

**August 9, 2023
9200 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774
Virtual Hearing**

Present:

Oretha Bridgwaters-Simms, Chair
Armando Camacho, Vice Chair
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: 7:03 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 Galaxy 21** – Ruben Adrade, Member-Manager/Sole Member for a Class B(BLX), Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Galaxy 2021, LLC, 2031 University Blvd, Suite B, Hyattsville, Maryland 20783. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

The plans for Galaxy 21 if granted a Special Entertainment Permit are to have a DJ and live bands.

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s County Police Department) testified that he spoke with Mr. Adrade about the Dancehall Permit they’re in the process of obtaining. The security plan is adequate.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Galaxy 21, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

2. **Green Chili’s** – Kola Siwajuola, Managing Member for a Class B, Beer, Wine, and Liquor for the use of Green Chili's, LLC, 8700 Chestnut Avenue, Bowie, Maryland 20720. – Request for a Special Entertainment Permit.

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

Corporal Juan Hunt (Prince George’s County Police Department) testified that he conducted the site inspection; the camera system was down at that time, but it is now up to par. The security plan is adequate.

The plans for Green Chili’s are to allow DJ services for customers when they use the facility.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to grant the Special Entertainment Permit to Green Chili’s, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**.

After Board vote, the motion carries.

3. Jin Oh, Resident, Tae Paul Park, Managing Member, **t/a Potomac Gourmet Market**, 180 American Way, National Harbor, Maryland 20745, Class D(NH), Beer and Wine, is summonsed to show cause for an alleged violation of 4-604. Grounds for a fine, revocation or suspension. (8) on-premises possession of an alcoholic beverage that a license holder is not licensed to sell of the Alcoholic Beverage Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and R.R. NO. 6-Drinking or Possession of Alcoholic Beverages not Authorized Under License and R.R. NO. 11 -Purchases, by Authorized Retailer of the Rules and Regulations for Prince George's County. To wit; that on Friday, June 2, 2022, at approximately 2:45PM, Inspector Pascual entered Potomac Gourmet Market located at 180 American Way, National Harbor MD 20745, and observed 14 bottles of wine containing 17% to 20% of alcohol content, which for this license is only authorized to sell 15.5% or lower. 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**.

Inspector Pascual of the BOLC testified about the incident that occurred on June 2, 2023.

Ms. Carter states my clients are in possession of a Class D(NH) Beer and Wine license.

There's a significant difference between the NH license and the typical Class D Beer and light Wine license. The D(NH) license had a higher fee than the regular D license. When the legislatures created the NH license it was intended for this to be a wine license and not a light wine license.

Ms. Carter asked for the ten-day rule to prepare a summary memo.

The BOLC staff believes Potomac Gourmet Market holds a DW(R) license. The staff will need to check the records.

Commissioner Camacho makes a motion to continue this case to the next available hearing, seconded by **Commissioner Smith**. **The ten-day rule will be granted to Ms. Carter for this case.**

After Board vote, the motion carries.

4. **t/a William Francis Smith American Legion Post #235**, to discuss licensee Warren Parham's affidavit.

This case will be rescheduled for the next available hearing, the licensee did not appear for the hearing.

Adjourned: 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alecia L. Hughes
Administrative Aide BOLC