

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, 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. 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.**
- 2. Brandon M. Wylie, Fleurs d’Ave, Inc., T/a Trade Name Pending, 1200 W. North Avenue – Class “A-7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “A-7” Beer, Wine and Liquor license under the provisions of Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-1603(c)(17) requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.**
- 3. Judith Neff, Checkerspot Brewing, LLC, T/a Checkerspot Brewing, 1421 Ridgely Street – Class “D” Beer License – Application to transfer location of a Class “D” Beer license presently located at 175 W. Ostend Street, Suite B-1 to 1421 Ridgely Street.**
- 4. Cheryl Denise Wiley, Kol Project 2, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 4505 Harford Road – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Amended application to transfer ownership and location of a Class “BD7” BWL license presently located at 1000 E. Hoffman Street to 4505 Harford Road requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.**

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

- 5. Uzo Nwosu and Obiefule Uwadineke, UZO, LLC, T/a Good Fellas Lounge, 4919 Belair Road – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 12-2202.**

III. Violations:

- 1. 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.

At approximately 8:27pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Stanley entered the establishment and purchased two bottles of Gorae (Soju, a distilled alcoholic beverage popular in the Korean peninsula) for a total of \$21.78 from the store employee, later identified as Samjay Thapa Magar via his identification card provided. 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. Magar that he had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation to Mr. Thapa and left the establishment without further incident.

- 2. Dhruva 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.

At approximately 9:03pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Stanley entered the establishment and purchased a six pack of Smirnoff Ice Mango 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.

- 3. Anastasia Makofski and Kanwarpall Manhani Singh, We Out Here Enterprises, LLC, T/a Uptown Liquors, 2115 W. North Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023 –** On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Cindy Tudhope, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 8:05pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Gough entered the establishment and purchased a two (2) miniature bottles of Coconut Ciroc vodka for a total of \$5.00 from the store employee, later identified as Anita Leona. 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 Ms. Leona that she had just sold alcohol to underage Sheriff Cadets. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation and left the establishment without further incident.

4. **Aron Estifanos and Michael Ghebru, Doc Liquors, Inc., T/a Doc's Liquor, 1501 N. Fulton Avenue – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023** – On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Kenyatta Washington, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 8:25pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Weitzman entered the establishment and purchased a two (2) miniature bottles of Crown Royal Apple Whiskey for \$3.50 each from the store employee, later identified as Kibrom Arefaine Sengal. 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. Sengal that he had just sold alcohol to an underage Sheriff Cadet. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation and proceeded outside.

Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023 – On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Cindy Tudhope, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 8:35pm, still outside the establishment, the Underage Task Force this time sent Cadet Gough to enter the establishment, where the Cadet purchased two (2) miniature bottles of Crown Royal Apple Whiskey for a total of \$7.00 from the store employee, identified as Kibrom Arefaine Sengal. The Cadet then notified the rest of the Underage Task Force that they had also successfully made a purchase of alcohol. Moments later, the Underage Task Force entered the establishment and informed Mr. Sengal that he had just sold alcohol, again, to an underage Sheriff Cadet. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation and left the establishment without further incident.

- ~~5. **Suah Lee and Darline Williams, Suah Lighthouse Company, Inc., T/a Club Bar, 1609 Laurens Street – Class "A 7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023** – On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Kenyatta Washington, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.~~

~~At approximately 8:47pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Gough entered the establishment and purchased a two (2) Jack Daniels 50ml bottles of whiskey for \$6.00 total from the store employee, later identified as Lelia Michele Dempsey. 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 Ms. Dempsey~~

that she had just sold alcohol to an underage Sheriff Cadet. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation and vacated the establishment without further incident. **POSTPONED**

- 6. Uday Pansara and Larry Sink, Om Shiva, Inc., T/a Club Paradise Liquor, 1300-02 Laurens Street – Class “A-7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023** – On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Cindy Tudhope, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 8:55pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Gough entered the establishment and purchased a two (2) Jack Daniels 50ml bottles of whiskey for \$4.15 total from the store employee, later identified as Surendra Jung. 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. Jung that he had just sold alcohol to an underage Sheriff Cadet. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation and left the establishment without further incident.

- 7. Ki Jeong Lee, Wa Wa Liquors, Inc., T/a Mel’s Liquor, 1813 Pennsylvania Avenue – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023** – On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Cindy Tudhope and Kenyatta Washington, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 9:10pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Gough entered the establishment and purchased a two (2) Jack Daniels 50ml bottles of whiskey for \$5.50 total from the store employee, later identified as Kyung Lee. 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 Lee Kyung Ja that they had just sold alcohol to an underage Sheriff Cadet. BLLC Inspectors then issued a violation and left the establishment without further incident.

- ~~**8. Seon Joo Lee (SS), Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc., T/a Bacchus Bar & Liquors, 1220 W. North Avenue – Class “A-7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.01(a) – Sales to Minors (Selling) – July 20, 2023**~~ – On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Cindy Tudhope, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

At approximately 9:25pm, the Underage Task Force arrived at the establishment. At this time Cadet Weitzman entered the establishment and purchased a one (1) miniature bottle of Malibu rum for \$1.80 total from the store employee, later identified as Dongsoon Park. 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. Park that he had just sold alcohol to an underage Sheriff Cadet. BLLC Inspectors then observed the establishment was not displaying their liquor license, and advised Mr. Park that he close for the evening, because he did not have the BLLC Liquor License displayed on premises and could not produce it. Mr. Park then became irate and started yelling at Sheriff deputies and inspectors. After approximately 10 minutes, Mr. Park calmed down. BLLC Inspectors issued a violation and left the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule 3.06(b)— License on Display and Presented Upon Request— July 20, 2023

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Violation of Rule 3.02— Cooperation— July 20, 2023—On July 20, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspectors Kenyatta Washington and Cindy Tudhope, 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 Carmen Gough, both of whom at the time of the incident were under the age of 21.

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became irate and started yelling at Sheriff deputies and inspectors. After approximately 10 minutes, Mr. Park calmed down. BLLC Inspectors issued a violation and left the establishment without further incident. POSTPONED

~~9. Jeremy Bratton and Laurie A. Davidow, 1715 Thames Licensee, LLC, T/a Pendry Hotel, 1715 Thames Street — Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor Hotel Motel License — Violation of Rule 3.02 — Cooperation — June 24, 2023 — On June 24, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Chief Inspector John Chrissomallis was on duty working with the Baltimore City Fells Point Deployment. At approximately 2:30am, Baltimore Police Department (BPD) Major Saunders notified Chief Chrissomallis that a white male with a large knife had slashed the tires of the BPD wagon that was in the area. The wagon was parked directly across from the establishment. When Major Saunders approached the security manager and asked to view the exterior cameras so she could get a better description of the suspect running around with the large knife, she was told to get a subpoena. Major Saunders conveyed this information to Chief Chrissomallis. Chief Chrissomallis then went to the establishment and asked to speak to the manager on duty. Mrs. Janice Williams came out and Chief Chrissomallis explained to her that the outdoor security footage needed to be reviewed, because there was a suspect in the area with a large knife and potentially under the influence of some substance running around with a large knife. Mrs. Williams stated to Chief Chrissomallis that just as she told the Major, she was not willing to allow the footage to be viewed unless a subpoena or a warrant was provided. Chief Chrissomallis made Mrs. Williams aware that per the BLLC Rules and Regulations on the liquor license, the establishment was under an obligation to cooperate with representatives of the Board, the Police Department and other city, state, or federal agencies on official business and that a failure to do so would result in a violation being issued for non-cooperation. At that time, Mrs. Williams stated that she was following company rules and would not share footage. Chief Chrissomallis made her aware that he would be writing her a violation and left the establishment without any further incident. POSTPONED~~

~~10. Xianting Charles Cao and Jason Jose Acevedo Rosario, Castle Seafood, Inc., T/a Castle Seafood Restaurant, 3720 Potee Street — Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License — Violation of Rule 4.14(a) — Live Entertainment without Authorization — June 17, 2023 — On June 17, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Rosalba Jordan received 311 Complaint #23-00456576 for the establishment describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar.” At approximately 10:15, Inspector Jordan arrived at the establishment in response to the 311 complaint.~~

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~~Inspector Jordan then issued Mr. Acevedo a violation, and departed the establishment without further incident.~~

Violation of Rule—4.16—Illegal Conduct (Violating BMZA Resolution #240-04—No Jukebox, or Other Form of Live Entertainment)—June 17, 2023—On June 17, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Rosalba Jordan received 311 Complaint #23-00456576 for the establishment describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar.” At approximately 10:15, Inspector Jordan arrived at the establishment in response to the 311 complaint.

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Inspector Jordan then issued Mr. Acevedo a violation, and departed the establishment without further incident.

Violation of Rule—4.18—Alterations (Outdoor Bar)—June 17, 2023—On June 17, 2023, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Inspector Rosalba Jordan received 311 Complaint #23-00456576 for the establishment describing “illegal outdoor entertainment, illegal outdoor bar.” At approximately 10:15, Inspector Jordan arrived at the establishment in response to the 311 complaint.

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