

**May 24, 2022  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present:**

Daphne Turpin-Forbes, Board Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector  
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager  
Katrice James, Administrative Aide  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide  
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

**Start Time: 10:04 a.m.**

**Commissioner Forbes:** This is an open meeting for the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners. Welcome to our House. To ensure compliance with the law (Maryland Open Meetings Act) and our goal of transparency, to please identify yourself when speaking and speak audibly. As a professional courtesy, when not speaking, please mute your device. If someone from the public that is not providing testimony as a witness today, I will recognize you in the hearing and give you an opportunity for your voice to be heard. Everyone's voice matters at the BOLC. We understand that some of you may be passionate about what you have to say and that passion, in this regard, is permissible. What is not permissible is if truth, facts, and respect are not grounded in your voice. Thank you in advance for being truthful, respectful, and honest during the entire proceeding.

**Director Sheppard:** During a typical hearing, there would be an exchange between the Board and the attorneys to exchange information as exhibits. Because this hearing is now virtual, we have implemented a 10-day rule to give those individuals here today, 10-days from today's date to add to the official record. I would ask that you email myself or the administrative staff of the BOLC. You may add information to the record long as it is information that has been discussed in this hearing.

## PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Levy at FedEx Field, Class B(FBS), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 1600 FedEx Way, Landover, 20785, Benjamin Carter** to serve as Authorized Person in the place instead of Linda Carter, Authorized Person, Eric Fitzgerald to serve as Authorized Person in the place instead of Donte N. Hewlett, Authorized Person. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

**Eric Fitzgerald** is sworn in.

**Benjamin Carter** is sworn in.

**Ms. Carter** asks if the Board can amend the application due to Eric Fitzgerald's phone number being incorrect on the application. All other information is accurate and correct.

**Ms. Carter** asks Mr. Fitzgerald to give a brief background of his experience with stadium management.

**Mr. Fitzgerald** has been working in stadiums and arenas since 2013. He comes from a background in food and beverage since 2007. He's the ServSafe Certified Instructor for alcohol service at the stadium. It's his job to train, mentor, and conduct quizzes to ensure they're serving safely.

**Ms. Carter** asked **Mr. Fitzgerald** the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question.

**Commissioner Camacho** asks do you have biometric devices at RFK stadium?

**Mr. Fitzgerald's** response is no and names the forms of I.D. the stadium accepts.

**Ms. Carter** asked **Mr. Carter** the standard questions used to qualify the Substitution of Corporate Officers Application.

**No further questions.**

Once the series of questions were completed, **Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Levy at FedEx Field, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

## REGULAR SESSION

**CONTINUATION- APRIL 13, 2022 & APRIL 26, 2022**

**Hyattsville Spirits & Grill 2022-2023 Renewal Protest:**

**Robert Kim, Esquire** is representing.

**Commissioner Forbes:** What we are going to do, is take all the documentation including your recent letter dated May 6<sup>th</sup> under advisement and we will respond back to both parties involved in the scenario in the due timeframe. We ask for your indulgence as we continue to figure out the next steps for this particular case.

**Mr. Kim:** I think Class B licenses expire on May 31<sup>st</sup>. How do we address that issue?

**Commissioner Forbes:** Mr. Kim, there's a lot of moving parts here with regards to your question on the May 31<sup>st</sup> date. We will absolutely get back to you and communicate with

Ms. Carter prior to that date of May 31<sup>st</sup>. To the full blown matter, we owe you some considerable thought on that and how we're going to move forward. So, if you can indulge us, we'll be in touch.

**Mr. Kim:** For clarification purposes, the Board will be issuing a written decision?

**Mr. DeLoach:** Most likely a written decision, but it can be either one Mr. Kim.

**Mr. Kim:** We'll just wait for a decision, as long as we can still operate.

**Mr. DeLoach** confirms they can still operate.

**No further questions from either Mr. Kim or Ms. Carter.**

**Commissioner Forbes:** Thank you for your indulgence. We will proceed accordingly.

### TRANSFER

1. Aida A. Leon, President/Secretary/Treasurer, Venes B. Zebenay, Asst. Secretary, for a Class D(off), Beer and Wine for the use of Aida Convenience, Inc., **t/a Sheriff Road Carry-Out and Beer & Wine**, 5301 Sheriff Road, Fairmount Heights, 20743 transfer from t/a Sheriff Carry-Out, 5301 Sheriff Road, Fairmount Heights, 20743, Don Pin Cheng, Owner.

**Robert Kim, Esquire** is representing.

**Ms. Aida Leon** is sworn in.

**Ms. Venes Zebenay** is sworn in.

**Mr. Kim** asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question. They've submitted a copy of the Alcohol Awareness certificate for all parties.

**No questions from Commissioners.**

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class D license for t/a Sheriff Road Carry-Out and Beer & Wine, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

2. Jessica Larkin, Resident Agent, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Living, LLC, **t/a Captain White Seafood**, 6308 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745 transfer from t/a Pizza Italia, 6308 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745, Frank Priviteria, Owner.

**Paul Jackson, Esquire** is representing.

**Ms. Jessica Larkin** is sworn in.

**Mr. Bronzie White** is sworn in.

**Mr. Jackson** asked the standard questions typically used to qualify the transfer of the license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question.

**Commissioner Norman** asks the applicant, **Mr. White**, how many hours a week will you be at the establishment?

**Mr. White:** Right now, we're open five days a week and I spend about 50 hours a week there. When we open for 7 days a week, I expect to spend 60-65 hours a week there.

**Commissioner Norman:** Have you been to Alcohol Awareness training?

**Mr. White:** I haven't been to the Alcohol Awareness training; my mom is apart of the business as well she has it and many of our employees have it.

**Commissioner Norman:** Mr. Jackson, can we get copies of those certificates?

**Mr. Jackson:** Yes, they'll be submitted.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Mr. White, are you planning to become Alcohol Awareness certified?

**Mr. White:** I am. Yes, by the time we're selling alcohol. I'll be done the training.

**Commissioner Smith:** Who has the other 75% ownership?

**Mr. White:** I have 75% ownership.

**No further questions.**

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B license for t/a Captain White Seafood, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

### **NEW- CLASS B(BLX), BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR**

Walter Andino, Member, Ioannis Korologos, Member for a Class B (BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Cuscatlecos, LLC, **t/a Double T Diner**, 14550 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707. Continued from April 26, 2022.

**Benjamin Carter, Esquire** is representing.

**Mr. Andino** previously testified in the last hearing. Mr. Carter doesn't plan on having him repeat his testimony.

**Chief Liquor Inspector Clark** gave a maps presentation.

**Mr. Walter Andino** is sworn in.

**Mr. Ioannis Korologos** is sworn in.

**Mr. Carter:** We have one small amendment to the application. Mr. Korologos mistakenly put on the affidavit that he had been guilty of violating a state or federal law. I spoke with him this morning and confirmed that he has not. It was just a misunderstanding of the question.

**Commissioner Forbes:** So, Mr. Korologos your testimony is that you have not been found guilty as stated on your application? Is that correct sir?

**Mr. Korologos** confirms that is correct.

**Mr. Carter** asked the applicant the standard questions used to qualify his client for this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. Initially, the applicant, **Mr. Korologos**, was unable to name all six forms of identification. The applicant later named the biometric device.

**Mr. Korologos** states I've been doing this for many years, and I've never seen the biometric device. I've seen all the others, no one's ever brought this form of I.D.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Just so you know, as a licensee in Prince George's County there are 6 ways to verify I.D.

**Mr. Korologos** confirms he understands.

**Commissioner Forbes:** We just want to make sure that whatever method you have at this establishment, you're checking I.D. because you can't drink or consume alcohol unless you're 21.

**Mr. Carter:** We filed an exhibit book and would like that submitted into evidence.

**Commissioner Forbes:** Mr. Andino, does anything change from your testimony you provided?

**Mr. Andino's** response is no.

**No further questions.**

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Double T Diner, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

### NEW- CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. Yu Tao Gao, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of GAO IGROUP, Inc., t/a **Iron Pig Korean BBQ**, 6107 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, 20740.

**Robert Kim, Esquire** is representing.

**Chief Liquor Inspector Clark** gave a maps presentation.

**Mr. Kevin Jea** (General Manager) (Interpreter) is sworn in.

**Mr. Yu Tao Gao** is sworn in.

**Mr. Kim** asked the applicants standard questions that would qualify his client for this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer each question. We submitted our exhibit package.

**Mr. Jea** did a demonstration to show the establishment, some food options they offer and how customers can participate in table side cooking.

**No questions from Commissioners.**

**Commissioner Norman** makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Iron Pig Korean BBQ, seconded by **Commissioner Sparkman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

2. Aaron Loney, Director, Uchechukwu Loney, Director, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Irie Café IX, Corp, t/a **Irie Café**, 9432 Lanham-Severn Road, Lanham, 20706.

**Chief Liquor Inspector Clark** gave a maps presentation.

Applicants do not have an attorney, acknowledge their right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.

**Mrs. Uchechukwu Loney** is sworn in.

**Mr. Aaron Loney** is sworn in.

**Commissioner Forbes** asked the standard questions used to qualify the Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicants were able to answer each question. The applicants held a license before from 2012-2016 in Lanham, MD. The reason they no longer hold a license is because they closed their restaurant. The applicants had an underage violation before, the bartender made an error. She asked for an I.D., but her calculation was off.

**Commissioner Forbes** asked the applicants what did you all do to make sure that problem didn't occur again?

**Mrs. Loney:** We had some staff meetings, reiterated to the staff this was the legal age to be served alcohol. We did take some time to go over it with our staff. We never had a violation again.

**Ms. Katrice James (BOLC):** Can we amend the affidavit to reflect they've had a violation before?

**Commissioner Forbes:** Yes, please do. We had that you all had a license at the Petrie Lane Property, so thank you for verifying that. When you shared with us the underage violation that was not reflected on your affidavit. So, we're just going to update the record to reflect that.

**Commissioner Norman:** Just wanted to verify, you all have taken Alcohol Awareness training? Did you submit copies?

**Mrs. Loney:** No, but we plan on taking the class.

**Commissioner Forbes:** It's incumbent upon you to get certified, to make sure you and your staff, and management to get that certification taken care of as soon as possible. If you need a resource on how to get that training, please feel free to reach out to any member of the BOLC and they can steer you in the right direction.

**No further questions.**

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Irie Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

3. Jose F. Canisalez Lopez, Managing Member/Authorized Person for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Little Deli & Café, LLC, t/a **Little Deli & Café**, 10620 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705.

**Linda Carter, Esquire** is representing.

**Chief Liquor Inspector Clark** gave a maps presentation.

**Jose Lopez** is sworn in.

**Ms. Carter** asked the applicant standard questions that would qualify her client for this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol. The applicant was able to answer all questions. Mr. Lopez hasn't taken the Alcohol Awareness course yet but does plan on taking it. His wife has taken the Alcohol Awareness course and now awaiting her results. Ms. Carter shares the items included with their exhibit package.

**Commissioner Forbes** advised Mr. Lopez to submit a copy of the Alcohol Awareness certificate upon completion.

**No questions from Commissioners.**

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the Class B license for t/a Little Deli & Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**After Board vote, the motion carries.**

No further comments from the public, commissioners, or staff.

**Adjourned: 11:29 a.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Alecia L. Hughes*  
Administrative Aide BOLC