

**October 11, 2023
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
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: 7:04 p.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. **t/a Lim's Liquor Store**, Kyuwoon Suh, President, Class A, Beer, Wine and Liquor, CHK Liquors, Inc., 2117 University Blvd., Hyattsville, 20783. – Request for a Special Sunday Sales Permit. Represented by **Jay S. Yoo, Esquire**.

The licensee agrees to spend the \$50,000 capital investment within one year of today's date. The proposed hours for Sundays will be 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Mr. Yoo states his client has obtained an estimate for the work to be done for the interior and exterior of the establishment, the estimate was submitted to the Board on October 5, 2023.

The upgrades include but are not limited to new flooring, drop ceiling, light fixtures, LED lights will be used to save energy, walls, shelving, plumbing, carpentry work for the counter, and the exterior glass will be replaced with new glasses and frames.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to approve the Special Sunday Sales Permit for t/a Lim's Liquor Store, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **t/a El Chaparral**, Maria Delgado, Member, Luis Ponce, Member, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, El Chaparral, LLC, 15101 Baltimore Avenue, Suite 110, Laurel, 20707. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

The plans for El Chaparral if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have karaoke for their patrons while they enjoy their food and drinks.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states he conducted a site inspection on August 24, 2023, we went over their plans for the permit and the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to amend the application to reflect live authentic Mexican music performed by a DJ and karaoke on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to El Chaparral, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. **t/a Blue Waters Caribbean and Seafood Grill**, LaVerne Tinsley, President, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, Blue Waters Restaurants, Inc., 6349 Old Branch Avenue, Temple Hills, 20748. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

The plans for Blue Waters Caribbean Seafood Grill if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have karaoke, a live DJ, and live band for the weekend.

Mr. Tinsley states they would like to stay competitive in the market, customers leave their establishment at a certain time to go to another location that offers activities.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states he conducted a site inspection on September 21, 2023, we went over their plans for the permit and the Rules and Regulations. The security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Blue Waters Caribbean and Seafood Grill, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a Remington's Restaurant of Beltsville**, Meral Kantar, Member, Selim Kantar, Managing Member, Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor, REM Beltsville, LLC, 11500 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, 20705. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

The plans for Remington's Restaurant of Beltsville if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have karaoke on Fridays and Saturdays.

This establishment previously held a Special Entertainment permit.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to amend the application to remove DJ from Special Entertainment being offered, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Remington's Restaurant of Beltsville.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

5. Angel O. Canales, President, Secretary, Treasurer, **t/a Pop's Seafood**, 7437 Annapolis Road, Landover, Maryland 20706, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of RR #9, No licensee, his/her agent, or employee shall allow consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by patrons on the licensed premises during the hours when such sales or consumption is not allowed by law of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at approximately 2:35am, Inspector Pascual, entered Pop's Seafood located at, 7437 Annapolis Road, Landover MD 20785. While conducting Entertainment Inspections, he noticed 40 people inside drinking alcoholic beverages. The establishment should have closed at 2:00am and no patrons should have been drinking alcoholic beverages. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

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

Inspector Pascual of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on August 26, 2023.

Mr. Canales states since he upgraded his license from a Class D license to a Class B license, he thought having a Class B license would grant him access to the closing time of 3:00 a.m.

He is currently in the process of getting a Use and Occupancy that will allow for entertainment and the fire capacity certificate so he can stay open until 3:00 a.m.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Pop's Seafood, in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500 and training, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

6. Moises Juan Ramirez, President, **t/a Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland**, 5652 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg, Maryland 20720, Class B(R), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of RR #9, No licensee, his/her agent, or employee shall allow consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by patrons on the licensed premises during the hours when such sales or consumption is not allowed by law and RR #32 Inspections: (Uncooperative) All license holders, their agents and employees, must cooperate with representatives of the Board of License Commissioners of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at approximately 3:23am, Inspector Pascual, entered Mexico Lindo Restaurant of Maryland located at, 5651 Annapolis Road, Bladensburg MD 20710. While conducting Entertainment Inspections, he noticed 20 people inside drinking alcoholic beverages. The establishment should have closed at 3:00am and no patrons should have been drinking alcoholic beverages. Inspector Pascual asked the manager his name and to sign the violation report. The manager refused to sign the report and also, he refused to provide his name. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms asked the licensee if he would like to proceed without an attorney. The licensee stated he would like to retain an attorney to represent his case. This case has been postponed for a later date.

7. Derrick Williams, Owner, **t/a Infuse Restaurant**, 6339 Allentown Road, Unit A, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 26-1903 a licensed holder may not provide entertainment unless authorized to do so, of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on Friday, August 25, 2023, at approximately 11:20pm, Inspectors Price and Hamilton, entered the Infuse Restaurant located at, 6336 Allentown Road, Temple Hills MD 20748. While conducting Entertainment Inspections, they noticed two gentlemen DJing behind a stand and speaking through a microphone which is considered changing the mode of operation because the establishment does not have an Entertainment Permit. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

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

Inspector Price of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on August 25, 2023.

Mr. Williams states unfortunately he wasn't at the establishment when this happened, he's been in the hospital for four months. When I returned, I shut down all entertainment. I had entertainment for ten years and never had any violations. I didn't know my Special Entertainment Permit expired; I submitted my paperwork to Corporal Hunt.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George's County Police Department) states he spoke with Mr. Williams multiple times and when I submit corrections, I would never receive the corrected paperwork. We received information that Infuse Restaurant was still having entertainment. Corporal Hunt spoke to Mr. Williams since his secondary employment paperwork wasn't in order, he was removed from the part-time list. None of the paperwork has been completed at this time.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Infuse Restaurant, in violation as charged with a fine of \$1,500 and training, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**. **After Board vote, the motion carries.**

8. Tajadeen Adubakar, Owner, **t/a Tempoo Restaurant**, 9424 Annapolis Road, Lanham, Maryland 20706, Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of RR #9, No licensee, his/her agent, or employee shall allow consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by patrons on the licensed premises during the hours when such sales or consumption is not allowed by law and R.R. No 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at approximately 3:05am, Inspector Pascual, entered Tempoo Restaurant located at, 9424 Annapolis Road, Lanham MD 20706. While conducting Entertainment Inspections, he noticed 50 people inside drinking, dancing, and a live DJ playing music, which is considered changing the mode of operation because the establishment does not have an Entertainment Permit. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

Represented by **Linda Carter, Esquire**.

Inspector Pascual of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on August 26, 2023.

Ms. Carter states we aren't going to deny the restaurant was open until 2:00 a.m. This was a private event, my client believed he can stay open as long as the event wasn't open to the public. A musician from Nigeria was in town and my client hosted a meet and greet. Mr. Adubakar doesn't drink he's a Christian and a diabetic. Afrobeat music was being played on a machine from a YouTube playlist, and there was no cover charge. We will be requesting hours of operation change and in the process of applying for a Special Entertainment Permit.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Tempoo Restaurant, in violation as charged with a fine of \$12,000. Fine can be made payable over three monthly installments of \$4,000. **No second, motion dies.**

Commissioner Smith asked Board to consider combining the violations.

Commissioner Norman reintroduced the motion to find the licensee for t/a Tempoo Restaurant in violation as charged with a fine of \$12,000, seconded by **Commissioner Camacho**.

Fine can be made payable over three monthly installments of \$4,000.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Ms. Carter respectfully asked the Board if her client can have six months to make the payments.

Commissioner Norman makes a motion to find the licensee for t/a Tempoo Restaurant, in violation as charged with a fine of \$12,000, seconded by **Commissioner Camacho**.

Fine can be made payable over six monthly installments \$2,000.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

9. Samuel Umanzor, President, Secretary, Treasurer, **t/a Pollo Sabroso**, 4400 Rhode Island Avenue N. Brentwood, Maryland 20722, Class B(AE), Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 26-1903, a licensed holder may not provide entertainment unless authorized to do so, of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. No 37 (E) Change in mode of operation (Having entertainment without a permit), of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit: On Friday, August 4, 2023, at approximately 11:24pm, Inspectors Farmer-Johnson and Clinkscale, entered Pollo Sabroso, located at, 4400 Rhode Island Avenue, N. Brentwood MD 20722. While conducting Entertainment Inspections, they noticed two DJs at a DJ table playing music, which is considered changing the mode of operation because the establishment does not have an Entertainment Permit. The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

Commissioner Bridgwaters-Simms asked the licensee if he would like to proceed without an attorney. The licensee stated he would like to retain an attorney to represent his case. This case has been postponed for a later date.

10. Jemima B. Ablorh, Member, **t/a Aroma Ultra Restaurant Lounge**, 4000 Town Center Blvd Bowie, Maryland 20716. Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation for non-payment of fines related to violation of R.R. NO 7 – Consumption of Bottle Goods on the Licensed Premises and R.R. NO 37 – Alterations and Additions of the Rules and Regulations of Prince George's County. To wit; on Friday, February 3, 2023, at approximately 10:15 pm, Inspectors North and Clinkscale arrived at 4000 Town Center Blvd, Bowie MD 20716 to conduct an undercover operation and found that the establishment was having entertainment without an approved Board of License Commissioners Special Entertainment Permit. Additionally, on Saturday, February 18, 2023, at approximately 12:56 am, during another undercover operation, Inspector North observed waitresses serving bottle service of (Hennessy VSOP and Casamigos Tequila) to customers tables. The licensee is

subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing.

Director Sheppard states this matter has been brought to satisfactory. The licensee came to our office earlier this week and paid in full.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to dispose this show cause order, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

11. Manuel Sanchez, Member, Diego Sanchez, Member, **t/a BurgerFi**, 161 Fleet Street Suite K1-9 National Harbor, Maryland 20045, Class D(NH), Beer and Wine, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of Maryland Annotated Code 6-304 Selling alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of twenty-one and RR No. 1, Sales to a minor, of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; on May 26, 2023, at approximately 7:16 p.m., a male underage Cadet, (Wright) 20-years old and Officer Hill from the Prince George's County Police Department entered BurgerFi, located at, 161 Fleet Street, Oxon Hill Maryland 20745. The operative ordered one (1) 16-ounce cup of Yuengling and the server did not check for ID and placed the 16-ounce cup of Yuengling in front of the minor operative. Furthermore, the licensee was previously found in violation of: RR #17 Beverages from Faucets, Spigots and Labeling. (11/14/2022). The licensee is subject to all potential penalties identified in the Alcoholic Beverage Article, Rule 26 of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County and any other provision(s) governing said license, which may include other violation(s) identified at the hearing. Represented by Sean Morris.

Director Sheppard states the Board has no evidence to present, therefore we'd like to dispose this case.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to dispose the show cause, seconded by **Commissioner Norman**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

Adjourned: 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC