

**August 22, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
Dennis Smith, Commissioner
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
James Cleaver, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Johnny Toles, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Christian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Leonard Vauss, Administrative Assistant
Patricia Bell, Administrative Manager
Keyanna Little, Administrative Aide
Katrice James, Administrative Aide
Alecia Hughes, Administrative Aide

Start Time: 10:09 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 Cambria Hotel at College Park**, Class B(BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 8321 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, Linda Carter to serve as Member instead of Adam Greenberg, Member. Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Ms. Carter states we're having a corporate restructure at Southern Management, and I agreed to come on this license. I'm currently a licensee on a hotel in Prince George's County.

There are no changes to Ms. Carter's personal information.

Ms. Carter is Alcohol Awareness certified.

Ms. Carter gave a proffer using 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. She was able to answer each question.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the SCO for t/a Cambria Hotel at College Park, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

REGULAR SESSION

NON-EFFECTUATION

t/a El Toro Liquors – Review of request to approve an additional one hundred eighty (180) days to effectuate the license. Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

Mr. Kim states he submitted a package last night to include work order documents, inspection documents, obtaining a U&O, MD lottery process, and photographs of the interior and exterior of the property. We're down to two inspections the final inspection and building inspection. The sprinkler system needed a new water line, WSSC had to find another entry way for the sprinkler system. My clients hired third party inspectors, due to the county not being able to accommodate them in a timely manner. Once we get the fire inspection completed, the county will issue the U&O.

Mr. Harjinder states we think everything can be completed by the end of September.

Mr. Kim respectfully asked the Board for time to complete the remaining inspections.

State Delegate Del Deni Taveras commends Mr. Harjinder for informing and meeting with the community in discussing the layout, opening date, and hours of operation. Mr. Harjinder gives donations to the community.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant 120 days to effectuate the license, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho takes the gavel at this time.

TRANSFER OF LOCATION

Ashuta Tandon, Member-Manager, for a Class B+, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Adelphi Liquors, LLC, **t/a Adelphi Restaurant and Liquor**, 2520 University Blvd, East, Hyattsville, 20783, transfer from Town Hall Wine and Spirits, LLC, t/a Town Hall Restaurant and Liquor, 8135 Baltimore Avenue, College Park, 20740, Ashuta Tandon, Member-Manager.

Represented by **Robert Kim, Esquire**.

King Kong Restaurant and Lim's Liquors are in opposition of this application and are represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

There are several Civic associations in opposition of this application and are not represented by an attorney.

State Delegate Del Deni Taveras is in opposition of this application.

Due to the volume of opposition, Mr. Kim asked the Board if this matter can be continued in order to facilitate a meeting with all willing parties to alleviate their concerns.

This case will be continued on the September 26, 2023, hearing Mr. Kim will reach out to those in opposition of this application to come to a resolution.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms takes the gavel at this time.

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

1. Sil N. Mudsi, Member-Manager, for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Balkonie Restaurant Group, LLC, **t/a Balkonie**, 6323 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, 20740.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Mr. Mudsi states he is here to request a BLX license for his establishment. He previously held a license and couldn't renew on time due to family challenges.

There will be no changes to the mode of operation.

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

After Board vote, the motion carries.

NEW- CLASS B, BEER AND WINE

1. Dilsa Rosales Moscoso, President, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of El Tarro Bar & Grill, Inc., **t/a El Rancherito**, 6408 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, 20737.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge her right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

El Rancherito has been in operation since December 2022.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms asked the standard questions used to qualify 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 couldn't confidently answer the qualifying questions.**

The Board recommended that the applicant seek legal counsel and this case will be continued to the next available hearing.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to extend the application until Ms. Rosales comes with an attorney, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. Porfirio Martinez, CEO, Juan Batres, Member/Authorized Person, for a Class B, Beer and Wine for the use of Texas Parrillada, LLC, **t/a Texas Parrillada**, 7400 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745.

Applicant does not have an attorney, acknowledge his right to an attorney and agree to move forward without an attorney.

Chief Clark gave a maps presentation.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms asked the standard questions used to qualify this type of 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.

The original application doesn't reflect the full restaurant's square footage, the kitchen was excluded.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to continue this matter until a U&O is provided, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC