

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 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. Rules & Regulations Announcement:

1. MD Code, Alc. Bev. Art. 12-210(d) requires the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City ("Board") to review its regulations to ensure that the regulations comply with the current policies and practices of the Board; and federal, State, and local law. The Board is hereby announcing its publication of its proposed 2023 Rules and Regulations, and formally opening the period for at least 30 days for public comment as required by MD Code, Alc. Bev. Art. 12-210(b)(1). Upon receipt and review of the comments regarding the proposed Rules and Regulations, the Board will make a determination as to the final version of its proposed rules and regulations to be adopted at a future hearing of the Board.

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

1. **Ramesh N. Rampersad, Jermaine A. Dillard, and Kareen A. Hill, La Mi Amore, LLC, T/a La Mi Amore, 518 N. Charles 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 §12-903(c)(2)(i) requiring \$500,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities, 51% of food sales, and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people but not more than 150 individuals, requesting live entertainment, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
2. ~~Jeffrey Miskiri and Kevin Satia Watng Nanji, Miss Toya's Creole House Northwood, LLC T/a Miss Toya's Creole House, 1500 Havenwood Road k/a 1532-34 Havenwood Road, Suite B-170 – 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)(1)(ii) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people, requesting live entertainment and outdoor table service. POSTPONED~~
3. ~~Ashu Sharma and Harinder Kumar, Khushi Kumar, Inc., T/a Tambers, 3327 St. Paul Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership. POSTPONED~~
4. **Elisa Waller and Dasola Ekuwseitan, The Empanada Lady, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 10 South Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting live entertainment, off-premises catering, and delivery of alcoholic beverages.**

III. Regular Items (180-day Hardship Requests):

5. **Veronica McDowell (SS), Club International, LLC, T/a Club International, 2301 W. Baltimore Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.
6. **Michael Cavanagh, The Arcade X, LLC, T/a Mulberry, 26 S. Arlington Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.

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

7. **Blanca Pesquera and Bijou Penland, New Ecstasy Bar & Restaurant, LLC, T/a My Cousin’s Place, 3925-27 E. Lombard Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).

V. Violations:

1. **Maryann Durst, Concetta Scotto-Sheffert, and Christopher Sheffert, City Line Food, Inc., T/a City Line Bar & Grill, 6506-10 Belair Road** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare (Assault on Premises) – April 10, 2023** – On April 9, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty. At approximately 11:40pm, the Citywide dispatcher called over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice). Chief Chrissomallis answered the radio and communicated with a patrol officer from the Northeast Police District. Said officer provided Chief Chrissomallis a phone number, and the Chief called the officer to get the details of what the issue was. Chief Chrissomallis was informed by BPD Officer Nelson that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. Officer Nelson told Chief Chrissomallis that he believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The officer responded to the call for service and arrived at the establishment and spoke with the owner, Mr. Christopher Sheffert, who refused to share video footage with the police. Chief Chrissomallis notes that this is the second incident of which he is personally aware that Mr. Sheffert refused to share requested evidence with BPD, the other of which was a shooting. Chief Chrissomallis subsequently arrived at the establishment, entered, and spoke to a female, later identified by a Maryland Identification Card as Mrs. Taylor Jamison, who stated to him that Mr. Sheffert was not at the location. The BPD officer on scene stated that he was there the entire time, and that he did not observe Mr. Sheffert leaving the establishment and that Mr. Sheffert’s jeep was still parked outside. Chief Chrissomallis then proceeded up to the 2nd floor where an office is located, and knocked several times on the door. Chief Chrissomallis could hear people inside the office; however, no one unlocked the door to grant him entry. Chief Chrissomallis asked Mrs. Jamison if she had keys to the 2nd floor, since it is part of the licensed premises and he wished to inspect it, and Mrs. Jamison stated she did not have keys. Chief Chrissomallis observed Mrs. Jamison make multiple attempts to make contact with Mr. Sheffert via her phone; however, she stated to Chief Chrissomallis that Mr. Sheffert did not answer. Chief Chrissomallis also attempted to call Mr. Sheffert and no one answered. Chief Chrissomallis attempted to conduct an inspection of the establishment, however no employee records or invoices for alcoholic beverages could be provided to him. Chief Chrissomallis then explained to Mrs. Jamison that he would be

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Violation of Rule 3.02 – Cooperation (Baltimore Police Department) – April 10, 2023 – On April 9, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty. At approximately 11:40pm, the Citywide dispatcher called over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice). Chief Chrissomallis answered the radio and communicated with a patrol officer from the Northeast Police District. Said officer provided Chief Chrissomallis a phone number, and the Chief called the officer to get the details of what the issue was. Chief Chrissomallis was informed by BPD Officer Nelson that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. Officer Nelson told Chief Chrissomallis that he believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The officer responded to the call for service and arrived at the establishment and spoke with the owner, Mr. Christopher Sheffert, who refused to share video footage with the police. Chief Chrissomallis notes that this is the second incident of which he is personally aware that Mr. Sheffert refused to share requested evidence with BPD, the other of which was a shooting. Chief Chrissomallis subsequently arrived at the establishment, entered, and spoke to a female, later identified by a Maryland Identification Card as Mrs. Taylor Jamison, who stated to him that Mr. Sheffert was not at the location. The BPD officer on scene stated that he was there the entire time, and that he did not observe Mr. Sheffert leaving the establishment and that Mr. Sheffert's jeep was still parked outside. Chief Chrissomallis then proceeded up to the 2nd floor where an office is located, and knocked several times on the door. Chief Chrissomallis could hear people inside the office; however, no one unlocked the door to grant him entry. Chief Chrissomallis asked Mrs. Jamison if she had keys to the 2nd floor, since it is part of the licensed premises and he wished to inspect it, and Mrs. Jamison stated she did not have keys. Chief Chrissomallis observed Mrs. Jamison make multiple attempts to make contact with Mr. Sheffert via her phone; however, she stated to Chief Chrissomallis that Mr. Sheffert did not answer. Chief Chrissomallis also attempted to call Mr. Sheffert and no one answered. Chief Chrissomallis attempted to conduct an inspection of the establishment, however no employee records or invoices for alcoholic beverages could be provided to him. Chief Chrissomallis then explained to Mrs. Jamison that he would be issuing her several violations of the Board's rules. Mrs. Jamison was cooperative with Chief Chrissomallis during his interactions with her. Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officer exited the interior of the establishment and were talking to a witness in the parking lot when he witnessed an individual exit the 2nd floor where he had previously knocked several times and could never gain entry. Chief Chrissomallis left the establishment at approximately 12:50am.

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Violation of Rule 3.03(a) – Records (Alcoholic Beverages Purchases) – April 10, 2023 – On April 9, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty. At approximately 11:40pm, the Citywide dispatcher called over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice). Chief Chrissomallis answered the radio and communicated with a patrol officer from the Northeast Police District. Said officer provided Chief Chrissomallis a phone number, and the Chief called the officer to get the details of what the issue was. Chief Chrissomallis was informed by BPD Officer Nelson that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. Officer Nelson told Chief Chrissomallis that he believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The officer responded to the call for service and arrived at the establishment and spoke with the owner, Mr. Christopher Sheffert, who refused to share video footage with the police. Chief Chrissomallis notes that this is the second incident of which he is personally aware that Mr. Sheffert refused to share requested evidence with BPD, the other of which was a shooting. Chief Chrissomallis subsequently arrived at the establishment, entered, and spoke to a female, later identified by a Maryland Identification Card as Mrs. Taylor Jamison, who stated to him that Mr. Sheffert was not at the location. The BPD officer on scene stated that he was there the entire time, and that he did not observe Mr. Sheffert leaving the establishment and that Mr. Sheffert's jeep was still parked outside. Chief Chrissomallis then proceeded up to the 2nd floor where an office is located, and knocked several times on the door. Chief Chrissomallis could hear people inside the office; however, no one unlocked the door to grant him entry. Chief Chrissomallis asked Mrs. Jamison if she had keys to the 2nd floor, since it is part of the licensed premises and he

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Violation of Rule 3.03(b) – Records (Alcoholic Beverages Sales for Licensees Whose Licenses Authorize Consumption on the Licensed Premises) – April 10, 2023 – On April 9, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty. At approximately 11:40pm, the Citywide dispatcher called over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice). Chief Chrissomallis answered the radio and communicated with a patrol officer from the Northeast Police District. Said officer provided Chief Chrissomallis a phone number, and the Chief called the officer to get the details of what the issue was. Chief Chrissomallis was informed by BPD Officer Nelson that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. Officer Nelson told Chief Chrissomallis that he believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The officer responded to the call for service and arrived at the establishment and spoke with the owner, Mr. Christopher Sheffert, who refused to share video footage with the police. Chief Chrissomallis notes that this is the second incident of which he is personally aware that Mr. Sheffert refused to share requested evidence with BPD, the other of which was a shooting. Chief Chrissomallis subsequently arrived at the establishment, entered, and spoke to a female, later identified by a Maryland Identification Card as Mrs. Taylor Jamison, who stated to him that Mr. Sheffert was not at the location. The BPD officer on scene stated that he was there the entire time, and that he did not observe Mr. Sheffert leaving the establishment and that Mr. Sheffert's jeep was still parked outside. Chief Chrissomallis then proceeded up to the 2nd floor where an office is located, and knocked several times on the door. Chief Chrissomallis could hear people inside the office; however, no one unlocked the door to grant him entry. Chief Chrissomallis asked Mrs. Jamison if she had keys to the 2nd floor, since it is part of the licensed premises and he wished to inspect it, and Mrs. Jamison stated she did not have keys. Chief Chrissomallis observed Mrs. Jamison make multiple attempts to make contact with Mr. Sheffert via her phone; however, she stated to Chief Chrissomallis that Mr. Sheffert did not answer. Chief Chrissomallis also attempted to call Mr. Sheffert and no one answered. Chief Chrissomallis attempted to conduct an inspection of the establishment, however no employee records or invoices for alcoholic beverages could be provided to him. Chief Chrissomallis then explained to Mrs. Jamison that he would be issuing her several violations of the Board's rules. Mrs. Jamison was cooperative with Chief Chrissomallis during his interactions with her. Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officer exited the interior of the establishment and were talking to a witness in the parking lot when he witnessed an individual exit the 2nd floor where he had previously knocked several times and could never gain entry. Chief Chrissomallis left the establishment at approximately 12:50am.

Violation of Rule 3.03(c) – Records (Employees) – April 10, 2023 – On April 9, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty. At approximately 11:40pm, the Citywide dispatcher called over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice). Chief Chrissomallis answered the radio and communicated with a patrol officer from the Northeast Police District. Said officer provided Chief Chrissomallis a phone number, and the Chief called the officer to get the details of what the issue was. Chief Chrissomallis was informed by BPD Officer Nelson that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. Officer Nelson told Chief Chrissomallis that he believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The officer responded to the call for service and arrived at the establishment and spoke with the owner, Mr. Christopher Sheffert, who refused to share video footage with the police. Chief Chrissomallis notes that this is the second incident of which he is personally aware that Mr. Sheffert refused to share requested evidence with BPD, the other of which was a shooting. Chief Chrissomallis subsequently arrived at the establishment, entered, and spoke to a female, later identified by a Maryland Identification Card as Mrs. Taylor Jamison, who stated to him that Mr. Sheffert was not at the location. The BPD officer on scene stated that he was there the entire time, and that he did not observe Mr. Sheffert leaving the establishment and that Mr. Sheffert's jeep was still parked outside. Chief Chrissomallis then proceeded up to the 2nd floor where an office is located, and knocked several times on the door. Chief Chrissomallis could hear people inside the office; however, no one unlocked the door to grant him entry. Chief Chrissomallis asked Mrs. Jamison if she had keys to the 2nd floor, since it is part of the licensed premises and he wished to inspect it, and Mrs. Jamison stated she did not have keys. Chief Chrissomallis observed Mrs. Jamison make multiple attempts to make contact with Mr. Sheffert via her phone; however, she stated to Chief Chrissomallis that Mr. Sheffert did not answer. Chief Chrissomallis also attempted to call Mr. Sheffert and no one answered. Chief Chrissomallis attempted to conduct an inspection of the establishment, however no employee records or invoices for alcoholic beverages could be provided to him. Chief Chrissomallis then explained to Mrs. Jamison that he would be issuing her several violations of the Board's rules. Mrs. Jamison was cooperative with Chief Chrissomallis during his interactions with her. Chief Chrissomallis and the BPD officer exited the interior of the establishment and were talking to a witness in the parking lot when he witnessed an individual exit the 2nd floor where he had previously knocked several times and could never gain entry. Chief Chrissomallis left the establishment at approximately 12:50am.

Violation of Rule 3.03(d)(ii) – Records (Proof of Application for Trader's License) – April 10, 2023 – On April 9, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty. At approximately 11:40pm, the Citywide dispatcher called over the police radio asking for a response from either the Liquor Board or Baltimore Police Department Vice Unit (BPD Vice). Chief Chrissomallis answered the radio and communicated with a patrol officer from the Northeast Police District. Said officer provided Chief Chrissomallis a phone number, and the Chief called the officer to get the details of what the issue was. Chief Chrissomallis was informed by BPD Officer Nelson that there was an assault that occurred at the establishment. Officer Nelson told Chief Chrissomallis that he believed the incident started inside the establishment and that a female was assaulted in the parking lot. The officer responded to the call for service and arrived at the establishment and spoke with the owner, Mr. Christopher Sheffert, who refused to share video footage with the police. Chief Chrissomallis notes that this is the second incident of which he is personally aware that Mr. Sheffert refused to share requested evidence with BPD, the other of which was a shooting. Chief Chrissomallis subsequently arrived at

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