

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023 – 10:30 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4380 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

10:30 a.m.

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

- 1. Juan DeLeon, 6700 German Hill Libations, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 6700 German Hill Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 2. Bruce S. Lee, Shoyou Canton, Inc., T/a Sushi Bruceya, 1634 Aliceanna Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service.**
- 3. Sean Andre Stephen and Gregory Miles Smith, Palance Roti Shop & Bar, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 2031 E. Fairmount Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Amended application to transfer ownership.**
- 4. Timothy Langford Conder, Hampden Events, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 1014 W. 36th Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Amended application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” BWL License presently located at 3602 Hickory Avenue to 1014 W. 36th Street requesting outdoor table service.**
- 5. Catherine Yvonne Savoy, Savoy Management Services, LLC, T/a Club Pussycat, 411 E. Baltimore Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License & Class “AE” Adult Entertainment License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment.**
- 6. Manisha Patel and Montgomery Jones, Shree Om Sai, LLC, T/a Corkey’s, 5404-06 York Road – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
- 7. Kyle Smedberg, Mission Driven Dining, LLC, T/a Amperssea, 1417 Thames Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service.**

II. Regular Items (90-day Hardship Requests):

- 8. Moshoula Koukides, 2933 O’Donnell, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 2933 O’Donnell Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).**

9. **Ruben Gonzalez Arizmendi, IV and Lance Neal Bixler, Bottoms Up Canton, LLC, T/a 3 of a Kind, 3301 Foster Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
10. **Gurpreet Singh and Edward Jeter, Washington Liquor, Inc., T/a Washington Liquor & Bar, 2501-03 Washington Boulevard** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
11. **Krystal Peoples, Chiza’s & Co., Inc., T/a Curley’s Liquors, 5200 Reisterstown Road** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
12. **Alexis Junghwan Lee and Terry RL Schroyer-Greene, KBBQ 2005, Inc., T/a Bone, 2821-23 O’Donnell Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
13. **Kanwarpall Manhani Singh and Anastasia Makofski, We Out Here Enterprises, LLC, T/a Uptown Liquors, 2115 W. North Avenue** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
14. **Khalid Pervaz Mir and Dharamjit Singh, Satguru Nanak JI, LLC, T/a Akbar Restaurant, 823 N. Charles Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
15. **Norman Douglas Jemal and Megan Elizabeth Case, Jemal’s B&O Beverage, LLC, T/a Kimpton Hotel Monaco Baltimore Inner Harbor, 2 N. Charles Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor Hotel-Motel License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
16. **Lisa Potts, Lady Lyle, LLC, T/a Huck’s American Craft, 3728 Hudson Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
17. **Michael Fiseha, Fezzy, LLC, T/a Unity Bar & Restaurant, 111 W. Centre Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).

III. Violations:

1. **Ronnie Player, New Club Thunderbird, Inc., T/a Club Thunderbird, 2201 E. Chase Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. 12-2004(c)(4) – November 5, 2022** – On November 4, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan, along with a detective from the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice) drove by the establishment at approximately 10:40pm on their way to a different assignment. As they passed, Inspectors observed there to be approximately 5 people standing outside the establishment and lights appeared to be on inside the establishment. Upon observing

this and knowing the hours of operation for the establishment, Inspectors decided to return to the establishment later in the evening to confirm if they had closed.

At approximately 1:00am on November 5, 2022, Inspectors returned and parked directly in front of the establishment and heard voices and music emanating from inside. At this time, Inspectors decided to enter the establishment and found the front door leading into the packaged goods side to be open. Inspector Tudhope continued through and reach to open the door leading to the tavern and heard the door being locked from the inside. Inspector Tudhope proceeded to knock on the door loudly and identified herself as a BLLC Inspector. After several minutes of knocking, the door was opened, where Inspector Tudhope observed there to be approximately 10-14 people sitting and standing inside the bar. At this time, Inspector Tudhope made contact with the owner, Ms. Rodnaya Shanelle Williams, identified by her Maryland Driver's License. Ms. Williams stated that they were having a private party. Inspector Tudhope informed Ms. Williams that the establishment was not permitted to stay open and operating past 10:00pm, as it states on the establishment's liquor license. Inspector Tudhope informed Ms. Williams that she would be issued a violation for operating past 10:00pm and was instructed to close the establishment for the night. Inspectors left without further incident.

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members observed the business open and operating with approximately 5 customers seated at the bar drinking. Inspector Tudhope made contact with the bartender, Ms. Chanel Denise Cooley, as identified by her Maryland Driver's License. Inspector Tudhope informed Ms. Cooley that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00pm as stated on their liquor license. At this time, a male seated at the bar stated that they were all employees of the establishment. Upon hearing this information, Inspector Tudhope requested that Ms. Cooley provide her with employee records to verify that statement. The same male individual then instructed Ms. Cooley that she did not have to provide inspectors with any employee records and that they will give them only when the courts made them and that BLLC inspectors did not have the right to ask for this information and that they were harassing them. Inspector Tudhope then instructed Ms. Cooley that failure to provide employee records for her inspection would result in another violation. Ms. Cooley then stated that the individual instructing her was the bar manager and in charge and that she did not know where the employee records were kept as she was just the bartender. At this time, Inspector Tudhope issued a violation and instructed the establishment to close. Throughout the duration of this SCTF visit, it was observed that numerous customers were attempting to enter the establishment. The SCTF then left without further incident. Upon subsequent and further investigation, it was determined that the manager that evening was identified as Mr. Darnell Lessane from previous violations.

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Violation of Rule 3.02 – Cooperation – November 18, 2022 – On November 18, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan along with the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) consisting of the Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice), Baltimore City Fire Marshal, Baltimore Housing inspectors and Baltimore City Health Department conducted an inspection at the establishment. Upon entry, BLLC Inspectors and SCTF members observed the business open and operating with approximately 5 customers seated at the bar drinking. Inspector Tudhope made contact with the bartender, Ms. Chanel Denise Cooley, as identified by her Maryland Driver's License. Inspector Tudhope informed Ms. Cooley that the establishment was not permitted to be open and operating past 10:00pm as stated on their liquor license. At this time, a male seated at the bar stated that they were all employees of the establishment. Upon hearing this information, Inspector Tudhope requested that Ms. Cooley provide her with employee records to verify that statement. The same male individual then instructed Ms. Cooley that she did not have to provide inspectors with any employee records and that they will give them only when the courts made them and that BLLC inspectors did not have the right to ask for this information and that they were harassing them. Inspector Tudhope then instructed Ms. Cooley that failure to provide employee records for her inspection would result in another violation. Ms. Cooley then stated that the individual instructing her was the bar manager and in charge and that she did not know where the employee records were kept as she was just the bartender. At this time, Inspector Tudhope issued a violation and instructed the establishment to close. Throughout the duration of this SCTF visit, it was observed that numerous customers were attempting to enter the establishment. The SCTF then left without further incident. Upon subsequent and further investigation, it was determined that the manager that evening was identified as Mr. Darnell Lessane from previous violations.

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scope of the limited hours of 9:00am to 10:00pm under the prohibitions of HB954. At approximately 10:10pm, Inspectors Jordan and Tudhope began making observations of the exterior and reported observing a couple walk into the establishment but never saw them leave the establishment during their observations. Agent Perez arrived at the establishment at approximately 10:30pm and clearly could hear music playing at a low volume level. In addition to music playing, the interior and exterior lights were observed to be on and people inside the establishment could be heard chatting. BLLC Inspectors attempted to gain entry at approximately 10:35pm but were unsuccessful in entering. BLLC Inspectors departed the establishment at approximately 10:40pm with nothing further to report.

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- 2. Brain Lawrence, The Avenue K&B, LLC, T/a The Avenue Kitchen and Bar, 911 W. 36th Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.17 – Storage – November 25, 2022** – On November 25, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Agent Darryl Clark arrived at the establishment to find a table set up with coffee and tea and bottles of liquor that were displayed on the sidewalk in front of the establishment, outside of the premises. The Agent met with General Manager Ali Sahin and explained to him and staff that they cannot do that unless they have an extension of the premises for the use of alcohol. Upon inspection, the manager could not produce a valid Trader’s License. Agent Clark issued a violation for the storage of the alcohol outside the premises and gave them 7-10 business days to obtain a valid 2022 Trader’s License. Manager removed the table with the departure of the Agent. Agent left the establishment without further incident.

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 3.06(b) – Signs and Hours of Operations (Liquor License) – December 2, 2022** – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (“SCTF”) that included members of the Baltimore Police Department (“BPD”) Vice Unit (“BPD Vice”), the Department of Housing and Community Development (“Housing”), the Baltimore City Health Department (“Health”) and the Baltimore City Fire Department (“Fire”) conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class “B” Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire issued numerous code violations and that Health ordered the establishment closed immediately for “general unsanitary conditions.” The SCTF left the establishment once it was cleared of all patrons and the establishment closed without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.08(a) – Sanitation and Safety (Unsanitary Kitchen) – December 2, 2022 – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (“SCTF”) that included members of the Baltimore Police Department (“BPD”) Vice Unit (“BPD Vice”), the Department of Housing and Community Development (“Housing”), the Baltimore City Health Department (“Health”) and the Baltimore City Fire Department (“Fire”) conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the

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Violation of Rule 3.09(b) – Rest Room Facilities and Health Regulations (Health License) – December 2, 2022 – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class "B" Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire issued numerous code violations and that Health ordered the establishment closed immediately for "general unsanitary conditions." The SCTF left the establishment once it was cleared of all patrons and the establishment closed without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Clean Indoor Air Act) – December 2, 2022 – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the

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Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Open Flame) – December 2, 2022 – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners ("BLLC") Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force ("SCTF") that included members of the Baltimore Police Department ("BPD") Vice Unit ("BPD Vice"), the Department of Housing and Community Development ("Housing"), the Baltimore City Health Department ("Health") and the Baltimore City Fire Department ("Fire") conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class "B" Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire issued numerous code violations and that Health ordered the establishment closed immediately for "general unsanitary conditions." The SCTF left the establishment once it was cleared of all patrons and the establishment closed without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.20(b) – Prohibited Activities by License Type: Class B Licenses:

Functional Kitchen – December 2, 2022 – On December 2, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Rosalba Jordan, Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis, and Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (“SCTF”) that included members of the Baltimore Police Department (“BPD”) Vice Unit (“BPD Vice”), the Department of Housing and Community Development (“Housing”), the Baltimore City Health Department (“Health”) and the Baltimore City Fire Department (“Fire”) conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. At approximately 11:45pm, the SCTF arrived at the establishment and observed two (2) females enter the establishment using the door on South Eutaw Street. However, when the SCTF attempted to enter using that same door, it was locked. SCTF was able to enter the establishment using the door on West Lombard Street where security guards were posted without any problems. Upon entry, the SCTF observed the bar located on the first floor as not operating, so the SCTF made its way to the second floor where they observed a strong odor of smoke. On the second floor, SCTF observed people smoking charcoal hookah and cigarettes. SCTF made its way into the kitchen also located on the second floor and discovered it to be in a non-functional condition. It appeared to the SCTF that the kitchen was being used for hookah preparation, as it was filled with mostly hookah paraphernalia, which can be observed in the attached photographs. At the conclusion of the physical inspection, SCTF conducted a check of the business records and it was discovered that the establishment was not displaying, nor was anyone able to present a valid Liquor License or Health License to SCTF Members. SCTF spoke to the owner, Mr. Worku, that he had renewed his liquor license but that he had failed to pick it up from BLLC offices, a fact later confirmed by Inspector Jordan. BLLC Inspectors issued violations for failing to display a current liquor license on premises and for the prohibited activity of a Class “B” Restaurant License failing to have a functional kitchen as required by their license class. Inspector Jordan also observed that Fire issued numerous code violations and that Health ordered the establishment closed immediately for “general unsanitary conditions.” The SCTF left the establishment once it was cleared of all patrons and the establishment closed without further incident.

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around. Inspector Tudhope started to count and counted approximately 120 people excluding the staff and the room to the side where she estimated approximately 20 more people were, though Inspector Tudhope was unable to make it over to that area to do an exact count. Inspector Tudhope exited the building and asked security to get her a manager. The Manager, a Mr. Ben Pratt, made contact with Inspector Tudhope outside and Inspector Tudhope requested he produce the Liquor License and the Fire Permit to verify the capacity. Mr. Pratt suggested they go through the side door as it would be easier to get upstairs. Upon review of fire permit, the establishment's capacity was 90 people on the 1st floor and 60 people on the 2nd floor. Inspector Tudhope took a quick count on the second floor and found there to be approximately 60 people. During the time of the inspection, Mr. Pratt instructed security to not allow anyone in and the establishment had tried to get their numbers on the 1st floor in compliance. Inspector Tudhope informed Mr. Pratt they would be receiving a violation for being over capacity. Inspector Tudhope then left the establishment without further incident.

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