

November 19, 2019
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MET IN REGULAR SESSION:

PRESENT:

Daphne Turpin Forbes, Chairman
Armando Camacho, Vice Chairman
Tammie Norman, Commissioner
Tammy Sparkman, Commissioner
Benjamin Rupert, Esquire, Counsel
Terence Sheppard, Director
Robert Clark, Chief Liquor Inspector
Cristian Mendoza, Deputy Chief Liquor Inspector
Kelly Markomanolakis, Administrative Assistant
Nikole Bennett, Administrative Aide

Time: 10:03 a.m.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Westin National Harbor**, Class B (BH), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 171 Waterfront Street, Oxon Hill, 20745, Edward T. Hoganson to serve as Vice President/Secretary, in the place and stead of Pierre M. Donahue, Vice President/Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Leanne Schrecengost stated that Elizabeth Delens needs to be updated as President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Ms. Norman moved to amend the application to list Elizabeth Delens as President, Secretary and Treasurer, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

Edward Hoganson stated that he is a resident of Virginia; that there have been no changes to the personal information on the application; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that he is the Chief Financial Officer; that he is responsible for all account and administrative matters; that he oversees the operations of the business; that there will be no change in the operation of the business; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Substitution of Corporate Officers application, **t/a Gaylord National**, Class B (CC), Beer, Wine and Liquor, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, 20745, Justin M. Castle to serve as Assistant Secretary, in the place and stead of Philippe Chamoun, Assistant Secretary.

Applicant is represented by Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire.

Justin Castle stated that he is a resident of Virginia; that there have been no change to the information submitted in the application; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has

not been found in violation of any alcohol or gambling laws; that he is the Director of Beverages; that he is responsible for 31 food and beverage outlets; that he is responsible for ensuring the compliance of all county, state and global laws, along with maintaining Marriot's standards; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that there will be no change in the operation of the business; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the Substitution of Corporate Officers application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Dharmendra N. Patel, Managing Member/Authorized Person, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Aariv, LLC, **t/a Seitz Liquors**, 6223 Livingston Road, Oxon Hill, 20745, transfer from Seitz Liquors Corporation, t/a Seitz Liquors, Mi Hyon Han, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she would like to withdraw the current transfer application and has submitted a new application; that she believes that the new application will be heard in January; that she has found a new buyer; that the previous applicant is withdrawing due to a financial matter; that this new buyer has financing that is preapproved; that the property and business would both be purchased by the owner in this matter; that the paperwork has already been submitted to the bank.

Benjamin Rupert, Esquire asked if there has been an offer to purchase that was accepted.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that there has been.

Benjamin Rupert, Esquire stated that in that case they meet the conditions set previously; that the sale has been agreed upon and is waiting on finance.

Ms. Norman moved to withdraw the first application, substitute the new transfer application, and to accept the new purchase agreement, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she would also like to extend the time the business is closed to March 1, 2020.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the request, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Bhupinder Singh, Member-Manager, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Beltsville Spirits, LLC, **t/a Maryland Farms Super Liquors**, 11450 Cherry Hill Road, Beltsville, 20705, transfer from Strauss Enterprises, t/a Maryland Farms Super Liquors, Jason Chang Lee, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Robert Kim, Esquire stated that they are here to transfer the license for t/a Maryland Farms Super Liquors.

Bhupinder Singh stated that he is a resident of Pennsylvania; that he is moving to Maryland; that his family has already moved; that he owns a hotel in Pennsylvania and is working on selling it; that he is a United States citizen; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling or alcohol laws; that he has never had a license revoked; that he has not held a license previously; that he does not have an interest in any other business that holds an alcoholic beverage license in Prince George's County; that he is the sole

member/manager and 100% stockholder of Beltsville Spirits, LLC; that he has read, understands and will abide by the Rules and Regulations; that he will ensure his employees comply with the Rules and Regulations; that he has his Alcohol Awareness certification; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that there have been no changes to the application; that he understands he is responsible for the operation of the business and answering to the Board; that he has not worked at a business that sold alcohol previously; that he will have friends and family with experience to help him. Ms. Norman moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Jalpan K. Patel, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Manokeek Wine and Spirits Corporation, **t/a Manokeek Liquors**, 7091 Berry Road, Suite B, Accokeek, 20607, transfer from Manokeek Liquors, Inc., t/a Manokeek Liquors, Dany Nguyen, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Robert Kim, Esquire.

Jalpan Patel stated that he is a resident of Upper Marlboro; that he is a Permanent Resident of the United States; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been convicted of any felony, alcohol or gambling offense; that he has not had a license revoked; that he has not held a license previously; that he does not have a financial interest in any other business in Prince George's County; that he is the 100% shareholder; that his title is President, Secretary, Treasurer; that he will be at the business full time; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that he has obtained his Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification; that there are no changes to the application; that he understands he is obligated to answer any questions from the Board; that he understands he is responsible for any violations that may occur.

Mr. Camacho asked what experience Mr. Patel has with beverages that serve alcoholic beverages.

Jalpan Patel stated that he does not have experience working in a liquor store; that his family will help him; that his family will work at the store with him.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Zhen Hua Liang, President/Secretary/Treasurer, for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Cindy Piao, Inc., **t/a Gah Rham Restaurant**, 5027 Garrett Avenue, Beltsville, 20705, transfer from J.I.D.S. Restaurant, Inc., t/a Gah-Rham Restaurant, Hae Sung Lee, President/Secretary/Treasurer.

Applicant is represented by Tarrell Carroway, Esquire.

Zhen Hua Liang is a resident of Rockville; that she is a Permanent Resident of United States; that she has been a Maryland resident for 16 years; that she has held a license previously for 10 years; that she has held a license since 2008; that she has not had a violation previously; that she has not been convicted of a felony or any gambling laws; that she has never violated any other laws of the United States or Maryland; that she has obtained her Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that she has two other employees that have been through Alcohol Awareness training; that the application submitted is true and correct; that she has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; that she will purchase alcohol

from licensed vendors; that she will keep her records for two years and store them under the counter; that she has a restaurant currently in Montgomery County.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the transfer application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Gerson Noe Fuentes, President/Secretary/Treasurer for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of Medi Café, Inc., t/a **Medi Café**, 3237 Rhode Island Avenue, Mount Rainier, 20712. Continued from September 24, 2019.

Applicant is represented by Linda Carter, Esquire.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that she understands they have attempted to appear in September; that she understands the establishment was previously licensed under t/a Mediterranean Café; that the landlord had ownership; that the applicant's wife managed the business previously; that the owner did not renew; that she would like to amend the application to reflect Mr. Fuentes ownership as 25% and add Ahmed M. Adbelazim with an ownership of 75%; that she also needs to amend the application to reflect the hours of operation to Monday through Wednesday 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Thursday through Sunday.

Ms. Norman moved to amend the application, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

Linda Carter, Esquire stated that the application will license the two floors, not the basement.

Gerson Fuentes stated that he is a resident of Oxon Hill; that with the amendments the application is true and correct; that he has read and understands the Rules and Regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms identification; that he will be there part time; that his wife will be there full time and continue to manage the business; that he believes he needs the alcoholic beverage license to run an economical establishment and compete with local businesses; that the business at the restaurant has decreased without the license; that he doesn't believe granting the license will threaten the peace and safety of the community; that he thinks it will be good for the community; that they are near the local police department.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the application for a Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor license, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

In the matter of Parvez Ahmed, Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor for the use of OTI of Largo, LLC, t/a **OTI of Largo**, 9421 Largo Drive West, Largo, 20774. Continued from September 24, 2019.

Applicant is represented by Jason DeLoach, Esquire.

Parvez Ahmed stated that the application is true and correct; that he is the 100% managing member; that it is a full service restaurant; that he believes it will serve the community; that they will serve steak, seafood and fish; that they had a license previously until May 2019; that the license was taken away under unusual circumstances; that they also are wanting a Special Entertainment Permit; that they had a permit previously as well; that they opened in 2015 and until the license was surrendered they had not had any violations; that there are 144 seats and 12 employees currently; that they plan to add more employees with the alcoholic beverage license; that he has obtained his Alcohol Awareness Certificate; that his employees will be training in Alcohol Awareness; that there are six employees currently certified with Alcohol Awareness

training; that everyone who handles alcohol will be certified; that he will be there 24-32 hours per week; that his staff is very experienced; that most of the employees there were there previously; that they have been and will continue to be involved in the community; that he has not been convicted of a felony; that he has not been found in violation of any gambling alcohol laws; that he will obey all state and local laws; that he will cooperate with the Board; that they have a lot of government and officials that visit their establishment; that he has read, understands and will obey the rules and regulations; that you must be 21 to consume alcohol, 18 to serve; named the acceptable forms of identification.

Mr. Camacho asked if he has been involved with restaurants previously.

Parvez Ahmed stated that he has owned hotels and restaurants previously; that he owns a Mexican restaurant in the county, but they don't have an alcoholic beverage license.

Ms. Norman asked about the address on the Articles of Organization; that the address is not the business itself.

Jason DeLoach, Esquire stated that they will have it updated.

Mr. Camacho asked if the lease has been corrected.

Jason DeLoach, Esquire stated that the problem with the lease has been corrected; that they have a court order saying that the property owner must cooperate; that they were told to cooperate with and sign whatever is needed to issue a license.

Boards Exhibit #1 – Map – Presented by Robert Clark.

Ms. Norman moved to approve the application for a Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, seconded by Ms. Sparkman and made unanimous by Mr. Camacho.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nikole Bennett
Administrative Aide

Adjourned 11:14 a.m.