

**December 17, 2024
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Todd Pounds, Esquire
Terence Sheppard, Director
Alecia Hughes, Assistant to the Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:02 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.

REGULAR SESSION

1. **Transfer of Location** - Martha Moscoso, Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of El Rodeo Restaurant, Inc., **t/a El Rodeo Restaurant**, 6258 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale Park, 20737 transfer from Old Town Hospitality, LLC, t/a Old Bowie Town Grille, 8604 Chestnut Avenue, Bowie, 20715, Theresa A. Thompson, Member-Manager, Lisbeth O'Brien, Member, Jack R. Murphy, Member.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledged her right to an attorney and agreed to move forward without an attorney.

Initially, Ms. Moscoso did not appear on camera and the Board did not want to proceed if they could not see her. The case was paused so she could work out her camera issue and recalled after it was resolved.

Chief Liquor Inspector Clark testified that there are no schools within 1,000 feet, no churches within 500 feet, and there are ten (10) liquor establishments within one (1) mile of the establishment.

Ms. Moscoso testified that the restaurant is transferring location, and she would like to add beer, wine, and liquor to the menu. She will be on site 90% off the time. She stated that she is familiar with, has read and understands the rules and regulations. However, she was unable to answer the questions regarding the ages to buy and sell alcohol correctly. She apologized that she has been sick since arriving in Columbia. She also had trouble naming the six (6) forms of acceptable ID's.

Commissioner Norman asked if she understood that someone must be alcohol awareness certified on the premises at all times, and that she would be held responsible if there is a violation. She responded "yes."

Commissioner Camacho moved to approve the transfer of location for **t/a El Rodeo Restaurant**, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, motion carries.**

2. **New Class D, Beer, and Wine** - Kimberly Ann Cayce, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class D, Beer, and Wine for the use of TopShot Golf, Inc., **t/a Laurel Golf Center**, 9801 Fort Meade Road, Laurel, 20707. Represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Chief Liquor Inspector Clark testified that there are no schools within 1,000 feet, no churches within 500 feet, and there are eight (8) liquor establishments within one (1) mile of the establishment.

Ms. Carter proffered that the establishment is on property owned by the City of Laurel. Ms. Cayce and her family have operated the business for thirty-three (33) years. There are forty-five (45) golf driving bays and nine (9) batting cages. The property is undergoing significant renovations well in excess of \$1,000,000, updating antiquated batting cages and golf driving bays. They are going to be putting in simulators much like Topgolf or XGolf have. There is a limited snack bar and alcohol has never been sold. Her client recognizes that in this economy, it's essential that she provide golfers with the ability to be able to have a beer.

They are asking the board to grant the Class D beer and wine license for on use only. She plans to construct a kitchen further down the line, and will be seeking a beer, wine, and liquor license. Her application remains true and accurate. She is familiar with the rules and regulations, has read all seventy-seven (77) pages. She is able to name the six (6) acceptable forms of ID's, and the ages to buy and sell alcohol.

Commissioner Camacho moved to approve the issuance of the Class D, Beer, and Wine license for **t/a Laurel Golf Center**, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, motion carries.**

3. **Request for Special Entertainment Permit - t/a House of Comedy and Jazz**, Darnell Dinkins, Authorized Person, Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 9430 Annapolis Road, Lanham, 20706.

Licensee does not have an attorney, acknowledged his right to an attorney and agreed to move forward without an attorney.

Corporal Hunt from the Prince George's County Police Department testified that he has met with Mr. Dinkins and review the rules and regulations with him. There was an initial issue with the U&O limiting the hours of entertainment, but that has since been corrected. The security plan is adequate.

Mr. Dinkins testified that he would like to obtain a special event permit for comedy shows. He wants to bring fun events to the community. He stated that he is familiar with the laws, rules, and regulations of the Board of License Commissioners. He plans to follow the rules and he is familiar with and will follow the rules and regulations pertaining to special entertainment.

Commissioner Camacho questioned the days and types of entertainment that would be provided since the application only reflected Monday through Wednesday. Katrice James clarified that there is an additional page listing the various days and types of entertainment.

Commissioner Camacho moved to approve the special entertainment permit for **t/a House of Comedy and Jazz**, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, motion carries.**

Adjourned 10:32 a.m.