

**September 24, 2024  
9200 Basil Court  
Largo, MD 20774  
Virtual Hearing**

**Present:**

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair  
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair  
Tammie Norman, Commissioner  
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner  
Dennis Smith, Commissioner  
Jason DeLoach, Esquire, Counsel  
Terence Sheppard, Director  
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector  
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager  
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide  
Ariana Posada-Mejia, Administrative Aide  
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director

**Start Time: 10:12 a.m.**

**Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms:** At the Board of License Commissioners, we endeavor to be as efficient as possible in our virtual environment. Thank you for your patience. This is a public meeting subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act so a truthful, transparent, open, and honest dialogue and record is required. As such, there are some formalities that will take place that may appear redundant but nonetheless are important and required to ensure compliance with the law.

**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 **New Deal Cafe**, Class B, Beer, and Wine, 113 Centerway, Greenbelt, 20770, Michael Hartman to serve as Audit Committee and John Campanile to serve as Board President instead of Nancy Melandry, President and Dorian Winterfeld, Secretary.

**Represented by Mr. Bradley Farrar, Esquire.**

Mr. Hartman and Mr. Campanile gave thanks to the BOLC staff for assisting in the application process and **Mr. Farrar** requested that the Board approve the Substitution of Corporate officers.

**There will be no changes made to the mode of operation.**

**Chair Oretha Bridgewater-Simms** asked the standard questions typically 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** makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a New Deal Café, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

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

## REGULAR SESSION

### TRANSFER

CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 27, 2024

1. Alexander Rivera, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of La Fogata Tequila Bar & Mexican Kitchen, Inc., t/a La Fogata Tequila Bar & Mexican Kitchen, 14933 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707 transfer from La Chiquita Corp., t/a CHI'BAL Tequila Bar & Mexican Kitchen, 14933 Baltimore Avenue, Laurel, 20707, German Escobar, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire.**

**Ms. Carter** requested the Board continue this case. She was just retained and found a couple of incomplete answers within the application from the applicant.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to continue the case to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

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

2. Tejinder Sandhu, Member-Manager for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of 7611 Old Branch, LLC, **t/a Fish Market Restaurant**, 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735 transfer from Fish Market Restaurant of Maryland, Inc., t/a Fish Market Restaurant, 7611 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, 20735, Sherry Lynn Giovannoni, President/Vice President/Secretary.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

**Mr. Kim** explained to the Board that there was an issue raised on the previous hearing regarding the Rule and Regulation on permanent resident applicants and voter registration inability.

**Mr. Sandhu** confirms the testimony given on the August 27, 2024, hearing is true and correct.

**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 applicant was able to answer each question.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B+, Beer, Wine, and Liquor license for t/a Fish Market Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

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

3. Dinora Valladares, President, Jorge Menedez Colocho, Secretary for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of JVER Group, LLC, **t/a La Caverna Seafood Sports Bar & Grill**, 1500-B University Blvd E, Hyattsville, 20783 transfer from JRE Corporation., t/a Casa Dora I, 1500 University Blvd, Hyattsville, 20783, Dora Escobar, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

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

**Chair Oretha Bridgewater-Simms** 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 applicant was able to answer each question.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for t/a La Caverna Seafood Sports Bar & Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

**Ms. Little of the BOLC** requested an amendment be made to the hours of operation on the application. This location does not have an Entertainment Permit, therefore, cannot stay open until 3 am on Friday's and Saturday's.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to amend the application to reflect 8 am- 2 am Friday's and Saturday's instead of 3 am. **Commissioner Norman** seconds this motion.

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

4. Sarojben M. Patel, Member-Manager for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of a Poonam, LLC, **t/a Hangar Club**, 6410 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, 20748 transfer from Bucks-Up, Inc., t/a Hanger's Sports Bar and Lounge, 6410 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, 20748, Kishor N. Rajpara, President/Secretary/Treasurer. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.  
**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 applicant was able to answer each question.  
**Mr. Patel** will be 100% Member-Manager, working 10-15 hours per week. He is Alcohol Awareness Certified and has obtained copies of the Board's Rules and Regulations.  
**There will be no changes made to the mode of operation.**  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to approve the transfer of the Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor to t/a Hangar Club, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.  
**After Board Vote, the motion carries.**

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

1. Yuan Lin, Managing Member, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Cajun Seafood Temple Hills, LLC, **t/a Hook & Reel**, 3823 Branch Avenue, Suite 2003, Temple Hills, 20748.  
Represented by **Eugene Mark, Jr., Esquire**.  
**Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector Vauss** gave a maps presentation.  
**Mr. Lin** is the sole member of the LLC. He plans to work full time as manager and working behind the bar. He has previously worked at another Hook & Reel in Virginia.  
**Mr. Mark** 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 applicant was initially unable to list the six forms of I.D.'s. After pausing this case, the applicant was able to name the last form of I.D.**  
**The Alcohol Awareness certificate will be sent to the Board.**  
**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor license to t/a Hook & Reel, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.  
**After Board Vote, the motion carries.**

#### **NEW – CLASS D, BEER AND WINE**

1. Derrick Williams, Owner, for a Class D, Beer, and Wine for the use of Infuse, LLC, **t/a Infuse Restaurant**, 6339 Allentown Road, Suite A, Temple Hills, 20748.  
Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney, and agree to move forward without representation.  
**Mr. Williams** has come before the Board to request the ability to provide a Beer and Wine establishment to the community.

**Chair Oretha Bridgewater-Simms** asked the standard questions typically used to qualify for this type of license. Including what are the six acceptable forms of I.D., and the legal age to purchase and sell alcohol.

**Commissioner Camacho** makes a motion to grant the Class D, Beer, and Wine license to t/a Infuse Restaurant, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

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

**Adjourned: 11:14 a.m.**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

**Ariana Posada-Mejia**  
*Administrative Aide BOLC*