

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JULY 27, 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. Joe Kome Ikede and Jose Angel Pulido-Amaya, Cubanna’s Baltimore, LLC, T/a Cubanna’s, 6510 Frankford Avenue – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(c)(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 delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
- 2. Nadire Duru, Ovenbird-Gough Street, LLC, T/a Ovenbird Bakery, 3925 Gough Street, Suite 2 – 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 outdoor table service and off-premises catering.**
- ~~3. Steven Wayne Groenke, M8 Spring Garden, LLC, T/a M8 Beer, 175 W. Ostend 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 outdoor table service and off-premises catering. POSTPONED~~**
- 4. Sheldon Gill and Kirby-Jay John, Caribbean Dynasty, LLC, T/a Caribbean Dynasty, 647 W. Pratt Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1603(c)(1)(ii) requiring \$200,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people, requesting off-premises catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
- 5. Kathleen Dombrowski and Debra Jacobson, Study Baltimore Operating, LLC T/a The Study at Johns Hopkins, 3215 N. Charles Street – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor Hotel-Motel License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine and Liquor Hotel-Motel license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-904(c) which allows the Board to issue a license for use by a Hotel or Motel that has: (1) a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals for at least 125 individuals at one seating; (2) at least 100 rooms for the accommodation of the public; and (3) a capital investment of \$500,000, requesting live entertainment, outdoor table service, and off-premises catering.**

6. **Sagar Poudel and Joseph Tavone McDonald, TBS Lake View, LLC T/a Irvington Cut Rate Liquors, 4100 Frederick Avenue** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.

~~7. **Montree Wongchalee, The Dara of Baltimore, LLC T/a The Dara, 906 S. Wolfe Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting outdoor table service, off-premises catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages. **POSTPONED**~~

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

8. **John Cardellino and Gregory L. Golinski, Parkway Theatre Service, LLC, T/a Parkway Theater, 3-5 W. North Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.

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

9. **Wayne Anthony Laing, MLJ, Inc., T/a Trade Name Pending, 4001 Falls Road, Rear Unit** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).

IV. Regular Items (Re-Open Requests):

10. **Steven W. Preston, The Manor Baltimore, LLC, T/a The Manor, 924 N. Charles Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request to reopen under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2203 wherein a licensed premise has been closed for at least three (3) consecutive months.

V. Violations:

1. **Nicholas Marshall, Daniel F. Pirog, Jr., and Ericka L. Wodka, Pirog & Marshall, Inc., T/a Nobles Bar & Grill, 1024 S. Charles Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – June 29, 2023** – On June 29, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Regina Brown, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit (Sheriff) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments in the capacity of Underage Task Force to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Sheriff Cadets Dylan Weitzman and Akila Stanley, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 10:03pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadets Weitzman and Stanley both entered the establishment and purchased two Mixed drinks for a total of \$20.00 from the bartender, later identified as Carlos Ramerez. The Cadets then notified the rest of the Underage Task Force that they had made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Remerez that he had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation to Mr. Remerez and left the establishment without further incident.

- ~~2. **Rabin Silwal and Hang Yang, Yangs, LLC, T/a Broadway Liquors, 1645 E. Baltimore Street** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – June 29, 2023** – On June 29, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Regina Brown, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit (Sheriff) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments in the capacity of Underage Task Force to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Sheriff Cadets Dylan Weitzman and Akila Stanley, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.~~

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- ~~3. **Subodha Bilas Panta and Prabhat Jung Thapa, Surakshya, LLC, T/a Sweet Carolina Liquor, 309 S. Broadway** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – June 29, 2023** – On June 29, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Regina Brown, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit (Sheriff) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments in the capacity of Underage Task Force to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Sheriff Cadets Dylan Weitzman and Akila Stanley, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.~~

~~At approximately 8:45pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Weitzman entered the establishment and purchased a six pack of Loose Cannon beer for a total of \$12.99 from the store employee, later identified as Surya Chandra. The Cadet then notified the rest of the Underage Task Force that they had made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Chandra that he had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation to Mr. Chandra and left the establishment without further incident.~~

- ~~4. **Dhruba Raj Onta, BDU Nepal, LLC, T/a Bristol Liquors, 501 S. Broadway** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – June 29, 2023** – On June 29, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Regina Brown, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit (Sheriff) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments in the capacity of Underage Task Force to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Sheriff Cadets Dylan Weitzman and Akila Stanley, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.~~

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alcoholic beverage for a total of \$10.99 from the store employee, later identified as Pradip Onta via his identification card. The Cadet then notified the rest of the Underage Task Force that they had made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Onta that he had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation to Mr. Onta and left the establishment without further incident.

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5. **Ankur Jariwala and Carla B. Wing, Federal Hill Liquors, Inc., T/a Federal Hill Wine & Spirits, 901 S. Charles Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – June 29, 2023** – On June 29, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Regina Brown, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit (Sheriff) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments in the capacity of Underage Task Force to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Sheriff Cadets Dylan Weitzman and Akila Stanley, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 9:44pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Stanley entered the establishment and purchased a six pack of Tropicannon beer for a total of \$14.16 from the store employee, later identified as Haileselassie Ataklti via his identification card. The Cadet then notified the rest of the Underage Task Force that they had made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Ataklti that he had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation to Mr. Ataklti and left the establishment without further incident.

6. **Muna Karki, Kkarki, LLC, T/a Broadway Discount Liquors, 628 S. Broadway – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – June 29, 2023** – On June 29, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Regina Brown, and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis along with members of the Baltimore City Sherriff’s Office Special Operations Unit (Sheriff) conducted random, joint investigations of establishments in the capacity of Underage Task Force to determine if licensees would sell alcoholic beverages to minors. Working as minors were Sheriff Cadets Dylan Weitzman and Akila Stanley, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 9:19pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Weitzman entered the establishment and purchased a six pack of Hard Twisted Tea alcoholic beverage for a total of \$11.98 from the store employee, later identified as Rezaul Karim via his identification card. The Cadet then notified the rest of the Underage Task Force that they had made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Karim that he had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation to Mr. Karim and left the establishment without further incident.

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for a report of an assault involving a bar patron and a security guard (bouncer). Upon arrival at approximately 12:00am, BLLC staff learned that one of the bouncers was cut on his face while attempting to remove an unidentified bar patron from the establishment. By the time of BLLC staff arrival, the bouncer had already been taken to Bayview Hospital for treatment. The bouncer could not be identified, and no employee records for his employment at the establishment could be produced by the licensee, Ms. Claudia Castro.

During the course of further investigation, BLLC staff determined that security personnel working at the establishment are hired through Halal Protective Service LLC (Halal). Ms. Castro has been notified previously on multiple occasions—including at a prior violation hearing before the Board on 4/13/2023—that Halal is not licensed by the Maryland State Police as a security company, and that the establishment is liable for the actions of their bouncers. Ms. Castro had stated that all bouncers on her premises are employees of Halal; however, the signed contract she provided to BLLC Staff does not state such.

Violation of Rule 3.03(c) — Records (Employees) — June 11, 2023 — On June 11, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Andy Perez and Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis responded to the establishment for a report of an assault involving a bar patron and a security guard (bouncer). Upon arrival at approximately 12:00am, BLLC staff learned that one of the bouncers was cut on his face while attempting to remove an unidentified bar patron from the establishment. By the time of BLLC staff arrival, the bouncer had already been taken to Bayview Hospital for treatment. The bouncer could not be identified, and no employee records for his employment at the establishment could be produced by the licensee, Ms. Claudia Castro.

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