

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019 – 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) 396-4380 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. Anil B. Mathur and Lawrence Oliva, Tandav, LLC, T/a Tandav, 1725 E. Lombard 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 and seating capacity for 75 but not more than 150 individuals.
- 2. Eric Van de Castle and Kevin Curley, RegionAle Canton, LLC, T/a RegionAle American Sandwiches, 2400 Boston Street, Suite 120 –** Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-903(c)(2)(i)-(ii) requiring \$500,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities, 51% of food sales, and seating capacity for 75 but not more than 150 individuals, requesting outdoor table service and delivery of alcoholic beverages.
- 3. James Boicourt, Charm City Meadworks, LLC, T/a Charm City Meadworks, 407 E. Preston Street, Suite B –** Class “D” Beer License – Application for a new Class “D” Beer brewery license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §2-207(f)(1)-(2) and Alc. Bev. Art. §1-101(c)(2)(vi)(T) authorizing the Board to grant an on-site consumption permit to an applicant that holds a Class 5 Brewery license, requesting outdoor table service.
- 4. Ernst Valery, David Wendell, and Michael Powell, Ministry of Brewing, LLC, T/a Ministry of Brewing, 1900-20 E. Lombard Street –** Class “D” Beer License – Application for a new Class “D” Beer brewery license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §2-207(e)(i) the Board to grant an on-site consumption permit to an applicant that holds a Class 5 Brewery license, requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.
- 5. Richard Johnson, Forno, LLC, T/a Forno, 17 N. Eutaw Street –** Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service.
- 6. Andrew Lasinski, SF Life, Inc., T/a Blue Agave, 1032 Light Street –** Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service.

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

1. **Steven Stansbury, The One Sports Bar & Lounge, LLC, T/a The One Sports Bar & Lounge, 4314-16 Curtis Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08(b) Sanitation and Safety – March 8, 2019** – At approximately 9:10 PM, members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Housing Department, and BLLC (“taskforce”) entered the location to conduct a routine inspection. At the time of the inspection, manager Oliver Miles was in full control of the establishment. During an inspection conducted by Fire Inspectors Michael Hine and Dennis Dawson discovered that the electrical panel within the establishment had been tampered with allowing the establishment to be powered without the use of an electrical meter. Upon making these observations, Fire Inspectors Hine and Dawson contacted a technician from The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) to conduct an inspection of the premises. The BGE technician arrived on scene and confirmed that the wiring in the electrical panel had been removed and illegally been rewired thus allowing the establishment to receive electrical service without proper monitoring and payment to BGE. Fire Inspectors Hine and Dawson issued a “Cease and Desist” order and closed the establishment.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Illegal Conduct – March 8, 2019 – At approximately 9:10 PM, members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Housing Department, and BLLC (“taskforce”) entered the location to conduct a routine inspection. At the time of the inspection, manager Oliver Miles was in full control of the establishment. During an inspection conducted by Fire Inspectors Michael Hine and Dennis Dawson discovered that the electrical panel within the establishment had been tampered with allowing the establishment to be powered without the use of an electrical meter. Upon making these observations, Fire Inspectors Hine and Dawson contacted a technician from The Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) to conduct an inspection of the premises. The BGE technician arrived on scene and confirmed that the wiring in the electrical panel had been removed and illegally rewired thereby allowing the establishment to receive electrical service without proper monitoring and payment to BGE. Fire Inspectors Hine and Dawson issued a “Cease and Desist” order and closed the establishment.

2. **Ermias Abbai and Almaz Negash, HNY Entertainment, LLC, T/a Charm City Lounge, 407 E. Saratoga Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.08(b) Sanitation and Safety – February 8, 2019** – At approximately 8:30 PM, members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Housing Department, and BLLC (“taskforce”) entered the location to conduct a routine inspection. Also present was Baltimore Gas and Electric Investigator (BGE) Chester Reese. At the time of the inspection, manager Yonas Negash was in full control of the establishment. Upon conducting his inspection, Investigator Reese discovered and removed several meters within the establishment that were not properly assigned to the location. Furthermore, Investigator Reese was able to determine that the location was receiving electrical service without a contract. Upon completing their inspection Fire Inspectors issue violations for a faulty sprinkler system. Health Inspectors also cited the location for having dirty bathrooms. Due to the faulty sprinkler system issue, the Fire Department issued a “Cease and Desist” order to the location and closed the establishment for the evening.

Violation of Rule 4.08(a) Relations with Wholesalers – February 8, 2019 – At approximately 8:30 PM, members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Housing Department, and BLLC (“taskforce”) entered the location to conduct a routine inspection. Also present was Baltimore Gas and Electric Investigator (BGE) Chester Reese. At the time of the inspection, manager Yonas Negash was in full control of the establishment. Upon conducting his inspection, Agent Chrissomallis discovered a case of Hennessey located on-site. Agent Chrissomallis requested invoices for the products he discovered, but Mr. Negash could not provide them. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Negash is also a licensee at 3804 Eastern Avenue t/a Bayview Liquors. Upon looking at the box of Hennessey, Agent Chrissomallis observed a bar code indicating that the alcoholic beverages were initially sold to Bayview Liquors by a wholesaler. When questioned as to the reason why the case of Hennessey was located at the establishment, Mr. Negash stated he was only storing it at the location and his intent was to bring the case of Hennessey home for personal use.

Violation of Rule 4.17 Storage – February 8, 2019 – At approximately 8:30 PM, members of the Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, Housing Department, and BLLC (“taskforce”) entered the location to conduct a routine inspection. Also present was Baltimore Gas and Electric Investigator (BGE) Chester Reese. At the time of the inspection, manager Yonas Negash was in full control of the establishment. Upon conducting his inspection, Agent Chrissomallis discovered a case of Hennessey located on-site. Agent Chrissomallis requested invoices for the products he discovered, but Mr. Negash could not provide them. Further investigation revealed that Mr. Negash is also a licensee at 3804 Eastern Avenue t/a Bayview Liquors. Upon looking at the box of Hennessey, Agent Chrissomallis observed a bar code indicating that the alcoholic beverages were initially sold to Bayview Liquors by a wholesaler. When questioned as to the reason why the case of Hennessey was located at the establishment, Mr. Negash stated he was only storing it at the location and his intent was to bring the case of Hennessey home for personal use.

3. **Yonas Negash, Negash, Inc., T/a Bayview Liquors & Upper Level Lounge, 3804 Eastern Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 9, 2019** – At approximately 11:45 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Jaziel Montanez, who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Montanez entered the establishment and ordered a 12-ounce bottle of “Corona” beer. The beverage was furnished to Montanez by bartender Ms. Michaela Rivas with the understanding that Montanez would pay for the alcoholic beverage before leaving the establishment. Montanez then communicated to the task force that he been furnished an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Rivas and Ms. Bethlehem, the bartender of the establishment, that an alcoholic beverage(s) had just been furnished to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC.

Violation of Rule 3.03(c) Employee Records – April 9, 2019 – At approximately 11:45 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. After determining that the establishment had sold an alcoholic beverage(s) to a minor, members of the task force entered the establishment to finish their investigation. At this time, Agent Chrissomallis

of the BLLC requested to review the employee records from the establishment's staff. The employees on premise could not provide a copies of employee records to Agent Chrissomallis at the time of his request.

4. **Leonard J. Popa, Club 438, Inc., T/a Sooner's Tavern, 1600 Hazel Street – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 9, 2019** – At approximately 9:00 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadets Nolan Klado and Jaziel Montanez, who are both under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Klado and Montanez entered the establishment and each ordered a "Corona" beer from Ms. Shantel Jones, the bartender on duty. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Klado and Montanez purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Klado then communicated to the task force that he been furnished an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Jones that an alcoholic beverage(s) had just been purchased by a minor. The departmental \$20 bill was recovered and members of the joint taskforce informed Ms. Jones that this incident would be reported to the BLLC.
5. **Dickson Boateng and Joseph Harvey, Achama, LLC, T/a The Point, 525-29 E. Patapsco Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – April 9, 2019** – At approximately 9:25 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadets Nolan Klado and Jaziel Montanez, who are both under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Klado and Montanez entered the establishment and each ordered a "Corona" beer from Ms. Jeanette Smith, the bartender on duty. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Klado and Montanez purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Klado then communicated to the task force that he been furnished an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Ms. Smith that an alcoholic beverage(s) had just been purchased by a minor. The departmental \$20 bill was recovered and members of the joint taskforce informed Ms. Smith that this incident would be reported to the BLLC.
6. **Kanchanben Patel and Nancy Whitney, Belvedere Liquors, Inc., T/a Belvedere Plaza Liquors, 5658 The Alameda – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – May 7, 2019** – At approximately 9:10 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Tyrell Allender who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Allender entered the establishment and each ordered a 200 ml bottle of "Peach Amsterdam" Vodka from Mr. Haresh Patel, the bartender/storeclerk on duty. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Allender purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Allender then communicated to the task force that he been furnished an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Mr. Patel that an alcoholic beverage(s) had just been purchased by a minor. The departmental \$20 bill was recovered and members of the joint taskforce informed Mr. Patel that this incident would be reported to the BLLC.

7. **Hak Jun Lee and Roosevelt Tyler, Lee L & M, Inc., T/a L & M Liquors, 1148 E. North Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Sales to Minors – May 7, 2019**
– At approximately 9:50 PM, the Baltimore City Police Department and the BLLC conducted random, joint investigations of establishments to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. The joint task force responded to the establishment and sent Baltimore City Police Cadet Kameron Snead who is under the age of 21, into the establishment to attempt to purchase an alcoholic beverage(s). At that time, Snead entered the establishment and each ordered a 375 ml bottle of “Peach Amsterdam” Vodka from Ms. Hak Kyong Lee, the bartender/store clerk on duty. Utilizing a departmental \$20 bill, Snead purchased the alcoholic beverage(s). Snead then communicated to the task force that he been furnished an alcoholic beverage(s). Members of the task force entered the establishment and notified Mr. Hak Jun Lee that an alcoholic beverage(s) had just been sold to a minor by Ms. Hak Kyong Lee. The departmental \$20 bill was recovered and members of the joint taskforce informed Mr. Lee that this incident would be reported to the BLLC.