

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

HEARING DISPOSITIONS

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016
100 N. HOLLIDAY STREET, ROOM 215
BALTIMORE, MD 21202**

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

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

Defaco TRNS, Inc., t/a Ibis International Bar & Grill License # N/A (new)
6014 Harford Road, Baltimore MD 21214 3rd Councilmanic District (Curran)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor Restaurant License with live entertainment and off-premise catering to Ignatius Onyejiaka.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on September 27, 2016 and checked on October 7, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. A letter of postponement was submitted to the Board. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Defaco TRNS, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 11, 2016.

Violations History: N/A; New License

Witnesses: Ignatius Onyeijaka – Applicant, Elizabeth Onyeijaka – Applicant’s wife, Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Emeka A. Nzekwe – Contractor

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

Regular Item – Application to Transfer Ownership 11:00 AM

Biddle Group, LLC, t/a Pratt Cut Rate Liquors License # LA 086
2014 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Welch)

Attorney for Applicant: Jay S. Yoo

Application to transfer ownership of a Class “A” Beer, Wine and Liquor license to Un Taek Sim and Shawntre O’Neal.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on September 27, 2016 and checked on October 7, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Biddle Group, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 12, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Un Teak Sim – Applicant, Shawntre O’Neal – Applicant, Jay Yoo – Attorney

Disposition: The Board approved the transfer of the license to the applicant(s) by a 2-1 vote. (Moore and Greenfield – in support, Matricciani – not in support)

Regular Item – Request to Transfer Ownership and Location **11:00 AM**

Lilac, Inc., t/a Lilac (Changed at hearing to Canela) License # LBD7 246
1801 E. Lombard Street, Baltimore MD 21231 13th Councilmanic District (Branch)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License presently located at 1725 Poncabird Pass to 1801 E. Lombard Street to Kfir Catalan, Christa Bruno-Rossi and Michelle Mavias.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on August 17, 2016 and checked on August 26, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Lilac, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 12, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Kfir Catalan – Applicant, Peter Prevas – Attorney

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

Regular Item – Request to Add Live Entertainment **11:00 AM**

Charybdis, LLC, t/a Ryleigh’s Oyster License # LB 245
32-36 E. Cross Street, Baltimore MD 212130 11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Stephan Fogleman

Request to add live entertainment by Jennifer McComas and Joshua Foti.

Public Notice of Transfer: Establishment was posted on September 27, 2016 and checked on October 7, 2016 thus meeting the 10-day posting rule. No letters of opposition or support were received by the Board at this time.

Corporate Standing: Charybdis, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 11, 2016.

Violations History: None since 2009; Protest Renewal dismissed in 2011

Witnesses: Joshua Foti – Licensee, Stephan Fogleman – Attorney, Brooke McDonald – Vice President of Federal Hill Association

Disposition: The Board approved the request for live entertainment to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

Taste International, Inc., t/a Taste International License # LB 065
4314-16 Curtis Avenue, Baltimore MD 21226 10th Councilmanic District (Reisinger)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Christopher Nwaeze and Musibau Shittu.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Taste International, Inc. is an forfeited Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 11, 2016.

Violations History: March 5, 2015 – Violation of Rule 3.12 – Fined \$1,125
August 7, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.18 – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Christopher Nwaeze – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Ferdinand Freeff – Purchaser of business/license

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

Regular Item – Request for a 180 Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

Broadway Group, LLC, t/a Rye License # LBD7 397
807 S. Broadway, Baltimore MD 21231 1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)

Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Request for a 180 day hardship extension by Minh Hoang.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Broadway Group, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 11, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Minh Hoang – Licensee, Caroline Hecker – Attorney

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

Regular Item – Request to Reopen after 90 Days and 180 Day Hardship Extension **11:00 AM**

Sportsters, Inc., t/a Character Corral License # LD 055
2148 Wilkens Avenue, Baltimore MD 21223 9th Councilmanic District (Welch)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request to reopen after 90 days and 180 day hardship extension by Virginia Anderson (SS & PR).

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: Sportsters, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 11, 2016.

Violations History: April 30, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.10(a) (Wholesaler Relations) – Fined \$375

Witnesses: Virginia Anderson – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney

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

Regular Item – Request to Reopen after 90 Days and 180 Day **11:00 AM**

Hardship Extension

LaPrade Lounge at 148, LLC, t/a Tavern at 148
148 S. East Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LBD7 440
1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Request to reopen after 90 days and 180 day hardship extension by Corey LaPrade.

Public Notice of Transfer: N/A

Corporate Standing: LaPrade Lounge at 148, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 11, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Corey LaPrade – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney

Disposition: The Board approved the request to reopen to the licensee(s) by a 3-0 vote.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.14 (a) and (b)

1:00 PM

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

License # LD 036
2nd Councilmanic District (Scott)

Attorney for Applicant: Peter Prevas

Alleged violation of Rule 4.14 (a) and (b) (Live Entertainment without Authorization) when at approximately 1:00 a.m. on August 6, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Police Department and BLLC Inspectors conducted a special inspection and observed karaoke being performed.

Corporate Standing: Amigo's Bar, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 22, 2016.

Violations History: August 20, 2015 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct), and Rule 3.03(C) (Employee Records) – Fined \$875
December 11, 2014 – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) (Prohibited Hours), and Rule 4.18 (Illegal Conduct) – Fined \$3,125 with 4 days suspension.

Witnesses: Carlos Sotelo – Licensee, Peter Prevas – Attorney, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.14 (a) and (b) on August 6, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$300 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

Parkway Swirnow, Inc., t/a Tabrizi's Restaurant & Sorso Café
1221 Key Highway, Baltimore MD 21230

License # LBD7 081
11th Councilmanic District (Costello)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:40 p.m. on July 7, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Parkway Swirnow, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of August 7, 2016.

Violations History: Protest of Renewal – License Suspended for 30 days starting July 1, 2011

Witnesses: Richard Swirnow – Licensee, Christopher Hanan – Tiki Bar Operator, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, Tom Karanikolis – BLLC Assistant Chief Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 7, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.

(Greenfield and Moore – guilty, Matricciani – recluses)

Violations Docket – Violation of Rule 4.01(a)

1:00 PM

C Smith, LLC, t/a La Bamba’s Liquor & Grocery
459 Anglesea Street, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LA 078
1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)

Attorney for Applicant: Gary Maslan

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 10:02 p.m. on July 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: C Smith, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 2, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Wilson Contreras – Licensee, Gary Maslan – Attorney

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 28, 2016 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)

1:00 PM

6400 Eastern Liquors, Inc., t/a Eastern Liquors
6400 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore MD 21224

License # LA 142
1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)

Attorney for Applicant: Melvin Kodenski

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:44 p.m. on July 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff’s Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff’s Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: 6400 Eastern Liquors, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 2, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Angrez Singh – Licensee, Melvin Kodenski – Attorney, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 28, 2016 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) **1:00 PM**
Canton Square Liquor, Inc., T/a M&L Canton Discount Liquor License # LA 120
2923-25 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)
Attorney for Applicant: None.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 9:30 p.m. on July 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Canton Square Liquor, Inc. is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 2, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Frederick Chung – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 28, 2016 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) **1:00 PM**
Nautical Winegirls, LLC, t/a Chesapeake Wine Company License # LBD7 369
2400 Boston Street, Suite 112, Baltimore MD 21224 1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)
Attorney for Applicant: None.

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:56 p.m. on July 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Nautical Winegirls, LLC is an active Maryland corporation not in good standing as of October 2, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Kimberly Bangs – Licensee, Phyllis Wert – Licensee

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 28, 2016 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) **1:00 PM**
Wineco, LLC, t/a Bin 604 Wine Sellers License # LBD7 189
1001 Fleet Street, Baltimore MD 21202 1st Councilmanic District (Kraft)
Attorney for Applicant: Caroline Hecker

Alleged violation of Rule 4.01(a) (Sales to Minor) when at approximately 8:15 p.m. on July 28, 2016 members of the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office & BLLC Inspectors conducted a

random, joint investigation of selling alcohol to minors. An undercover, underage Sheriff's Office Cadet entered the establishment and was served the alcoholic beverages she ordered.

Corporate Standing: Wineco, LLC is an active Maryland corporation in good standing as of October 2, 2016.

Violations History: None.

Witnesses: Jennifer St. Germain – Licensee, Alexander Perez – Employee, Caroline Hecker – Attorney, Mark Fosler – BLLC Chief Inspector, Andy Perez – BLLC Inspector

Disposition: The Board has found that the licensee violated Rule 4.01(a) on July 28, 2016 and imposed a fine of \$500 and an administrative fee of \$125, both payable within 30 days.