

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 – 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) 396-4377 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. Dathan Watts and Hyung Man Lee, HM Enterprise, Inc., T/a Fox Liquors, 1301-03 N. Fulton Avenue – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 2. Guang Jiang Shi and Shang Xing Chen, Harry's Liquors, Inc., T/a Harry's Liquor, 3113 Greenmount Avenue – Class "A" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 3. Lonnie Abdallah and Bernard Truesdale, Propolis, LLC, T/a The Loop Bar & Kitchen, 4238 Frederick Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 4. Renae Kehoe, Spirits West, Inc., T/a Spirits West, 2601 Wilkens Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.**
- 5. William Stevenson, Waverly Brewing Company, LLC, T/a Waverly Brewing Company, 1625 Union Avenue, Suite C – Class "D" Beer License – Request to add live entertainment.**
- ~~6. Joshua Persing and Scott Farrell, Gay Holdings, LLC, T/a GAY, 518 N. Charles Street – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment, requesting outdoor table service. POSTPONED~~**

1:00 p.m.

II. Violations:

- 1. Jae Ran Chong and Soo Il Kim, JC Star, LLC, T/a Red Fox Liquors, 2733-35 Pennsylvania Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Alc. Bev. Art. § 6-313(a)(2) Tampering with alcoholic beverage container – June 5, 2017 – At approximately 12:13 PM, investigators Mangold and Southworth from the Maryland State Comptroller's Office conducted a routine inspection of the establishment. While conducting his inspection, inspector Southworth observed that the alcohol displayed on the tavern side of the establishment was discolored. Inspectors then compared similar bottles of alcohol that were on display with those that were for sale on the package goods portion of the establishment and noticed that the displayed alcohol was**

lighter in color than the unopened bottles of the same brand. Inspector Mangold also noticed a 1.75 liter bottle of Seagram's Gin had a very faint odor of alcohol. Based on their observations, Inspectors confiscated 17 bottles of alcohol to be submitted to the Controller's Laboratory for chemical analysis to determine the actual percentage of alcohol within each bottle. On June 7, 2017 a report from an analyst within the Comptroller's laboratory found that of the 17 bottles tested, four (4) had been tampered with.

2. **Uzo Nwosu and Obiefule Uwadineke, UZO, LLC, T/a Goodfellas Lounge, 4919 Belair Road – Class "B" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.05(a) – Prohibited Hours – February 18, 2017** – At approximately 2:09 AM BLLC Agent John Chrissomallis, members of the Baltimore City Vice Unit (Det. Gatto and Det. Greenhill), and members of the Housing Department conducted a special investigation at the location in response to anonymous complaints and Agent John Howard's observations on February 12, 2017 that the establishment was operating after hours. At this time, the Police and BLLC attempted to gain entry into the establishment. While doing so, both Police and the BLLC could hear people talking inside. Det. Greenhill heard music playing within the establishment. Approximately 5 minutes later Det. Gatto, Det. Greenhill, and Agent Chrissomallis were able to gain entry to the establishment and observed several persons – who were not employees – walking out of the establishment and numerous alcoholic beverages on the tables and bar. The licensee of the establishment, Mr. Uzo Nwosu, was on scene and disputed that the establishment was open after 2:00 AM. The establishment has a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and is prohibited from operating after 2:00 AM. The BLLC and police then informed him that the establishment was in violation of the BLLC's rules and regulations and State law.

Violation of Rule 4.05(b) – Prohibited Hours – February 18, 2017 – At approximately 2:09 AM BLLC Agent John Chrissomallis, members of the Baltimore City Vice Unit (Det. Gatto and Det. Greenhill), and members of the Housing Department conducted a special investigation at the location in response to anonymous complaints and Agent John Howard's observations on February 12, 2017 that the establishment was operating after hours. At this time, the Police and BLLC attempted to gain entry into the establishment. While doing so, both Police and the BLLC could hear people talking inside. Det. Greenhill heard music playing within the establishment. Approximately 5 minutes later Det. Gatto, Det. Greenhill, and Agent Chrissomallis were able to gain entry to the establishment and observed several persons – who were not employees – walking out of the establishment and numerous alcoholic beverages on the tables and bar. The licensee of the establishment, Mr. Uzo Nwosu, was on scene and disputed that the establishment was open after 2:00 AM. The establishment has a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and is prohibited from operating after 2:00 AM. The BLLC and police then informed him that the establishment was in violation of the BLLC's rules and regulations and State law.

Violation of Rule 3.02 Cooperation – February 18, 2017 – At approximately 2:09 AM BLLC Agent John Chrissomallis, members of the Baltimore City Vice Unit (Det. Gatto and Det. Greenhill), and members of the Housing Department conducted a special investigation at the location in response to anonymous complaints and Agent John Howard's observations on February 12, 2017 that the establishment was operating after hours. At this time, the Police and BLLC attempted to gain entry into the establishment. While doing so, both Police and the BLLC could hear people talking inside. Det. Greenhill heard music playing within the establishment. Approximately 5 minutes later Det. Gatto, Det. Greenhill, and Agent Chrissomallis were able to gain entry to the establishment and observed several persons – who were not employees – walking out of the

establishment and numerous alcoholic beverages on the tables and bar. The licensee of the establishment, Mr. Uzo Nwosu, was on scene and was asked by officers if the doors to the establishment were locked from within – thus barring patrons from leaving and not allowing entry by the police. Mr. Nwosu could not provide an answer.

Violation of Rule 3.09(b) Restroom Facilities and Health Regulations – February 25, 2017 –

At approximately 1:00 AM the BLLC, Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit, and Health Department conducted an inspection of the establishment. Upon conducting an inspection of the kitchen and bar area, the Health Department discovered over 50 health code violations and ordered an immediate closure of the establishment. The manager/owner was informed of the violations, a closure sign was posted on the property, and inspectors left the location without incident.

3. **Soon Se Jhin and Soon Hee Shin, H&S, Inc., T/a Pepper's Lounge, 5440 Reisterstown Road – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – May 17, 2017 –** At approximately 10:20 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Akinwande and Inspector Perez entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Hang Jung, who was the attendant present at the location, informed Akinwande and Perez that the bar was closed because there was no bartender on duty in response to a request made by Akinwande and Perez for access to the tavern. Akinwande and Perez left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Hang Jung, the manager on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).
4. **Shailja Anand, 5302 Frankford, LLC, T/a Tusker Lounge, 5302 Frankford Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – April 26, 2017 –** At approximately 10:45 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At this time, Det. Akinwande entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Lalit Mohan, who was the attendant present at the location, told Akinwande "No" indication that the rear bar area was closed to customers when the detective requested entry to the tavern portion of the premise. Akinwande exited the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Mohan, the manager on location, of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).
5. **Seon Joo Lee (SS), Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc., T/a Bacchus Bar & Liquors, 1220 W. North Avenue – Class "BD7" Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii) Class BD7 Licensees: Open and Operating Tavern at all Times – March 30, 2017 –** At approximately 11:52 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. At

this time, Det. Akinwande and Det. Garrett entered the establishment in an undercover capacity and attempted to gain access to the tavern portion of the premise. Mr. Donj Soon Park, who was the attendant present at the location, informed Akinwande and Garrett that "we don't have a bar" in response to a request made by Akinwande for access to the tavern. Both Akinwande and Garrett left the establishment and informed members of the Vice Unit and BLLC inspection division of the violation. Members from each team entered the establishment and informed Mr. Park of the violation of Rule 4.20(c)(ii).

Violation of Rule 3.09(b) Rest Room Facilitates and Health Regulations – March 30, 2017 – At approximately 11:52 PM, members of the Baltimore City Police Department's Vice Unit and members of the BLLC's Inspection Division conducted an undercover investigation of this establishment to determine if staff would grant access to the tavern portion of the licensed premises to patrons. Upon completing an inspection of the establishment BLLC inspectors observed that the restrooms of the establishment needed paper towels, toilet paper, and soap.

****Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above.***