

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY  
DOCKET – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016 –11:00 a.m.  
ROOM 215 - CITY HALL - 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET**

**Please note:** If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410)396-4377 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

**11:00 a.m.**

**I. Regular Items (New, Transfers, Expansions and Hardships):**

- 1. Benjamin Poole and Paul Benkert, Le Zinc, LLC, T/a The Bluebird, 3600 Hickory Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(C)(II) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people.**
- 2. Randall Carraghan, Stang, LLC, T/a Stang of Siam, 1301 N. Calvert Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1603(C)(II) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people; request for outdoor table service.**
- 3. Amy Cavanaugh-Royce, Maryland Art Place, Inc., T/a MAP, 218 S. Saratoga Street - Class “C” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “C” Beer, Wine and Liquor club license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(C)(4) allowing the Board to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 200 block of West Saratoga Street in ward 4, precinct 3 of the 40th alcoholic beverages district; request for live entertainment.**
- 4. Sam Chung and Ashley Rodriguez, McSam Baltimore Hotel, LLC, T/a Radisson Hotel Baltimore & Crowne Plaza Hotel, 101 Fayette Street – Class “BHM” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “BHM” Beer, Wine and Liquor hotel license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-904(C) which allows the Board to issue a license for use by a Hotel or Motel that has: (1) at least 100 Rooms; and (2) a Capital Investment of \$500,000; request for live entertainment and outdoor table service.**
- 5. Katie Diem Dang, Hung Tran and Janice Neil, Charles Redwood Group MT, LLC, T/a Delta by Marriott, 15-19 S. Charles Street – Class “BHM” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “BHM” Beer, Wine and Liquor hotel license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-904(C) which allows the Board to issue a license for use by a Hotel or Motel that has: (1) at least 100 Rooms; and (2) a Capital Investment of \$500,000; request for live entertainment, off-premise catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages within premises.**
- 6. Lester F. Smith and Lester T. Smith, Diamondback Brewing Company, LLC, T/a Diamond Back Brewery, 1215 Fort Avenue – Class “D” Beer License – Application for a new Class “D”**

Beer license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §2-207(E) authorizing the Board to grant an on-site consumption permit to an applicant that holds a Class 5 Brewery license.

7. **Jacson Munoz and Marilyn Munoz, El Rincon Troncaleno, LLC, T/a El Rincon Troncaleno, 422-26 S. Macon Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
8. **Jay Sapperstein, Kun Hong Chong and Joyce Yun Chong, 7 Star at McHenry, Inc., T/a Ruby 8 Noodles and Sushi, 1702 Whetstone Way – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership, request to add live entertainment.**
9. **Kaushal Desai, Badrish Patel and John Porter, UMIYAJI, Inc., T/a One Stop Shop, 1524 Cypress Street – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
10. **Mark Baur and Samuel Mirabile, Southwest, LLC, T/a Southwest Discount Liquors, 3212 Washington Boulevard – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
11. **Larry Sink and Myoung Nam Kim, Kimsink Enterprises, Inc., T/a Club Paradise, 1300-02 Laurens Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership, continuation of live entertainment.**
12. **Angela Elias and Ilia Prado, Angie’s Seafood, Inc., T/a Angie’s Seafood, 1727 E. Pratt Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership, request to add off-premise catering.**
13. **Aklilu Gebre and Yosief Tesfazion, Wehazit, Inc., T/a Opposite Sidewalk Saloon, 132 S. Carey Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
14. **Samuel Curreri, Sammy’s Enoteca, LLC, T/a Sammy’s Enoteca, 621-25 Broadway – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to add outdoor table service.**
15. **Veronica McDowell (ss), Club International, LLC, T/a Club International, 2301 W. Baltimore Street – Request to reopen after 90 days – Request to reopen under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2203 wherein a licensed premises has been closed for at least three (3) consecutive months.**

1:00 p.m.

## II. Violations:

1. **Stephanie Oh, SNS Liquor Corporation, T/a SNS Liquor, 2135 E. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – July 28, 2016 – At approximately 11:10 pm, members of the Baltimore City Police Department conducted a routine inspection of the establishment. Upon**

conducting their inspection police officers observed that the bar area/tavern portion of the establishment was not properly set up for patrons: the bar stools were stacked and pit off to the side, personal items and tools covered the bar, the three tub sink was not in use, and the beer coolers had personal food stored with the alcohol. Police advised the bar manager of their observations and that they would be notifying the BLLC of the violation.

**Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – October 16, 2016** – At approximately 12:04 pm, BLLC staff conducted a review of the corporate status of the entity known as "SNS Liquor Corporation." and found that the entity was deemed "forfeited" by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation. Also at that time, staff conducted a review and determined that a 2016-2017 trader's license had not yet been issued to the establishment.

**Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – October 18, 2016** – At approximately 3:00 pm, Inspector John Howard of the BLLC visited the location for the purposes of issuing notice to the establishment for an upcoming hearing. Upon entering the establishment, Howard observed trash, stock, and other materials on the bar. He also noticed that the bar stools were turned upside down and on top of the bar. Further investigation revealed that the hallway leading to the restrooms were filled with stock and there was cleaning equipment and buckets in the women's restroom that made it inaccessible to the any female patron that wanted to the use the restroom area. Based on the Inspector's observations the tavern portion of the establishment was incapable of allowing for patrons to consume beverages on-site. As the package goods area was open and operating, Inspector Howard violated the establishment for not having a non-functioning tavern.

2. **Priscilla Irizarry and Blanca Pesquera, Ecstasy Bar and Restaurant, LLC T/a My Cousin Place, 3925-27 E. Lombard Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – November 13, 2016** – At approximately 1:00 am, a large crowd of approximately 150-200 people were inside of the establishment and numerous unknown individuals began to fight.. After the fight broke out the bouncers attempted to break up the fight. One of the bouncers, Mr. Joseph Jones, who attempted to break up the fight, was hit in the head with a beer bottle. Upon being struck on the head with a beer bottle Mr. Jones sustained a 1-2 inch laceration above his right eyebrow. Mr. Jones did not see which individual hit him with the beer bottle. As a result of being struck in the head with the beer bottle, Mr. Jones went to Anne Arundel Medical Center where he received treatment for the laceration to his forehead (9 stitches). Earlier that evening and before the fight occurred, Mr. Jones had raised the issue with management/bartender that there were only three employees staffing that evening's event and that more security resources were needed to properly ensure staff and patron safety.
3. **Tesfaye Birru and Fikremariam Worku, Jano Ethiopian Restaurant & Lounge, LLC, T/a Jano Ethiopia, 34 S. Eutaw Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05 (a) and (b) Prohibited Hours – October 30, 2016** – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At this time, BLLC Inspectors Perez and Clark entered the establishment posing as patrons in an attempt to order an alcoholic beverage. Both Perez and Clark were granted entry to the establishment by security and walked to the bar area on the first floor. Perez and Clark observed "4 to 6" patrons, three of which were observed consuming alcoholic beverages. Inspectors then proceeded to

upstairs lounge area. Upon reaching the lounge area, Perez and Clark observed approximately "20 to 30" patrons dancing and consuming alcoholic beverages. Perez and Clark then approached the bar in the lounge area and ordered two (2) bottles of Corona from the bartender. The bartender informed the Inspectors that the bar was closed. However, the licensee, Mr. Worku, who was present at the bar area and overheard the bartender deny the Inspectors request, instructed the bartender to serve the Inspectors. Inspector Perez paid \$10.01 for the two (2) bottles of Corona and was subsequently served by the bartender. While waiting for their alcoholic beverages, Inspectors observed another patron approach the bar and purchase shots of what seemed to be "Crown Royal Whiskey." Inspectors Perez and Clark left the establishment and then reported their findings to Inspector John Howard who entered the establishment and violated it for serving after hours.

**Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – October 30, 2016** – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At approximately 2:40 AM, Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry to the establishment in an effort to make contact with Inspector John Howard who was inside writing a violation to the licensee for operating after hours. Inspector Chrissomallis approached the location and attempted to gain entry to the location, but was greeted by the licensee, Mr. Worku, and a security guard. Inspector Chrissomallis identified himself as an Inspector with the BLLC and showed his agency issued identification and badge and requested entry to the establishment. Mr. Worku acknowledged who Mr. Chrissomallis was and then proceeded to become belligerent. Mr. Worku cursed at Inspector Chrissomallis and repeatedly denied him entry to the establishment. Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Worku about Mr. Howard's presence within the establishment and the need to ensure that Mr. Howard's safety and then repeated his request to gain entry. Mr. Worku again denied Inspector Chrissomallis entry. When Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry he was physically stopped by Mr. Worku. Inspector Chrissomallis contacted the Baltimore City Police Department's Central District for support. It was at or about this time that Mr. Worku allowed Inspector Chrissomallis to gain entry.

**Violation of Rule 2.13 Inspections – October 30, 2016** – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At approximately 2:40 AM, Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry to the establishment in an effort to make contact with Inspector John Howard who was inside writing a violation to the licensee for operating after hours. Inspector Chrissomallis approached the location and attempted to gain entry to the location, but was greeted by the licensee, Mr. Worku, and a security guard. Inspector Chrissomallis identified himself as an Inspector with the BLLC and showed his agency issued identification and badge and requested entry to the establishment. Mr. Worku acknowledged who Mr. Chrissomallis was and then proceeded to become belligerent. Mr. Worku cursed at Inspector Chrissomallis and repeatedly denied him entry to the establishment. Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Worku about Mr. Howard's presence within the establishment and the need to ensure that Mr. Howard's safety and then repeated his request to gain entry. Mr. Worku again denied Inspector Chrissomallis entry. When Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry he was physically stopped by Mr. Worku. Inspector Chrissomallis contacted the Baltimore City Police Department's Central District for support. It was at or about this time that Mr. Worku allowed Inspector Chrissomallis to gain entry.

**Violation of Rule 3.12 General Welfare – October 30, 2016** – At approximately 2:30 AM BLLC Chief Inspector Mark Fosler, Inspector John Howard, Inspector Andy Perez, Inspector Darryl Clark, and Inspector John Chrissomallis conducted a special investigation at the establishment. At approximately 2:40 AM, Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry to the establishment in an effort to make contact with Inspector John Howard who was inside writing a violation to the licensee for operating after hours. Inspector Chrissomallis approached the location and attempted to gain entry to the location, but was greeted by the licensee, Mr. Worku, and a security guard. Inspector Chrissomallis identified himself as an Inspector with the BLLC and showed his agency issued identification and badge and requested entry to the establishment. Mr. Worku acknowledged who Mr. Chrissomallis was and then proceeded to become belligerent. Mr. Worku cursed at Inspector Chrissomallis and repeatedly denied him entry to the establishment. Inspector Chrissomallis informed Mr. Worku about Mr. Howard's presence within the establishment and the need to ensure that Mr. Howard's safety and then repeated his request to gain entry. Mr. Worku again denied Inspector Chrissomallis entry. When Inspector Chrissomallis attempted to gain entry he was physically stopped by Mr. Worku. Inspector Chrissomallis contacted the Baltimore City Police Department's Central District for support. It was at or about this time that Mr. Worku allowed Inspector Chrissomallis to gain entry.

4. **Roger Rippel, Jr., Riptide by the Bay, Inc., T/a Riptide by the Bay, 1718 Thames Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – August 19, 2016** – At approximately 2:20 PM Inspector Andy Perez of the BLLC conducted a routine inspection of the establishment. At that time, the bartender/manager of the establishment could not produce a valid trader's license. Inspector Perez told the bartender/manager that the establishment would have 10-15 days to obtain a valid 2016 Trader's License. On October 6, 2016, Inspector Perez returned to determine if the establishment had come into compliance. Perez was presented with a document which purported to be a "2016 Trader's License." However, due to the coloring and numbering of the license Inspector Perez had doubts as to the authenticity of the document. At that time, Perez instructed the manager to post the purported Trader's License in a conspicuous location as per the BLLC Rules and Regulations. On October 28, 2016 Perez was able to verify through a review of on-line records and an in-person conversation with staff of the Clerk of the Court that the corporation associated with this establishment had not been issued a valid trader's license in either 2015 or 2016. On November 4, 2016, Inspector Perez returned to the establishment and spoke to the bartender/manager to inquire as to where he had obtained the "2016 Trader's License." Perez was informed that it was provided to the bartender/manager by the owner. It was at this time that Perez violated the establishment for not having a valid trader's license and non-cooperation with the BLLC as the establishment had attempted to pass off a false document to the BLLC during an inspection.

**Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – August 19, 2016** – At approximately 2:20 PM Inspector Andy Perez of the BLLC conducted a routine inspection of the establishment. At that time, the bartender/manager of the establishment could not produce a valid trader's license. Inspector Perez told the bartender/manager that the establishment would have 10-15 days to obtain a valid 2016 Trader's License. On October 6, 2016, Inspector Perez returned to determine if the establishment had come into compliance. Perez was presented with a document which purported to be a "2016 Trader's License." However, due to the coloring and numbering of the license Inspector Perez had doubts as to the authenticity of the document. At that time, Perez instructed the manager to post

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***\*Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above.***