 p.m. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed people in a back fenced in area behind the establishment and the back door open with music coming from inside. Inspectors attempted to enter through the front door and found it to be locked. The inspectors then proceeded to the back fenced in area where a security guard was letting people out of a side fence gate. After the inspectors gained access to the back patio area, the inspector observed people sitting outside drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking hookah. The inspector also observed approximately 20 people exiting out the back door and leaving. Upon entering the interior of the establishment, the inspector observed approximately 10 people inside the bar area not including staff behind the bar. The inspector also observed many drinks sitting on the bar. The inspector made contact with the new owner, who was in the middle of a transfer, and asked if they were aware they were to be closed and not in operation after 10:00 p.m. as stated on the license and stated they did know they had to close at 10:00 p.m. The inspector also asked if the owner had any permits for using the outdoor area since the license does not give them permission to use the outdoor area. The owner told the inspector that the Fire Inspector said they could.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.07(a) (Open Containers and Illegal Possession and Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages) when at approximately 10:18 p.m. on September 22, 2023 members of the BLLC received a 311 complaint that was alleging the establishment was operating after hours. While responding to the call at 10:18 p.m., two other 311 complaints came in at 10:21 p.m. and 10:25 p.m., respectively. The inspectors responded to all complaints and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:05 p.m. Upon arrival, the inspectors observed people in a back fenced in area behind the establishment and the back door open with music coming from inside. Inspectors attempted to enter through the front door and found it to be locked. The inspectors then proceeded to the back fenced in area where a security guard was letting people out of a side fence gate. After the inspectors gained access to the back patio area, the inspector observed people sitting outside drinking alcoholic beverages and smoking hookah. The inspector also observed approximately 20 people exiting out the back door and leaving. Upon entering the interior of the establishment, the inspector observed approximately 10 people inside the bar area not including staff behind the bar. The inspector also observed many drinks sitting on the bar. The inspector made contact with the new owner, who was in the middle of a transfer, and asked if they were aware they were to be closed and not in operation after 10:00 p.m. as stated on the license and stated they did know they had to close at 10:00 p.m. The inspector also asked if the owner had any permits for using the outdoor area since the license does not give them permission to use the outdoor area. The owner told the inspector that the Fire Inspector said they could.

Corporate Standing: Three K Partners, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: February 6, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minors) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Latasha Burgess – Proposed Licensee, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Agent Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(b) and Rule 4.07(a) on September 22, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

**Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.18(a), Rule 3.03(c), Rule 4.20(c),
and Rule 3.01**

10:30 AM

Uprety, LLC, t/a The Point
525-29 E. Patapsco Avenue, Baltimore MD 21225

License # LBD7 024
10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Stephan Fogleman

Alleged violation of Rule 4.18 (Alterations) when at approximately 5:24 p.m. on September 21, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint alleging the establishment had illegally constructed a separate packed goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Bar approval. The inspector advised the complainant that they would

follow up the next day after they have reviewed the file. After review, the inspector concluded that there no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. The inspector reviewed an inspection performed by another inspector that had a note regarding how the establishment had been cleaned out and that they believed construction may be taking place. As the inspectors visited the establishment at approximately 5:36 p.m. on September 21, 2023, they made contact with an unidentified male employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee, who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers, stated they did not work there, and they would get the manager. An individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and when the inspector asked if they were the manager, they also stated that they did not work there and was just helping out. The inspector asked for the employee records and asked to get the manager on the phone. The individual handed the inspector the phone and the person on the phone, who mentioned they were the owner, said that the individual who called was the manager, but the individual shook their head “no” and repeated they were just helping out. The inspector informed the owner of the 311 complaint and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what they were observing. The owner stated that they did not do any renovations, but that is how they purchased the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.03(c) (Records: Employees) when at approximately 5:24 p.m. on September 21, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint alleging the establishment had illegal constructed a separate packed goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Bar approval. The inspector advised the complainant that they would follow up the next day after they have reviewed the file. After review, the inspector concluded that there no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. The inspector reviewed an inspection performed by another inspector that had a note regarding how the establishment had been cleaned out and that they believed construction may be taking place. As the inspectors visited the establishment at approximately 5:36 p.m. on September 21, 2023, they made contact with an unidentified male employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee, who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers, stated they did not work there, and they would get the manager. An individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and when the inspector asked if they were the manager, they also stated that they did not work there and was just helping out. The inspector asked for the employee records and asked to get the manager on the phone. The individual handed the inspector the phone and the person on the phone, who mentioned they were the owner, said that the individual who called was the manager, but the individual shook their head “no” and repeated they were just helping out. The inspector informed the owner of the 311 complaint and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what they were observing. The owner stated that they did not do any renovations, but that is how they purchased the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 5:24 p.m. on September 21, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint alleging the establishment had illegal constructed a separate packed goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Bar approval. The inspector advised the complainant that they would follow up the next day after they have reviewed the file. After review, the inspector concluded that there no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. The inspector reviewed an inspection performed by another inspector that had a note regarding how the establishment had been cleaned out and that they believed construction may be taking place. As the inspectors visited the establishment at approximately 5:36 p.m. on September 21, 2023, they made contact with an unidentified male employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee, who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers, stated they did not work there, and they would get the manager. An individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and when the inspector asked if they were the manager, they also stated that they did not work there and was just helping out. The inspector asked for the employee records and asked to get the manager on the phone. The individual handed the inspector the phone and the person on the phone, who mentioned they were the owner, said that the individual who called was the manager, but the individual shook their head “no” and repeated they were just helping out. The inspector informed the owner of the 311 complaint and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what they were observing. The owner stated that they did not do any renovations, but that is how they purchased the establishment.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.01 (Ownership & Operation) when at approximately 5:24 p.m. on September 21, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint alleging the establishment had illegal constructed a separate packed goods area inside the bar and that alterations were done without Bar approval. The inspector advised the complainant that they would follow up the next day after they have reviewed the file. After review, the inspector concluded that there no subsequent approval had been granted by the Board to conduct renovations. The inspector reviewed an inspection performed by another inspector that had a note regarding how the establishment had been cleaned out and that they believed construction may be taking place. As the inspectors visited the establishment at approximately 5:36 p.m. on September 21, 2023, they made contact with an unidentified male employee and asked to speak to the owner and the person in charge. The male employee, who was at the time of the visit the person selling liquor to customers, stated they did not work there, and they would get the manager. An individual then arrived out of the rear of the establishment and when the inspector asked if they were the manager, they also stated that they did not work there and was just helping out. The inspector asked for the employee records and asked to get the manager on the phone. The individual handed the inspector the phone and the person on the phone, who mentioned they were the owner, said

that the individual who called was the manager, but the individual shook their head “no” and repeated they were just helping out. The inspector informed the owner of the 311 complaint and noted that the floor plan approved by the Liquor Board did not match what they were observing. The owner stated that they did not do any renovations, but that is how they purchased the establishment.

Corporate Standing: Uprety, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2019.

Witnesses: Shrijana Khanal – Licensee, Terri Chase – BLLC Agent Inspector, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Jan Eveland – Action Baybrook CEO, Andrea Mayer – Business Owner (in opposition)

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.18, Rule 3.03(c), and Rule 4.20(c) on September 21, 2023 and dismissed Rule 3.01 on September 21, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.20(c) and Rule 3.09 10:30 AM

2300 W Baltimore St, LLC, t/a Club 2300 License # LBD7 298
2300 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Bullock)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Abraham Hurdle

Alleged violation of Rule 4.20(c) (Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class BD7 licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times) when at approximately 12:10 p.m. on October 11, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon arrival, the inspector entered the tavern and found the lights to be off and the tavern being used as a storage area. The inspector also found the 3-compartment sink empty and alcohol boxes covering the counter area. The inspector also found the bathroom inaccessible as the path to access it was blocked by various detritus. The inspector spoke with an employee who stated that the tavern was no open right now, but that it could be open tomorrow and would send pictures.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.09 (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations) when at approximately 12:10 p.m. on October 11, 2023 members of the BLLC conducted an inspection at the establishment to determine if the tavern was fully open and operating. Upon arrival, the inspector entered the tavern and found the lights to be off and the tavern being used as a storage area. The inspector also found the 3-compartment sink empty and alcohol boxes covering the counter area. The inspector also found the bathroom inaccessible as the path to access it was blocked by various detritus. The inspector spoke with an employee who stated that the tavern was no open right now, but that it could be open tomorrow and would send pictures.

Corporate Standing: 2300 W Baltimore St, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: February 13, 2020 – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) (Class BD7

Licenses: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times), Rule 3.09(a) (Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct), Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety), Rule 3.08(b) (Sanitation and Safety), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125

Witnesses: Joginder Samra – Licensee, Joginder Singh – Licensee, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.20(c) and Rule 3.09 on October 11, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$2,000 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 3.01 10:30 AM

New Club Thunderbird, Inc., t/a Club Thunderbird License # LBD7 394
2201 E. Chase Street, Baltimore MD 21213 13th Councilmanic District (Glover)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 10:20 p.m. on September 8, 2023 members of the BLLC along with the Baltimore Police Department conducted a compliance check for licenses in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00 p.m. closure. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector observed lights to be on inside the establishment and music, as well as voices, were able to be heard coming from the interior. The inspector walked up to the front door and found it to be open. As the inspectors entered the establishment, they observed it to be open and operating with approximately 5 people seated at the bar with drinks in front of them. The inspector made contact with the manager who stated that the people were just finishing up their drinks. The inspector informed the manager that they were not permitted to be operating after 10:00 p.m. and tis was referenced on their liquor license. The inspector observed customers paying a tab at this time, and subsequently issued a violation.

Alleged violation of Rule 3.01 (Ownership and Operation) when at approximately 10:20 p.m. on September 8, 2023 members of the BLLC along with the Baltimore Police Department conducted a compliance check for licenses in the East Baltimore corridor whose hours of operation had been restricted by legislation to a 10:00 p.m. closure. Upon arriving at the establishment, the inspector observed lights to be on inside the establishment and music, as well as voices, were able to be heard coming from the interior. The inspector walked up to the front door and found it to be open. As the inspectors entered the establishment, they observed it to be open and operating with approximately 5 people seated at the bar with drinks in front of them. The inspector made contact with the manager who stated that the people were just finishing up their drinks. The inspector informed the manager that they were not permitted to be operating after 10:00 p.m. and tis

was referenced on their liquor license. The inspector observed customers paying a tab at this time, and subsequently issued a violation.

Corporate Standing: New Club Thunderbird, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: March 23, 2023 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) (Dismissed), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) (Dismissed), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Rule 3.03(c) (Records – Dismissed), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation – Dismissed), Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) (Dismissed), Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), and Rule 3.02 (Cooperation – Dismissed) – All charges dismissed due to compliance with Board’s requests stated on the record from 2/9/2023 hearing; no admin fee assessed
October 20, 2020 – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) and Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours) – Fined \$625

Witnesses: Rodnaya Williams – Contract Purchaser, Cindy-Leigh Tudhope – BLLC Inspector, Rosalba Jordan – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.05(a) and Rule 3.01 on September 8, 2023 and waived all fines and the administrative fee. The Board also voted to suspend the license for 7 days, commencing immediately.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14(a), Rule 4.16, Rule 4.18, Rule 4.16, Rule 4.14(a), and Rule 4.16

10:30 AM

Castle Seafood, Inc., t/a Castle Seafood Restaurant
3720 Potee Street, Baltimore MD 21225

License # LB 268
10th Councilmanic District (Porter)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 12:27 a.m. on September 3, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint. Upon arrival, the inspector entered the courtyard and observed an outside bar and a live DJ. The inspector spoke to the licensee and informed them that the DJ and the outside bar were not permitted as he had been previously informed and violated for these same actions.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04: No Jukebox, or Other Form of Live Entertainment) when at approximately 12:27 a.m. on September 3, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint. Upon arrival, the inspector entered the courtyard and observed an outside bar and a live DJ. The inspector spoke to the licensee and informed them that the DJ and the outside bar were not permitted as he had been previously informed and violated for these same actions.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.18 (Alterations: Outdoor Bar) when at approximately 12:27 a.m. on September 3, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint. Upon

arrival, the inspector entered the courtyard and observed an outside bar and a live DJ. The inspector spoke to the licensee and informed them that the DJ and the outside bar were not permitted as he had been previously informed and violated for these same actions.

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Alleged violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 10:20 p.m. on September 30, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint. Upon arrival, the inspector could hear loud music coming from the establishment. When the inspector entered the courtyard and observed a live DJ. The inspector spoke with the licensee and informed them that the live DJ was not permitted and noted that the establishment had been informed and violated in the past for these same actions.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct – Violating BMZA Resolution #200-04: No Jukebox, or other form of Live Entertainment) when at approximately 10:20 p.m. on September 30, 2023 members of the BLLC responded to a 311 complaint. Upon arrival, the inspector could hear loud music coming from the establishment. When the inspector entered the courtyard and observed a live DJ. The inspector spoke with the licensee and informed them that the live DJ was not permitted and noted that the establishment had been informed and violated in the past for these same actions.

Corporate Standing: Castle Seafood, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: September 7, 2023 – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) (Live Entertainment without Authorization), Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct: Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04 – No Jukebox or other form of Live Entertainment), Rule 4.18 (Alterations: Outdoor Bar), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct: Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04 – No Outdoor Bar) – Fined \$925
October 20, 2022 – Violation of Rule 4.05 (Prohibited Hours – Dismissed), Rule 3.08(a) (Sanitation and Safety – Dismissed), Rule 3.02 (Cooperation), Rule 3.12 (General Welfare – Dismissed), and Rule 4.16 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$1,125

Witnesses: Jason Rosario – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector, Regina Brown – BLLC Inspector, Kenyatta Washington – BLLC Inspector, Jan Eveland – Action Baybrook CEO, Andrea Mayer – Business Owner (in opposition)

Disposition: This decision of the Board has been deferred for one (1) week and will be heard at the next hearing, November 16, 2023.

**Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05, and
AE Rule 3.01(a)**

10:30 AM

PP & G, Inc., t/a Norma Jean's
10 Custom House, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 093 / AE 012
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Andrew B. Saller

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when on September 18, 2023 members of the BLLC were on duty to monitor the closings of the bars on what is known as “The Block” and walked the entire footprint to ensure that all establishments were closed. Upon arriving at the establishment, they could hear loud music coming from inside. The inspector knocked on the door and granted access by a security guard. Once inside, the inspector observed bartenders serving customers alcohol and several dancers performing on the stage and on the floor. The inspector asked security for the manager and ask them to instruct the DJ to stop the music and to start telling customers to exit the premises. At this time, a male individual approached the inspector and identified themselves as the manager. The individual looked young and possibly underage, so the inspector asked for their ID. At that time, a second individual approached the inspector and identified themselves as the owner. This individual also looked quite young, and the inspector also asked for their ID. Both individuals were over the age of 18, but under the age of 21. The inspector explained to the owner that the establishment must be closed by 2:00 a.m. and that all customers must have exited the establishment by that time. While speaking to the owner, the inspector identified several customers exiting the premises while carrying open containers of alcohol as while they passed by security guards. The inspector made the owner aware that they would be receiving a violation for operating after hours and would receive a warning for the open containers issue.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05 (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licenses) when on September 18, 2023 members of the BLLC were on duty to monitor the closings of the bars on what is known as “The Block” and walked the entire footprint to ensure that all establishments were closed. Upon arriving at the establishment, they could hear loud music coming from inside. The inspector knocked on the door and granted access by a security guard. Once inside, the inspector observed bartenders serving customers alcohol and several dancers performing on the stage and on the floor. The inspector asked security for the manager and ask them to instruct the DJ to stop the music and to start telling customers to exit the premises. At this time, a male individual approached the inspector and identified themselves as the manager. The individual looked young and possibly underage, so the inspector asked for their ID. At that time, a second individual approached the inspector and identified themselves as the owner. This individual also looked quite young, and the inspector also asked for their ID. Both individuals were over the age of 18, but under the age of 21. The inspector explained to the owner that the establishment must be closed by 2:00 a.m. and that all customers must have exited the establishment by that time. While speaking to the owner, the inspector identified

several customers exiting the premises while carrying open containers of alcohol as while they passed by security guards. The inspector made the owner aware that they would be receiving a violation for operating after hours and would receive a warning for the open containers issue.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.01(a) (Hours of Operation) when on September 18, 2023 members of the BLLC were on duty to monitor the closings of the bars on what is known as “The Block” and walked the entire footprint to ensure that all establishments were closed. Upon arriving at the establishment, they could hear loud music coming from inside. The inspector knocked on the door and granted access by a security guard. Once inside, the inspector observed bartenders serving customers alcohol and several dancers performing on the stage and on the floor. The inspector asked security for the manager and ask them to instruct the DJ to stop the music and to start telling customers to exit the premises. At this time, a male individual approached the inspector and identified themselves as the manager. The individual looked young and possibly underage, so the inspector asked for their ID. At that time, a second individual approached the inspector and identified themselves as the owner. This individual also looked quite young, and the inspector also asked for their ID. Both individuals were over the age of 18, but under the age of 21. The inspector explained to the owner that the establishment must be closed by 2:00 a.m. and that all customers must have exited the establishment by that time. While speaking to the owner, the inspector identified several customers exiting the premises while carrying open containers of alcohol as while they passed by security guards. The inspector made the owner aware that they would be receiving a violation for operating after hours and would receive a warning for the open containers issue.

Corporate Standing: PP & G, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 26, 2023.

Location Violation History: None since 2018.

Witnesses: Lisa Ireland – Licensee, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05 and AE Rule 3.01(a) on September 18, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05, and AE Rule 3.01(a) 10:30 AM

Sole Proprietorship, t/a Pole Play Lounge
417 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore MD 21202

License # LBD7 106 / AE 014
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Licensee(s): Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of AB Rule 4.05(b) (Prohibited Hours) when at approximately 11:15 p.m. on September 14, 2023 members of the BLLC received an anonymous complaint that the establishment would be having an after-hours event and was able to provide very specific details of the party and mentioned that the establishment would be allowing patrons to

enter through the rear which could be accessed from the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. The inspector reached out to a Baltimore Police Officer, who was the supervisor on duty, of the anonymous tip to make them aware. At approximately 2:00 a.m. on September 15, 2023, the inspector notified a Baltimore Police Officer, who was working the cameras for the Central District, and asked them to position a camera to view the rear door of the establishment to see if there was any activity. At approximately 2:05 a.m., the officer informed the inspector that there was a security guard at the rear door who was allowing approximately 10 females to enter the establishment. At approximately 2:10 a.m., the inspector made their way to the front door of the club, while officers positioned themselves at the rear door. Once at the front door, the inspector observed a security guard sitting on a stool directly inside the heavily tinted door. The inspector requested that the guard open the door as they wished to conduct a check on the premises. The guard asked the inspector to wait outside until they got a manager, but the inspector responded that no, they would not wait, and they would enter and find the manager themselves. Once inside, the inspector observed approximately 40 customers and 10 dancers on the stage performing and walking around. The lights were low, a DJ was performing, and bartenders were serving customers alcoholic beverages at the bar. The inspector instructed the DJ to stop playing music and asked the security guards to start telling customers that the establishment was closed, and they needed to exit. The inspector went up to the second floor which was clear of customers, and they observed approximately 15 dancers walking up the stairs to go to the dressing room. When the inspector went back downstairs and the establishment was cleared of patrons and only employees remaining, the inspector spoke with the licensee that the establishment must be closed by 2:00 a.m. and the under no circumstances could an after-hours party take place.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.05 (Incorporation of Liquor License Rules and Regulations to Applicable Licensees) when at approximately 11:15 p.m. on September 14, 2023 members of the BLLC received an anonymous complaint that the establishment would be having an after-hours event and was able to provide very specific details of the party and mentioned that the establishment would be allowing patrons to enter through the rear which could be accessed from the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. The inspector reached out to a Baltimore Police Officer, who was the supervisor on duty, of the anonymous tip to make them aware. At approximately 2:00 a.m. on September 15, 2023, the inspector notified a Baltimore Police Officer, who was working the cameras for the Central District, and asked them to position a camera to view the rear door of the establishment to see if there was any activity. At approximately 2:05 a.m., the officer informed the inspector that there was a security guard at the rear door who was allowing approximately 10 females to enter the establishment. At approximately 2:10 a.m., the inspector made their way to the front door of the club, while officers positioned themselves at the rear door. Once at the front door, the inspector observed a security guard sitting on a stool directly inside the heavily tinted door. The inspector requested that the guard open

the door as they wished to conduct a check on the premises. The guard asked the inspector to wait outside until they got a manager, but the inspector responded that no, they would not wait, and they would enter and find the manager themselves. Once inside, the inspector observed approximately 40 customers and 10 dancers on the stage performing and walking around. The lights were low, a DJ was performing, and bartenders were serving customers alcoholic beverages at the bar. The inspector instructed the DJ to stop playing music and asked the security guards to start telling customers that the establishment was closed, and they needed to exit. The inspector went up to the second floor which was clear of customers, and they observed approximately 15 dancers walking up the stairs to go to the dressing room. When the inspector went back downstairs and the establishment was cleared of patrons and only employees remaining, the inspector spoke with the licensee that the establishment must be closed by 2:00 a.m. and under no circumstances could an after-hours party take place.

Alleged violation of AE Rule 3.01(a) (Hours of Operation) when at approximately 11:15 p.m. on September 14, 2023 members of the BLLC received an anonymous complaint that the establishment would be having an after-hours event and was able to provide very specific details of the party and mentioned that the establishment would be allowing patrons to enter through the rear which could be accessed from the parking lot on Custom House Avenue. The inspector reached out to a Baltimore Police Officer, who was the supervisor on duty, of the anonymous tip to make them aware. At approximately 2:00 a.m. on September 15, 2023, the inspector notified a Baltimore Police Officer, who was working the cameras for the Central District, and asked them to position a camera to view the rear door of the establishment to see if there was any activity. At approximately 2:05 a.m., the officer informed the inspector that there was a security guard at the rear door who was allowing approximately 10 females to enter the establishment. At approximately 2:10 a.m., the inspector made their way to the front door of the club, while officers positioned themselves at the rear door. Once at the front door, the inspector observed a security guard sitting on a stool directly inside the heavily tinted door. The inspector requested that the guard open the door as they wished to conduct a check on the premises. The guard asked the inspector to wait outside until they got a manager, but the inspector responded that no, they would not wait, and they would enter and find the manager themselves. Once inside, the inspector observed approximately 40 customers and 10 dancers on the stage performing and walking around. The lights were low, a DJ was performing, and bartenders were serving customers alcoholic beverages at the bar. The inspector instructed the DJ to stop playing music and asked the security guards to start telling customers that the establishment was closed, and they needed to exit. The inspector went up to the second floor which was clear of customers, and they observed approximately 15 dancers walking up the stairs to go to the dressing room. When the inspector went back downstairs and the establishment was cleared of patrons and only employees remaining, the inspector spoke

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with the licensee that the establishment must be closed by 2:00 a.m. and the under no circumstances could an after-hours party take place.

Corporate Standing: N/A

Location Violation History: None.

Witnesses: Tisha Powell – Licensee, Tiera McCoy – Employee, Sergeant Pow – Baltimore Police Officer, John Chrissomallis – BLLC Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated AB Rule 4.05(b), AE Rule 3.05, and AE Rule 3.01(a) on September 15, 2023 and imposed a fine of \$600 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.