

**BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY
DOCKET – THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2015 – 11:00 AM
ROOM 215 - CITY HALL - 100 NORTH HOLLIDAY STREET**

Please note: If you are interested in a particular case, please call (410) 396-4380 the day before these hearings to verify that a particular case is still scheduled for this date.

11:00 a.m. cases

I. Transfers and amendments :

1. **Mark Adams & Frank Shull, Mussel Bar & Grille Baltimore, LLC T/a Mussel Bar & Grille, 1390 Lancaster Street** - Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application for a new Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor restaurant license under the provisions of Article 2B Section 6-201 (d) (vii) \$500,000 in capital investment in restaurant fixtures and facilities and seating capacity for a minimum of 75 people; request for outdoor table service
2. **Shawn Singh & Lisa Markiewicz, Waterstone Bar & Grille, Inc. T/a Waterstone Bar & Grille, 307-11 Madison Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Application to transfer ownership, request for off-premises catering
3. **Elizabeth Rafferty & Fred Haas, Encantada, LLC T/a Encatada, 800 Key Highway** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - Application to transfer ownership; requests for live entertainment and outdoor table service
4. **Tracy Proietti, LL Pro Hospitality Baltimore, LLC T/a Baltimore Wyndham Hotel, 612 Cathedral Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor Hotel-Motel License – Application to transfer ownership
5. **Jacqueline McCusker, Blaze, Inc. T/a Mama’s on the Half Shell, 2901 O’Donnell Street** – Class “B” Beer, Wine & Liquor License – Application to transfer ownership

1:00 P.M. CASES

II. Violations:

1. **Ki Jeong Lee, Old Clubhouse, Inc. T/a Whispers, 1807-11 Baker Street** - Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** –

December 18, 2014 –At approximately 12:05 am the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “Whispers” located at 1807-1811 Baker Street in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk, which cost \$7.00. Cadet Jones, using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

2. **Byoung Wook An & Patrick Min, ACA Liquors, Inc. T/a Eric 500, 500 E. North Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 17, 2014 – At approximately 9:10 PM the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “Eric 500” located at 500 East North Avenue in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

3. **Hwa Young Lee & Seon Joo Lee, Bacchus Bar & Liquors, Inc. T/a Bacchus Bar & Liquor License, 1220 W. North Avenue** – class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 17, 2014 – At approximately 11:53 PM the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “Bacchus Bar and Liquors” located at 1220 West North Avenue in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk, which cost \$7.65. Cadet Jones, using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

4. **Un Taek Sim & Do Ja Han, Edmondson Group, LLC T/a Uptown Bar, 1901 Edmondson Avenue** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 18, 2014 – At approximately 12:47 AM the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “Uptown Bar” located at 1901 Edmondson Avenue in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “New Amsterdam Peach Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk, which cost \$8.98. Cadet Jones, using a \$20 bill that was marked by police, purchased the alcoholic beverage and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

5. **Kyu Chan Kim, New Q’s Liquors and Tavern, Inc. T/a Q’s Liquors & Tavern, 2521 E. Monument Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.01(a) Minors** – December 17, 2014 –At approximately 9:45pm the Baltimore Police Department conducted an underage alcohol investigation at “New Q’s Liquors and Tavern” located at 2521 East Monument in Baltimore City, Maryland. Police Cadet Jones, who was under the age of 21, entered the establishment and purchased a 375 ml “Peach Amsterdam Vodka” from the bartender/store clerk using a \$20 bill that was marked by police and received change from the bartender. The cadet then communicated with police who responded to the scene. The police entered the establishment and notified the bartender/store clerk that an alcoholic beverage had just been sold to a minor and it would be reported to the BLLC. The police then recovered the marked currency and returned both the alcoholic beverage to the bartender and the change that was provided to the cadet by the establishment.

6. **Alexander Wolde, A & D, LLC t/a Midtown Liquor Store, 17 W. Biddle Street** – Class “A” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.18(a) Illegal Conduct**– January 5, 2015 – At 2:35 PM Inspectors arrived at the establishment “Midtown Liquor Store” located at 17 W. Biddle Street in response to a citizen’s complaint regarding unabated housing code violations. The citizen’s complaint was based upon a Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Violation Notice 1172388A-1 and 940197A were issued to the property on November 21, 2014 and March 22, 2013. In total they listed approximately 10 violations of the housing code. On January 5th Inspectors visited the location and confirmed that the housing code violations had not yet been abated. On January 6th Inspectors returned to the location to continue their investigation and found no work being done to abate the nuisance. A check of DHCD records on January 13, 2015 indicates that no permits have been pulled from DHCD to complete the work and that as of December 23, 2014 the violations have gone unabated.

Violation of Rule 4.20(b) - Alterations– January 5, 2015 – At 2:35 PM
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Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct– January 6, 2014 – At approximately 11:00 am Inspectors performed inspection of the establishment and found that the corporate entity that owned the business failed to have a registered trader’s license with the Comptroller of the State of Maryland. The inspector warned the operator of the violation and instructed him to obtain a current trader’s license by January 13, 2015. The inspector returned on January 13, 2015 and found that the business still lacked a valid trader’s license.

Violation of Rule 3.06 Sanitation and Safety– January 6, 2014 – At approximately 11:00 am Inspectors performed inspection of the establishment and found that the corporate entity that owned the business failed to have a registered trader’s license with the Comptroller of the State of Maryland. The inspector warned the operator of the violation and instructed him to obtain a current trader’s license by January 13, 2015. The inspector returned on January 13, 2015 and found that the business still lacked a valid trader’s license.

7. **Haeng Hyun Kim, Samsung Liquors, Inc. T/a B&O Café, 1301-03 W. Pratt Street** – Class “BD7” Beer, Wine & Liquor License - **Violation of Rule 4.18 Illegal Conduct**– January 12, 2015 – At approximately 5:00 pm, Chief Inspector Shelton Jones responded to the establishment due to several complaints of loitering and drug dealing inside and outside of the bar. Upon arrival Jones observed numerous individuals loitering outside of the bar. Once inside Jones observed individuals loitering and drinking alcoholic beverages within the package goods area of the establishment. While there Jones observed an individual enter the package goods area of the establishment, extract a bag of what Jones believed to be contained with controlled dangerous substances, and then begin announce that he was selling. Jones observed numerous transactions and furthermore observed that the owner/licensee was standing at the front of the counter while the transactions – which were approximately two feet away from the owner – were ongoing. The owner/licensee did nothing. At this point, Jones announced his presence and cleared the area of the activity.

Violation of Rule 4.16 Narcotic Drugs– January 12, 2015 – At approximately 5:00 pm, Chief Inspector Shelton Jones responded to the establishment due to

several complaints of loitering and drug dealing inside and outside of the bar. Upon arrival Jones observed numerous individuals loitering outside of the bar. Once inside Jones observed individuals loitering and drinking alcoholic beverages within the package goods area of the establishment. While there Jones observed an individual enter the package goods area of the establishment, extract a bag of what Jones believed to be contained with controlled dangerous substances, and then begin announce that he was selling. Jones observed numerous transactions and furthermore observed that the owner/licensee was standing at the front of the counter while the transactions – which were approximately two feet away from the owner – were ongoing. The owner/licensee did nothing. At this point, Jones announced his presence and cleared the area of the activity.

Violation of Rule 3.12 Public Welfare– January 12, 2015 – At approximately 5:00 pm, Chief Inspector Shelton Jones responded to the establishment due to several complaints of loitering and drug dealing inside and outside of the bar. Upon arrival Jones observed numerous individuals loitering outside of the bar. Once inside Jones observed individuals loitering and drinking alcoholic beverages within the package goods area of the establishment. While there Jones observed an individual enter the package goods area of the establishment, extract a bag of what Jones believed to be contained with controlled dangerous substances, and then begin announce that he was selling. Jones observed numerous transactions and furthermore observed that the owner/licensee was standing at the front of the counter while the transactions – which were approximately two feet away from the owner – were ongoing. The owner/licensee did nothing. At this point, Jones announced his presence and cleared the area of the activity.

Violation of Rule 4.19 Storage– January 14, 2015 – At approximately 11:45 am, Inspector Karanikolis responded to the establishment to follow-up on prior safety and sanitation violations concerning the bathroom facilities. While there, Inspector Karanikolis observed numerous boxes of stock (containing alcoholic beverages for sale) on the floor area behind the counter for sale of the packaged goods area. Inspector Karanikolis informed the licensee/owner that he could not have stock stored in this manner, as it had to be on a pallet or elevated from the floor.

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****Please note that times given above are approximate. Parties are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the time noted above, items may be moved and postponed items can be heard early to move the agenda forward. Also note that parties are asked to submit and written requests and all documents and requests to the liquor board at least 72 hours before the scheduled hearing.***