

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 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 (180-day Hardship Requests):

- 1. Erika Robinson, Epic Lounge Bar Cutrate, LLC, T/a Epic Lounge Bar & Cutrate, 2711 E. Fayette Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202 and 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.**
- 2. Min Sik Haberkam (SS) and Change K. Yim, Linden Bar & Liquors, Inc., T/a Linden Bar & Liquors, 904-08 W. North Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**

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

- 3. Young Yim and Kyle Skinner, CNY Enterprise, LLC, T/a Mt. Vernon Liquor, 815-17 N. Charles Street – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).**
- 4. Bryan Kevin McGlory, 2900 O’Donnell St LL, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 2900 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).**
- 5. Sophia Livaditis, Apla 1, LLC, T/a Maria D’s, 1016 Light Street – Class “D” Beer & Wine License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).**
- 6. Rachel Taft, Feed the Scene Foundation, Inc., T/a Sidebar, 218-20 E. Lexington Street – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).**
- 7. Terry M. Jefferson and Cameron Jefferson, City Escape, LLC, T/a City Escape Bar & Lounge, 2213-15 Kirk Avenue – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).**

III. Violations:

- 1. Matthew Lasiniski, Acrostic Enterprises, Inc., T/a Southern Provisions, 3000-02 O’Donnell Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare –**

January 21, 2023 – On January 21, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Tudhope observed that a 311 compliant #23-00054272 was received for the establishment for Disturbing the Peace/Noise/Loud Music/Front Door Open. Inspector Tudhope responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:56PM. Inspector Tudhope observed that the front door was closed and that music was at an acceptable volume, and observed that the outside area was closed and no outside speakers were on. Inspector Tudhope was returning to her car and heard people screaming and observe people pushing and being shoved out of the front door of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope returned to the front door of the bar and made contact with the security officer. Inspector Tudhope observed the establishment inside and could see that there was a large amount of people right up to the front door. Inspector Tudhope asked security how many people were inside and he stated it was around 83 people downstairs and 30 people upstairs. Inspector Tudhope asked what the capacity was and the security person stated that it was 90 downstairs and 30 upstairs. Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment to get a head count as it appeared to her that there were significantly more than 83 patrons inside on the first floor. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope was unable to make it to the bar area as there was no room to walk and patrons were shoulder to shoulder trying to move 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.

Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct – January 21, 2023 – On January 21, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (“BLLC”) Inspector Tudhope observed that a 311 compliant #23-00054272 was received for the establishment for Disturbing the Peace/Noise/Loud Music/Front Door Open. Inspector Tudhope responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 11:56PM. Inspector Tudhope observed that the front door was closed and that music was at an acceptable volume, and observed that the outside area was closed and no outside speakers were on. Inspector Tudhope was returning to her car and heard people screaming and observe people pushing and being shoved out of the front door of the establishment. Inspector Tudhope returned to the front door of the bar and made contact with the security officer. Inspector Tudhope observed the establishment inside and could see that there was a large amount of people right up to the front door. Inspector Tudhope asked security how many people were inside and he stated it was around 83 people downstairs and 30 people upstairs. Inspector Tudhope asked what the capacity was and the security person stated that it was 90 downstairs and 30 upstairs. Inspector Tudhope entered the establishment to get a head count as it appeared to her that there were significantly more than 83 patrons inside on the first floor. Upon entering, Inspector Tudhope was unable to make it to the bar area as there was no room to walk and patrons were shoulder to shoulder trying to move around. Inspector Tudhope started to count and counted approximately

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2. **Brian 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. **Jordan Ian Bass and Christian Hall, MD J3 D Entertainment, LLC, T/a Larry Flynt's Hustler Club, 18 Custom House Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License and Class "AE" Adult Entertainment License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – January 27, 2023** – On January 27, 2023, Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Officers Rienzi Walker, Jr., Menachem Rosenbloom, and Seakou-Thomas responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting around approximately 1:36am. According to Officer Walker, upon arrival, BPD officers made their way up to the second floor of the establishment where they located a male victim with one single gunshot to the right leg. The victim's garments were cut off, and a tourniquet was applied to the wounded leg. The victim was identified as DeAngelo Cortell Moore. A medic was requested and was dispatched to the scene. Mr. Moore was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital in stable condition. Crime Lab Tech Davis Unit #5831 responded to the location to process the scene. One suspected 9mm shell casing was recovered on the scene, which was submitted to ECU by Tech Davis. Regarding this incident District Detective Unit (DDU) Detective Puello and Sgt. Fasson interviewed one of the club workers, Vincent Mims, who stated that his co-worker Tyra Stanton who works as a waitress for the club, just before the shooting incident, was inside the VIP room dancing with a customer. Mr. Mims stated that he asked the customer why he was in the VIP room and advised him of the fee for the room. Additionally, Mr. Mims noted that the customer said he was not paying for the room. Mr. Mims reported that he told the customer he would have to leave if he was not paying for the service. Mr. Mims said that while talking to Tyra inside the VIP room, he heard a loud bang. He then went outside and saw Mr. Moore on the ground. Mr. Mims said that he saw a suspect running down the stairs, and he then chased after him tackling him to the ground. Mr. Mims said another co-worker named Michael Williams assisted him while wrestling with the subject

on the floor. Mr. Mims advised that the suspect dropped the gun and ran down the steps. Mr. Mims stated that when he went to try to retrieve the weapon, it was gone. Mr. Mims advised that he needed to find out who had taken the gun and stated that when the suspect ran, he dropped the gun. During this incident, Mr. Mims noted that the suspect bit him on his elbow. Mr. Mims was offered medical treatment, which he declined. Crime Lab Tech Davis did a swab of Mr. Mims elbow for any potential DNA. Mr. Mims advised that the suspect was sitting at a bar at approximately 11:30pm before this incident occurred. There was a slightly cream color marijuana wrapper containing suspected marijuana that was left in the spot where the suspect sat just before the incident. In reference to the incident, a small bag of suspected marijuana was found in Mr. Moore's jacket pocket. Accordingly, Officer Rienzi submitted the alleged marijuana mentioned above to the evidence Control Unit under properties #4905554 and #4905556.

Officer Menachem Rosenbloom arrived on scene at the establishment, around 1:34am. Upon arrival, he located the victim, Mr. DeAngelo Moore, lying down on the third floor. He helped cut off the victim's clothing and then identified witnesses at the scene. Mr. Michael Williams, identified as the General Manager of the club, stated that he heard a "pop" and saw the suspect run down the stairs. Mr. Williams stated that he observed Mr. Vincent Mims run after him. Mr. Williams stated that he ran after the pair and help apprehend the suspect. Mr. Williams stated that he observed Mr. Mims wrestle the gun from the suspect's grasp. The suspect then left the club from the VIP entrance on Custom House Street. Mr. Mims and Mr. Darius Powell stated that they had entered the VIP room on the third floor since the suspect out of the room. He then heard a noise and saw the suspect run. Mr. Mims stated that he then chased after the suspect and tackled him by the VIP door on the lower level. Mr. Mims and Powell stated that they did not know the suspect personally. Mr. Mims stated that he tried to restrain the suspect in the club but the suspect broke out of his grasp and left out of the Custom House Street exit. This charge is being brought for the discharging of a firearm within the licensed premises and the wounding of a patron therein.

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Violation of Adult Entertainment Rule 3.18(a)(2) – Illegal Conduct and Codes Compliance – January 27, 2023 – On January 27, 2023, Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Officers Rienzi Walker, Jr., Menachem Rosenbloom, and Seakou-Thomas responded to the establishment for a report of a shooting around approximately 1:36am. According to Officer Walker, upon arrival, BPD officers made their way up to the second floor of the establishment where they located a male victim with one single gunshot to the right leg. The victim's garments were cut off, and a tourniquet was applied to the wounded leg. The victim was identified as DeAngelo Cortell Moore. A medic was requested and was dispatched to the scene. Mr. Moore was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital in stable condition. Crime Lab Tech Davis Unit #5831 responded to the location to process the scene. One suspected 9mm shell casing was recovered on the scene, which was submitted to ECU by Tech Davis. Regarding this incident District Detective Unit (DDU) Detective Puello and Sgt. Fasson interviewed one of the club workers, Vincent Mims, who stated that his co-worker Tyra Stanton who works as a waitress for the club, just before the shooting incident, was inside the VIP room dancing with a customer. Mr. Mims stated that he asked the customer why he was in the VIP room and advised him of the fee for the room. Additionally, Mr. Mims noted that the customer said he was not paying for the room. Mr. Mims reported that he told the customer he would have to leave if he was not paying for the service. Mr. Mims said that while talking to Tyra inside the VIP room, he heard a loud bang. He then went outside and saw Mr. Moore on the ground. Mr. Mims said that he saw a suspect running down the stairs, and he then chased after him tackling him to

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- 4. Claudia Castro and Diana Rodriguez, Wendy's Bar, Inc., T/a Byzantio Café Bar, 4616-18 Eastern Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Over Capacity) – Building, Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City Section 108 Maintenance {As in IFC} (IFC 108.6) – January 27, 2023 –** On January 27, 2023, at approximately 10:00pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan along with the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) consisting of several other City agencies conducted an inspection at the establishment. SCTF attempted to enter the establishment on the Eastern Avenue side, but found the front door locked and not in use. SCTF then walked to the side door on the Newkirk Street side and observed the establishment open and operating with approximately 66 people inside. Inspector Tudhope observed that there was a disc jockey playing music from a booth. SCTF made contact with a female individual who stated she was the owner, Ms. Claudia Castro Cardona, as verified by her Maryland driver's license. Upon review of the establishments various licenses, Inspector Tudhope determined that the maximum fire rated capacity was 40 persons and that the establishment was not authorized for live entertainment. Inspector Tudhope advised Ms. Cardona that she would receive violations for being over capacity, having live entertainment, and for having an exit being locked. SCTF left establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Exit Door) – Building Fire, and Related Codes of Baltimore City Chapter 10 Means of Egress {As in IFC} (IFC 1031.2 – Reliability of Egress) – January 27, 2023 – On January 27, 2023, at approximately 10:00pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan along with the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) consisting of several other City agencies conducted an inspection at the establishment. SCTF attempted to enter the establishment on the Eastern Avenue side, but found the front door locked and not in use. SCTF then walked to the side door on the Newkirk Street side and observed the establishment open and operating with approximately 66 people inside. Inspector Tudhope observed that there was a disc jockey playing music from a booth. SCTF made contact with a female individual who stated she was the owner, Ms. Claudia Castro Cardona, as verified by her Maryland driver's license. Upon review of the establishments various licenses, Inspector Tudhope determined that the maximum fire rated capacity was 40 persons and that the establishment was not authorized for live entertainment. Inspector Tudhope advised Ms. Cardona that she would receive violations for being over capacity, having live entertainment, and for having an exit being locked. SCTF left establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.14(a) – Live Entertainment without Authorization – January 27, 2023 – On January 27, 2023, at approximately 10:00pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Rosalba Jordan along with the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) consisting of several other City agencies conducted an inspection at the establishment. SCTF attempted to enter the establishment on the Eastern Avenue side, but found the front door locked and not in use. SCTF then walked to the side door on the Newkirk Street side and observed the establishment open and operating with approximately 66 people inside. Inspector Tudhope observed that there was a disc jockey playing music from a booth. SCTF made contact with a female individual who stated she was the owner, Ms. Claudia Castro Cardona, as verified by her Maryland driver's license. Upon review of the establishments various licenses, Inspector Tudhope determined that the maximum fire rated capacity was 40 persons and that the establishment was not authorized for live entertainment. Inspector Tudhope advised Ms. Cardona that she would receive violations for being over capacity, having live entertainment, and for having an exit being locked. SCTF left establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – March 4, 2023 – On March 4, 2023, at approximately 10:50pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Andy Perez received a call from Chief Inspector Chrissomallis instructing him to immediately respond to the establishment. At approximately 11:05pm, Agent Perez arrived at the establishment and observed a crime scene cordoned off by the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) between the 4600 and 4700 blocks of Eastern Avenue and the 400 block of South Newkirk Street. While at the scene, Agent Perez met Chief Chrissomallis who informed him that an altercation between a bar patron and an unknown individual had occurred just a few steps from the bar's side door facing South Newkirk Street. The victim had apparently sustained a large cut to his forearm. A blood trail was also observed at this location. Agent Perez interviewed the licensee, Ms. Claudia Castro regarding the incident and she informed Agent Perez that she was not present at the establishment at the time the incident occurred and had arrived at the establishment moments after it occurred. The information provide to her by her staff was that the two parties involved had a verbal argument inside the establishment and that the suspect had left the premises prior to the victim leaving. Short moments later, the victim stepped outside and that's when the incident occurred. Agent Perez further asked if she would be willing to provide video camera footage to BPD detectives for their investigation, and she

stated that she was already doing so. Agent Perez further asked Ms. Castro if her security staff were employees of the establishment or if they were a third party contractor security company. Ms. Castro stated that they were services contracted from Halal Protective Services LLC. A copy of the agreement and security plan was obtained and provided to Chief Chrissomallis for review.

While processing the crime scene, BPD detectives found 3 shell casings within the 400 block of South Newkirk Street. Video footage reviewed from a nearby business shows that at approximately 6:25pm, a red Dodge pickup truck drove past the establishment. The driver of the red Dodge pickup truck pointed a handgun out of the front driver window towards the two security bouncers working at the establishment. The gun could be seen firing. However, no one was struck. The incident is believed to be isolated from the cutting incident explained above and no motive or information was provided to Agent Perez during the course of this investigation. During the investigation, Agent Perez determined that no security bouncer, employee or manager of the establishment reported either of the violent incidents to BPD. At approximately 12:00am, BPD and BLLC inspectors left the scene with nothing further to report. This violation is for the failure of the establishment to report the incidents of violence to the appropriate authorities.

- 5. Edwin Aguilar and Solomon Weldekirstos, O’Ryan, LLC, T/a O’Ryan’s Pub, 53-55 S. Kresson Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.18(a) – Alterations – March 10, 2023** – On March 10, 2023, at approximately 11:25pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed that a wall dividing the bar area and lounge/pool room had been removed expanding the bar area. Inspector Tudhope subsequently (on March 23, 2023) reviewed the file for this establishment and confirmed that no requests for alterations of the bar area were made or approved by the BLLC. Additionally, on the night of the SCTF visit to the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed several charcoal lit hookahs were in use, and a dedicated individual was set up as a disc jockey with laptop, soundboards and a microphone. As a result of the SCTF inspections, the Fire Marshal issued a notice for an expired fire permit, locked egress door, and charcoal lit hookah. The Housing inspector issued a notice for unauthorized live entertainment, indoor smoking, and is investigating whether any permits were required to have been pulled for the construction and alterations done on the premises. All issues found by all agencies were explained to the manager on duty, Ms. Karen Bonilla.

Violation of Rule 4.16 – Illegal Conduct (Charcoal Hookah) – March 10, 2023 – On March 10, 2023, at approximately 11:25pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed that a wall dividing the bar area and lounge/pool room had been removed expanding the bar area. Inspector Tudhope subsequently (on March 23, 2023) reviewed the file for this establishment and confirmed that no requests for alterations of the bar area were made or approved by the BLLC. Additionally, on the night of the SCTF visit to the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed several charcoal lit hookahs were in use, and a dedicated individual was set up as a disc jockey with laptop, soundboards and a microphone. As a result of the SCTF inspections, the Fire Marshal issued a notice for an expired fire permit, locked egress door, and charcoal lit hookah. The Housing inspector issued a notice for unauthorized live entertainment, indoor smoking, and is investigating whether any permits were required to have been pulled for the construction and alterations done

on the premises. All issues found by all agencies were explained to the manager on duty, Ms. Karen Bonilla.

Violation of Rule 4.14(a) – Live Entertainment without Authorization – March 10, 2023 – On March 10, 2023, at approximately 11:25pm, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Social Club Task Force (SCTF) conducted a joint inspection at the establishment. Upon entering the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed that a wall dividing the bar area and lounge/pool room had been removed expanding the bar area. Inspector Tudhope subsequently (on March 23, 2023) reviewed the file for this establishment and confirmed that no requests for alterations of the bar area were made or approved by the BLLC. Additionally, on the night of the SCTF visit to the establishment, Inspector Tudhope observed several charcoal lit hookahs were in use, and a dedicated individual was set up as a disc jockey with laptop, soundboards and a microphone. As a result of the SCTF inspections, the Fire Marshal issued a notice for an expired fire permit, locked egress door, and charcoal lit hookah. The Housing inspector issued a notice for unauthorized live entertainment, indoor smoking, and is investigating whether any permits were required to have been pulled for the construction and alterations done on the premises. All issues found by all agencies were explained to the manager on duty, Ms. Karen Bonilla.

6. **Gustavo A. Alarcon, Gus's Sports Bar, Inc., T/a Gus's Sports Bar, 501 S. Lehigh Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – March 5, 2023** – On March 4, 2023, at approximately 11:45pm, 311 Complaint #23-00159289 was received by Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) staff for alleged disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open at the establishment. Agent Andy Perez responded to the 311 and arrived at the establishment on March 5, 2023, at approximately 12:05am. Upon arriving, Agent Perez began making observations and observed that both the front and side doors of the establishment were closed. After further observations, Agent Perez heard what he believed to be karaoke being performed, which could clearly be heard over half a block away. Agent Perez then entered the establishment and confirmed that karaoke was being performed at the back of the bar. A male individual was observed holding a microphone singing to lyrics displayed on a flat screen television. Also, Agent Perez observed a designated karaoke jockey using a laptop, with soundboards for the purpose of the karaoke activities. After making these observations, Agent Perez proceeded to review the establishment's liquor license and confirmed that it does not have live entertainment. Agent Perez then made contact with the manager/operator of the establishment, Mr. Julio Hernandez, and instructed him to cease all live entertainment activities and to lower the music volume. Agent Perez further advised him of the violations he observed. Agent Perez then departed the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 4.14(a) – Live Entertainment without Authorization – March 5, 2023 – On March 4, 2023, at approximately 11:45pm, 311 Complaint #23-00159289 was received by Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) staff for alleged disturbing the peace/noise/loud music/front door open at the establishment. Agent Andy Perez responded to the 311 and arrived at the establishment on March 5, 2023, at approximately 12:05am. Upon arriving, Agent Perez began making observations and observed that both the front and side doors of the establishment were closed. After further observations, Agent Perez heard what he believed to be karaoke being performed, which could clearly be heard over half a block away. Agent Perez then entered the establishment and confirmed that karaoke was being performed at the back of the bar. A male

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- 7. Christian Leopoldo Rugel and Carlos Navarro Sotelo, Amigos Bar, Inc., T/a Amigos Bar, 400 S. Eaton Street – Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) – Prohibited Hours – February 17, 2023** – On February 17, 2023, at approximately 2:13am, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was notified by a patrolmen in the sector of the City where the establishment is located that a 911 call had been received by BPD for the establishment, and could Chief Chrissomallis respond to the location with the officer. Chief Chrissomallis and the officer arrived at the establishment at approximately 2:20am, and could hear music and people inside the establishment. The front door and the side door were both locked. Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officer knocked loudly and identified themselves as BPD and BLLC. Chief Chrissomallis heard the music shut off and could hear bottles being thrown in the trash and he could also hear what sounded like individuals running up a staircase. Approximately 5 minutes after they commenced knocking on the door, the door opened. Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officer entered the establishment and observed several beers on the bar and approximately 10 males and 2 females inside, one being Mrs. Maria Elena Menjuvar Rivera, identified by her passport, who stated that she was the manager. Chief Chrissomallis inquired as to why the establishment was opened well after 2am, when the license only goes until 1am, and did not receive a response. Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officer then called in a BPD translator over the telephone, and Chief Chrissomallis asked that the manager get the people who ran upstairs so that he could ensure they exit the building, and he was responded by the manager that there was no one upstairs. Chief Chrissomallis determined that his goal was to insure that everyone needed to safely exit the establishment, he told Mrs. Menjuvar Rivera that he would be issuing her a violation for operating after hours, but that he would only give her a warning for cooperation for not opening the door and a warning for false statement for lying about the individuals upstairs and a warning for locked doors if she agreed to go get the individuals from the upper level and have them exit. The manager agreed and went upstairs. Approximately 10 females came downstairs and exited the establishment. When BPD and BLLC then left the location, there was only the manger and 2 employees left inside. Chief Chrissomallis exited without further incident.

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8. **Mary E. Episcopo-McFaul and Linda McFaul, Ropewalk, Inc., T/a Ropewalk "A Federal Hill Tavern & Seafood Co.", 1209 S. Charles Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – February 24, 2023** – On February 24, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Kenyatta Washington responded to Ropewalk Tavern in response to 311 complaint #23-00140234 for loud music/door open. Inspector Washington arrived at approximately 10:24pm and stood on the side of the establishment in Ropewalk alleyway and could hear music and bass well above an acceptable level. Inspector Washington made contact with management, Linda McFaul, the licensee, and she was made aware of the complaint. The music was lowered and a violation was issued to the establishment.
9. **Angelo Woods, Pat Chase Private Clubhouse, Inc., T/a Patchase, 1101 N. Patterson Park Avenue – Class "C" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(d) – Prohibited Activities by License Type – Class C Licensees: May not be Open to the General Public – February 10, 2023** – On February 10, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Rosalba Jordan and Cindy Tudhope along with members of the Baltimore City Social Club Task Force (SCTF) including several other City agencies conducted a joint investigation of the establishment. At approximately 9:50pm, the SCTF arrived and conducted a general inspection of the establishment and business records. The establishment was unable to produce a Trader's License, Health Permit, or records for purchases of alcoholic beverages. The establishment was found to be open to the general public and failed to present a daily sign in sheet or membership log. Inspector Jordan notes that on November 4, 2022, she issued a warning to the establishment for failing to provide her with the abovementioned documents upon her request. An inspection of the establishment further determined that the establishment did not have hot water or a three compartment sink. Inspector Jordan spoke to Mr. Carlos Moultrie and presented him with a violation. In addition, the establishment was also issued a violation by the Fire and Health departments. The SCTF then left the establishment without further incident.