

BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022 – 10:30 a.m.
ROOM 215 – CITY HALL – 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET

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10:30 a.m.

I. Violations:

- ~~1. Michael Benevento and Julianne Hamilton, Current Clubhouse, LLC, T/a Current Clubhouse, 421 N. Howard Street – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – August 27, 2022 – On August 27, 2022, 311 complaint #22-00685407 arrived for the establishment for Disturbing the Peace/Front Door Open/Noise/Loud Music at approximately 9:10pm. Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Inspector Cindy Tudhope and Inspector Rosalba Jordan responded to the 311 complaint and arrived on scene near the establishment at approximately 9:40pm. BLLC inspectors parked in the parking lot at the rear of the location, where Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan could hear the music playing at a high volume coming from the stage area at the rear of the building while seated inside their vehicle. Inspectors Tudhope and Jordan entered the establishment and made contact with the licensee, Mr. Michael Benevento and made him aware of the complaint. Mr. Benevento stated that the live music would end at 10:00pm, and that the establishment always ends any live music by 10:0pm. Inspector Tudhope then informed Mr. Benevento that he would be receiving a violation for the music being extremely loud. Establishment had previously been warned about the high volume of the loud music by Agent Chase on August 13, 2022, when she responded to 311 Complaint #22-00642482. Inspector Tudhope issued a violation for the loud music and both inspectors left without further incident. POSTPONED~~
2. Shawn Chopra, Good Neighbor, Inc., T/a Good Neighbor, 3827-33 Falls Road – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Violation of Rule 4.14(a) – Live Entertainment Without Authorization – October 1, 2022 – On October 1, 2022, Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) Agent Steven Han and Agent Darryl Clark responded to 311 Complaint #22 00786294 for disturbing the peace/noise/loud music. At approximately 5:20pm, BLLC Agents Han and Clark arrived at the establishment, and when walking up to the door could hear music coming from the exterior of the establishment. Agents then observed a disc jockey (DJ) operating on the exterior patio. Agents spoke to the manager on duty, Rida Shahbaz, and made her aware of the complaint. Previously, on 9/16/22, a revised BLLC license was issued to the establishment per the instruction of BLLC Deputy Executive Secretary Nicholas Blendy, as the prior Use Permit had been revoked by the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development. The updated license did not authorize live entertainment on the outdoor portion of the licensed premises and the license that contained language authorizing live entertainment in the outdoor portion of the licensed premises was collected by BLLC staff. As a result of the review of the BLLC license not authorizing live entertainment on the outdoor portion of the premises, a violation was issued for the DJ operating on the exterior patio as live entertainment without authorization.

3. **Julieanna McGuire, Sangria, LLC, T/a Sangria, 930 N. Charles Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – **Violation of Rule 3.12 – General Welfare – September 24, 2022** – On September 24, 2022, 311 Complaint #22 00766525 arrived for disturbing the peace/noise/loud music at the establishment. Inspector Robinson responded to the complaint and arrived at the establishment at approximately 1:42am, entered, and observed a DJ operating and heard the DJ announcing last call. Inspector Robinson determined that the music was operating at an acceptable level of volume. Inspector Robinson spoke with the manager about the complaint. Subsequently, Inspector Robinson inspected the liquor license, which stated that the establishment agreed to follow the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that it had with the community. Upon further investigation, Inspector Robinson inspected the MOU, and found that it stated the establishment was to be closed by 1:00am on Friday and Saturday unless there was a special sporting event. There was no sporting event in progress at the time the 311 complaint was received, nor did anyone mention such an event. The MOU in the file is dated January 18, 2017, and it is explicitly referenced in the Board’s decision to approve the transfer of ownership to the current business entity at its hearing on January 19, 2017.

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

1. **Soon Young Park and Jason Elijah Gelblum, Hopkins Market, LLC, T/a Hopkins Market, 110 W. 39th 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 delivery of alcoholic beverages.
2. **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 – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of live entertainment and outdoor table service, requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.
3. **Binu Pokharel and Herman Butler, Alexjoana, LLC, T/a Yesteryear’s Liquors, 212-14 N. Highland Avenue** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.
4. **Lindsey B. Akman, Risky Biscuits, LLC, T/a Bunny’s, 801-03 S. Ann Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Amended application to transfer ownership from a contract purchaser with continuation of outdoor table service, requesting off-premises catering, delivery of alcoholic beverages, and to expand licensed premises to include second floor as a restaurant and kitchen and third floor for storage.
5. **Harry Russell Miller, Jamaru, LLC, T/a Abby Burger Mt. Washington, 1604 Kelly Avenue** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting off-premises catering.
6. **Michael H. Nolan, Mike’s Jim Dandy’s, LLC, T/a Mike’s Jim Dandy’s, 4810 Curtis Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.

7. **Peter Enny, Tony Pizzas, LLC, T/a The Dive, 3123 Elliott Street** – Class “D” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership requesting off-premises catering and delivery of alcoholic beverages.
8. **Edwin Aguilar and Dany Lopez, O’Ryan, LLC, T/a O’Ryan’s Pub, 53-55 S. Kresson Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.
9. **Takera C. Crowder, Kareney Mae, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 4800 Curtis Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.
10. **Keshav Dahal and James R. Hibler, 4537 Harford Road, LLC, T/a Wilson’s Tavern, 4537 Harford Road** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership.
11. **Minh Luong and Anh Viet Nguyen, HVS Hospitality, LLC, T/a Canton Local, 801-03 S. Decker Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership with continuation of outdoor table service, requesting delivery of alcoholic beverages.

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

12. **Andrew Gaddis, Contract Purchaser, T/a No Trade Name, 134-36 W. 25th Street** – Class “BD7” 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):

13. **Skyler Rafferty and Sejal Samire Prajapati, Liquor Mart, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 5900 Reisterstown Road, Unit F** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b).
14. **Cheryl Denise Wiley, KOL Project, LLC, T/a Trade Name Pending, 4505 Harford Road** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Request for a transfer hardship extension under the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article §12-1705(b)