

The Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County met in a regular session at the County Administrative Building, Conference Room, 200 Chesapeake Boulevard, Elk Room, Elkton, MD on Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 9:15 A.M.

PRESENT: Stephen Miller, Chairman
Kristen Ortt, Commissioner
Bernard Chiominto, Commissioner
Justin Hill, Staff Attorney
Holly Ayers, Risk Manager/Legal Tech
Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Miller: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, I call to the meeting to order, this is Cecil County Board of License Commissioners meeting for May 25, 2022, on Wednesday, the first order of business is to please stand and pledge allegiance to the flag.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all thank you.

CHANGE OF MODE OF OPERATION REQUEST

Joshua Eidson; Andrea Nicole Hershey; Patrick David Dixon, Maryland Resident; Feldspar Services LLC, T/A Buck's Restaurant & Tavern, 314 East Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911

Chairman Miller: Our first order of business is change of mode operation request.

Chairman Miller: Joshua Eidson; Andrea Nicole Hershey; Patrick David Dixon, Maryland Resident; Feldspar Services LLC, T/A Buck's Restaurant & Tavern, 314 East Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911; please raise your hands this morning.

Mrs. Trader: Do you solemnly promise and declare that the evidence you are about to give in the matter now pending before the Board of License Commissioners shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

Andrea and Tim Hill: I do.

Mr. Hill: Chairman, all I have is the e-mail that says that we're going to be reviewing documents for a plan yeah sure so with that being said, on the record, I didn't have a visual application I just had that email.

Mrs. Trader: We don't have an application for that they just usually just send an email

Mr. Hill: okay very good, would you like to tell us what your plans are?

Mrs. Trader: If you can speak into the mic

Mr. Hershey: I'm Tim, I'm Nikki's husband there's about 1000 square foot of outdoor space to the right side of the restaurant building, parking lot area that is not used, and we had opted to put a outdoor patio. Just indoor/outdoor turf carpet with planters, 32 foot of planters to go around to the Johnston's, they have like a container outside where they do overload orders, they put all that stuff in the containers so we're just kind of blocking that in with some planters, we have egress out there and basically 15 tables 60 chairs, with some sails, tarp over top, some planters for trees. And do some serving outside, we have dimensions here, but it is on us space, so we just thought we can utilize it.

Chairman Miller: Questions?

Commissioner Chiominto: Will you lose any parking spaces, so there are four parking spaces there now that are again not used ever.

Mr. Hershey: They actually have air handlers out there, that really take up a lot of a space for the conditioning of the liquor store and the restaurant and tavern so we've I have built a sound wall to cover the air handlers and the exhaust of the hot air that comes off of them to exhaust all that sound and air up away from patrons and then the planners or on the four adjacent side so everybody can you know be comfortable

Are there plans for an outdoor music.

Mr. Hershey: that's a question for you guys we're not sure like I don't know if there, I guess, I need to talk to the engineers, the town hall. They told me in in conversation that there wasn't that they weren't sure of any decimal restrictions so, but he did say that 10 o'clock if we decided to do that, I presented to them by 10 o'clock pm, we would need to shut down even on the weekends. And I said that's fine I didn't you know we don't know what the plans are as of, yet we'd like to just get people to the door honestly.

And is there a potential for any flooding, since the brook runs back there, I know, in the past you've had some water issues?

Mr. Hershey: I mean we all, you plan for the hundred-year flood right, and I think that happened last year, so nothing is fixed right, so everything is removable, hence the deck when the engineer from the town came down. Any contact surfaces needed to be recessed 36 inches below frost footer level concreted them blah blah blah, so it became an engineering nightmare, and the expense was just on the oddly so. When I asked about just the patio he says, if everything was removable and be able to be stored away then fine. So, the potential for flooding, I think you know any outdoor space is the sound that the siren sounds we see the clouds coming in, get the people inside clean them up tuck everything in your storage container and you know that's kind of where we're at.

Now, will there be any outside sales of alcohol that's what we're here for today yeah that would be from our service bar in the restaurant?

Mr. Hershey: We would want that bar that's in the restaurant would serve the outdoor dining area because that's where it joins the property, that's the entry/exit door going into the tavern or into the restaurant. The tavern has its own egresses, but they're on the other side of the property; there's no sense in bartender running through two buildings to get out of that area.

Chairman Miller: Thank you. I have no additional questions. Mr. Bradford any questions

Chief Bradford: No questions.

Mr. Hill: No questions either.

Chairman Miller: Has the town blessed it?

Mr. Hershey: The town has blessed it, thank God, I just wish the patrons would bless it and come in and see us. So, right now Rivera Maya is the only place to sit outside, and it's always packed on a nice day so I'm hoping that we can bring some bodies to the door, that's the goal.

Chief Bradford: I'm not quite clear were you having outdoor music or not.

Mr. Hershey: We're not sure, yet I think it would be something inviting but you know with I think there's a development like right behind Riviera Maya so to

that extent I really want to be, you know, conscious of you know their livelihoods right, so you know, maybe a Friday and a Saturday, but again, like the. I can't remember his name offhand but the engineer the guy from the town hall, he said, I think we need to be shut down and.

Chairman Miller: Calvin

Mr. Hershey: Calvin that's it yeah seems to be a cool dude So what we usually do without door entertainment.

Chief Bradford: As a program with a 30-day trial period okay good neighbors or anybody who might have concerns about the music and opportunity.

Mr. Hershey: Very good

Chief Bradford: Contact us, then we would you know discuss any complaints with you.

Mr. Hershey: Okay, so is that, like a temporary permit that was attached to this.

Chief Bradford: We would just grant you approval for 30 days okay,

Mr. Hershey: We notify you guys if we just you know if we have a schedule for a band, we say yes, the date yes okay where's we usually recommend acoustic or DJ. I, like him, basically Kroger's Lee band or a little more difficult, we ran into more problems with band when they get out of hand cranked up on Friday and charge yeah, I don't think we're having AC DC come in and play so.

Mrs. Trader: But if you do, let me know.

Chief Bradford: 30 days when does that start at his first activity or their perspective and he would notify us yes.

Mr. Hershey: Is that just done through email?

Chief Bradford: yes

Mr. Hershey: Okay fair enough, would have been don't you have music piped into the restaurant now

Chairman Miller: I'm sorry don't you have music piped into the restaurant correct, yes, will that be able to.

Mr. Hershey: Well, I so there's some wires there looks like the interrupter speakers prior I think during coven Rodney and Wayne might have had that previous I do see where the hookups or there's no speakers there now.

Chairman Miller: So that could be you know the subtle music playing during dinner hour or whatnot, but you know bands completely different we're not trying to discourage I'm just asking

Mr. Hershey: So, you're like me then you'd like music when you go have dinner.

Chairman Miller: Yeah. Okay, have you heard all the testimony, can I have a motion?

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion that we grant the change your mode of operation request to Joshua Edison Andrea Nicole Hershey Patrick David Dixon Maryland resident; Feldspar Services LLC,

Trading As Buck's Restaurant and Tavern, 314 East Main Street, Rising Sun, Maryland 21911

Chairman Miller: Do I have a second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second

Chairman Miller: Before I go for a vote does anybody in the audience have anything to say for against us? Okay, I have a motion presented all in favor say Aye

All: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed? Hearing no opposition, good luck.

Mr. Hershey: Thank you very much.

NEW LICENSE

Application received from Richard Lynn Cunningham, Jr., EMH Presents, LLC, T/A Elkton Music Hall, 107 North Street, Elkton, MD 21921 for issuance of a new Class "D" Beer, Wine & Liquor Alcoholic Beverages License

The fully executed application packet with proper fees included: signatures of 10 registered voters and property owners in District 3.

Chairman Miller: Next order businesses and only license application received from Richard Lynn Cunningham Jr., EMH Presents, LLC, T/A Elkton Music Hall 107 North Street, Elkton, Maryland 21921 for issuance of a new Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor alcoholic beverages license. Raise your right-hand to be sworn in.

Mrs. Trader: Do you solemnly promise and declare that the evidence you are about to give in the matter now pending before the border license Commissioner shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

Mr. Cunningham/Ms. Salisbury: I do

Chairman Miller: Can you identify yourself, please?

Mr. Jones: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I am Robert Jones and I represent the applicant Richard state your full name and address.

Mr. Cunningham: Richard I Cunningham Junior 75 Center Road Earleville, Maryland Kathleen state your full name and address please

Ms. Salisbury: Kathleen Salisbury 75 Center Road, Perryville Maryland.

Mr. Hill: I do okay sure, so I see that there was an application filed, or at least signed on April 27, 2022, that's before us is there any change in this application as of today?

Mr. Jones: Council, I believe the application originally was made as a be license, but I believe in consultation with Robin it should be a D license counts, I think. If that's correct that would be the only change.

Mr. Hill: Okay, I do see that there's a note on here where he was essentially crossed out and then D was then, and then dated and initialed, so I guess that okay anything beyond that?

Mr. Jones: No Sir

Mr. Hill: all right, thank you.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Jones, would you like to tell us what your plans are yes, sir.

Mr. Jones: Richard let's talk a little bit about the premises, you have acquired, could you describe to the Board the property?

Mr. Cunningham: We've purchased 107 North Street in Elkton, said about 6900 square foot building right there in the Center of town across from the Elkton Alliance.

Mr. Jones: And what is your plan for the building and how would the if the Board approves the liquor license How would that fit into your business plan Richard?

Mr. Cunningham: Okay our plan is to take the roughly 5000 square foot first floor of the building open that up and convert it into a live music venue so it would be roughly three-to-400-person capacity music venue. Doing live music bringing national touring acts in and also showcasing local and regional bands

Mr. Jones: and what type of music, would it be would it be country rock and roll jazz told the Board the nature of your presentations

Mr. Cunningham: I mean we're certainly going to you know, offer a diverse calendar of events, but a lot of it is going to focus probably on Americana country blues bluegrass folk. Things in that mean but will also yes there'll be there'll be jazz there'll be some rock bands things like that.

Mr. Jones: So, what are the renovations of the building and basically how much are you investing in the renovation, to the building.

Mr. Cunningham: I mean the renovations are extensive we're going to be investing about five to \$600,000 into the construction. The you know we're going to pretty much just be opening the entire first floor of the building up into one big open space. For the for the it'll be band and stage and bar area,

Mr. Jones: So, when all the liquor would be served inside the building, would there ever be, I mean, does the building have any place, we just heard the lady and gentleman here were talking about outside, would you ever plan to do anything outside at this point.

Mr. Cunningham: We don't have any plans to do anything outside, the Community itself Elkton will do, they have their fall fest and things like that which I'm sure we will participate in, to some degree. But I think that is all kind of managed within the US just that yeah, I mean us just as a business, we don't have any plans of doing anything outside of community events now.

Mr. Jones: One unique aspect of this is your financing explained to the Board, where the money is coming from, and the requirement of a license as part of the application talk a little bit about your financing correct.

Mr. Cunningham: Yes, Sir, my wife Katie and I had we purchased the building, but to do the construction financing, we were working through the state through the Department of Housing and Community development and their neighborhood business works program, which is designed to come into areas like ours, where there's an opportunity zone or enterprise zone and help with funding for starting a business. As part of that process, they you know, because the selling of alcohol is going to be a large portion besides the ticket sales of what we're doing they, they need to know that we're going to be able to actually do that so they're asking that we have. The liquor license or approval for a liquor license before they can proceed any further in granting us the construction financing.

Mr. Jones: Okay, so, ladies and gentlemen, obviously we are some distance away Richard when does the Board the loan committee meet next so that at least the loan package is complete right, you have everything into the state that it's required?

Mr. Cunningham: Yes, did everything in and we've told them that we're in this process now and so she, our coordinator from that program has got us on their calendar for June to do their committee meeting So that they can get to the next step of the process for the loan.

Mr. Jones: Your loan would be approved in June, however some approval from the Board of License Commissioners is required, because that is a condition of the loan application Is that correct

Mr. Cunningham: That is correct

Mr. Jones: Okay so members of the Board that's a general outline any questions that you have for Mr. Cunningham or Ms. Salsbury? And this is a

little bit unique in that. We are probably six- or eight-months construction. How long do you think that's going to take you?

Mr. Cunningham: I think I think probably six to nine months, depending on when we can get started and supply chains and all the fun stuff that's going on short

Commissioner Ortt: Six to nine months to get started with construction?

Mr. Cunningham: Yeah, we have everything lined up waiting, we have been working with the architect, we have been working with the general contractor so you know, we have everything in line so as soon as the financing comes through, we can say go and

Commissioner Ortt: When is your meeting in June, do you have that date

Mr. Cunningham: I don't have the date.

Commissioner Ortt: Okay. So, all of your events, right now, you say would be indoors Is that correct?

Mr. Cunningham: Yes

Commissioner Ortt: You said 300 to 400 capacity?

Mr. Cunningham: Yeah, that's good we're waiting on the final numbers on the on the architect, because it depends on the configuration of what the open net square footage is going to be, but yes, it's going to be around there somewhere

Commissioner Ortt: And what is the parking situation?

Mr. Cunningham: So, I mean the building itself has a few parking places along the side I think it's seven parking places, but right behind the building is a municipal lot and then down at the at the bottom of the street, the one that goes by the by the creek there's a large municipal lot there as well, and additional up the street and there's street parking. And I had met with Mayor Alt, and the Commissioners, and the powers to be in Elkton and have talked about that, and they have all said that that's you know that they don't have any problem you know, having that parking being available in the street parking,

Commissioner Ortt: That was my next question, so you have the blessing of the town.

Mr. Cunningham: Yeah, we talked with all of them before we even purchased the building and then they gave us their blessing, and as part of the neighborhood business works, the financing program, the mayor and the Commissioners had to pass a resolution supporting the project which they did last month

Commissioner Ortt: I'm sorry who passed that?

Mr. Cunningham: It was the, it was the mayor and then the town Commissioners, it was, they had to pass a resolution that we submitted to the state as part of the financing program

Chairman Miller: Do we have a copy of that?

Mr. Cunningham: I can get that to you

Mr. Jones: Yes, we can get you a copy of that

Chairman Miller: If you could supply that

Mr. Jones: yes, or we can get that resolution, that's the town's resolution approving this you'd like that

Chairman Miller: Okay yeah Thank you.

Commissioner Chiominto: Did that go through a zoning process or

Mr. Cunningham: Zoning yeah, I mean it has been signed off on its it is currently properly zoned for what we want to do is we don't have to change any zoning or any.

Commissioner Chiominto: Will these events be every day

Mr. Cunningham: No, we're probably going to be, I would say, an average of three a week three to four week and it depends on the time of year, and you know touring schedules and things like that, but I think, on average, it would be Thursday, Friday Saturday.

Commissioner Chiominto: How long will they last? Like if it starts at seven

Mr. Cunningham: Like seven to 10 seven to 1030 something like that. Yeah, depending on when the doors open but probably not much later than that

Commissioner Chiominto: No food will be served?

Mr. Cunningham: No food.

Chairman Miller: Okay, I have a couple things, people in a bar on a stage with fire code allow that on one floor,

Mr. Cunningham: Yes, I mean obviously we're going to be working with them, but you know we have talked with Chip, and we've talked with other people in the in the city and we're going to do, we're going to put new sprinkler systems and everything into the into the building and stuff and it has, three needs to egress so it's it seems like again from everything we've talked to it seems fine okay

Chairman Miller: Our second question does everybody have something against AC DC. My last question, Mr. Cunningham, if we table this for a month will that kill your financing or just delay out a month?

Mr. Cunningham: I honestly, I don't know I know the person that we're working with the if the state has set it as a priority. I don't know how much I want to test that, so I don't know if it would kill it. It would definitely delay things which may end up being bad, but not sure.

Mr. Jones: If I may, Mr. Miller, I mean I don't think they need it obviously a license on the wall, but the alcohol is part of the income stream, that is part of the p&l that has been applied for, so we can work with any type of conditions that the Board sees appropriate. But I think the main thing is they see that a valid application has been made, the Board perilla preliminarily subject conditions, certainly finds that it's an appropriate venue for a license to be issued so it's a little bit different I acknowledge that, but clearly the licenses they have come to me. There needs to have something from the Board indicating a license would be issued their subject on obviously even they realized their loan has to be fulfilled by proper construction of building permit final occupancy So there are a lot of contingencies members.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford: Do have any questions.

Chief Bradford: Are you aware, where the class D license is with no 21 and strictly on sale without affect your plans?

Mr. Cunningham: I mean that is no one, no one under 21 on premise ever correct okay um,

Mr. Jones: Can I ask the question if they were to have a program oriented to youth, with no liquor served is that not permitted under the that would be

Chief Bradford: The Board would have to approve that.

Mr. Jones: Okay, so we would have to come back to the Board for special events that were you or youth oriented correct

Chairman Miller: We do that, every month you do Okay, thank you.

Mr. Cunningham: Okay, and then I guess my follow up question then would be with that and that is so even like if accompanied by a parent right

Chief Bradford: No one under 21 anywhere alcohol may be consumed and sold.

Mr. Cunningham: I mean that would not be ideal I guess that I guess my original thinking was that it would be, you know that if there was a an adult with somebody that we can have it open to.

Chief Bradford: You can have people under 21 in the Class B restaurant license but not a class D tavern

Mr. Cunningham: Okay all right, then that's what we need to do, if that is the option, then that's what we'll have to do then. Because to do the class B, we would have to have a restaurant we couldn't get a restaurant or without a kitchen we wouldn't be able to get it right okay so then yeah, so we will probably.

Chairman Miller: Justin do you have any questions?

Mr. Hill: No questions here.

Chairman Miller: I think we need a few moments to go into executive session to discuss this, and I'd like to have a motion.

Commissioner Ortt: I moved to go into executive session

Commissioner Chiominto: Second.

Chairman Miller: All in favor

Board: Aye.

Chairman Miller: I don't think we will be long

Chief Bradford: Have you spoke to Elkton Police Department about having three or 400 people there?

Mr. Cunningham: I have spoken with Mayor Alt about it, we will have security

Chairman Miller: Will have you own private security?

Mr. Cunningham: Yeah, we will hire contract security for sure,

Mr. Jones: But the planning and zoning office has reviewed this with me
Town of Elkton government's reviewed this in detail.

Mr. Jones: Okay, were the police involved. Were any police officers present like one of the lieutenants?

Mr. Cunningham: No, not at not that the meeting that I had

Chairman Miller: We will be back.

Break for Executive Session

Chairman Miller: I'd like to start off with a motion to close the executive section and reopen the meeting

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion we open or in the executive session and go into a regular meeting started

Commissioner Ortt: second.

Chairman Miller: All in favor

Board: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed? Motion has carried to reopen the meeting. After having our executive session do I have emotion on this.

Commissioner Ortt: Yes, I would like to make a motion to table this new application till our June 27 meeting, and with that we would like to have a copy of the resolution, we would like to make contact with Elkton Police Department regarding the parking situation of their blessing also and have confirmation on the parking from the town of Elkton

Mrs. Trader: So, its June 29

Commissioner Ortt: Oh sorry, do you not wanting that and I'm sorry I misspoke but contact with opt in police department, with the amount of volume of people that would be coming to the events.

Chairman Miller: Do I have a second?

Commissioner Chiominto: Second

Chairman Miller: All in favor

Board: Aye.

Chairman Miller: Opposed?

Chairman Miller: So, Mr. Jones, we will see you and I promised to put you first on the agenda next month

Mr. Jones: June 29?

Chairman Miller: Yes, Sir.

Thank you, will follow up Thank you.

VIOLATIONS

UNDERAGE SALES OF ALCOHOL

Class "A" BWL No. A-51 - Kuldip Singh Shergill,
President/Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth William May, Maryland Resident;
Shergill Brothers, Inc., T/A Bayview Liquors, 3135 Joseph Biggs Highway, Suite
4, North East, Maryland 21901

Chairman Miller: Okay we'll move on to violations underage sales alcohol
Class "A" BWL No. A-51 - Kuldip Singh Shergill,
President/Secretary/Treasurer; Kenneth William May, Maryland Resident;

Shergill Brothers, Inc., T/A Bayview Liquors, 3135 Joseph Biggs Highway, Suite 4, North East, Maryland 21901. Please come forward to be sworn in. Raise your right hand.

Mrs. Trader: Do you solemnly promise and declare that the evidence you are about to give in the matter now pending before the border license Commissioner shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

Chairman Miller: Please introduce yourself

Mr. Shergill: My name called Kuldip Shergill, President of Shergill Brothers, Trading as Bayview Liquors, 3135 and

Ms. Dotson: Jessica Dotson employee Bayview Liquors.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford?

Chief Bradford: Like me to continue?

Chairman Miller: Yes, I would.

Chief Bradford: My name is Earl Bradford, Chief Inspector Cecil County Liquor Board; I'll be reading into the record documents provided by inspector Odell and Agent Lawson, began on January 27 of 2022 when the Cecil County Liquor Board went to Bayview Liquors; a person aged 21 in an attempt to purchase alcohol, without being asked for an ID which was successfully done. At that time, we provided the establishment, with an ID checking guide a calendar other educational literature and informed them that they would be would that we would return at a later date, with a person under the age of 21, which, in fact, we did on 4/22 at approximately 750 7:52pm. Mr. Caleb Lawson 20 years, 20 years of age, date of birth, 3/11/12, entered the establishment, without an ID and was successful in purchasing a 18-pack of Miller lite cans which I have a photo of, and the amount of \$21 without being asked for an ID from the Clerk Jessica May, a white female five four, who was employed by Bayview occurs at that time, and all of these events, did occur in Cecil County. Also, I have for the record a photo of the individual Caleb who was 20 years of age at the time and all these documents as part of the record as Board exhibit 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Chairman Miller: Thank you, Mr. Chiominto, any questions?

Commissioner Chiominto: No.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt, any questions?

Commissioner Ortt: No questions

Chairman Miller: Anything to say?

Ms. Dotson: I'm really sorry, it happened; he did look of age. I've been carding everybody I don't know now because I don't want it to happen again.

Chairman Miller: Better safe than sorry

Ms. Dotson: Yes, learned my lesson.

Chairman Miller: Chief Bradford any prior violations for Bayview Liquors?

Chief Bradford: let me check, I believe they did have a prior violation May 18, 2017, was just under the five-year requirement, so it is a second violation.

Mr. Shergill? What the liquor there was 17 or 16

Chief Bradford: 5/18/17.

Mrs. Trader: You were required to attend a fraudulent identification training in lieu of a violation hearing, oh no I didn't know that.

Mr. Shergill: Okay.

Chairman Miller: We will discuss the violation after the meeting and notify you in writing of what we've decided.

Mr. Shergill: I just want to say we are sorry like we are implementing a new ID check on our POs system where that she has to enter it for every transaction, and we can move into new location upgrading our new POs system as well.

Chief Bradford: It appears on the stay alerts Jessica Dodson and Jessica May is that you?

Ms. Dodson: Okay yeah, May is my middle name.

Chairman Miller: All right, thank you, thank you you'll hear from us.

BOARD DECISION: \$500 Fine plus \$250 cost of the proceedings for a total of \$750.

Class "A" BWL No. A-29 - Aubrey H. Ewing, President; Ellen M. Ewing, Vice President; William S. Pipes, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer; Jayco Liquors, Inc. T/A Jayco Liquors, Inc.; 1101 E. Pulaski Highway, Elkton, MD 21921

Chairman Miller: Class "A" BWL No. A-29 - Aubrey H. Ewing, President; Ellen M. Ewing, Vice President; William S. Pipes, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer; Jayco Liquors, Inc. T/A Jayco Liquors, Inc.; 1101 E. Pulaski Highway, Elkton, MD 21921. Please come forward raise your right hand.

Mrs. Trader: Do you solemnly promise and declare that the evidence you are about to give in the matter now pending before the Board of License Commissioners shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

Chief Bradford, Mr. Ewing and Lisa Malin I do.

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford, can you tell us about violation?

Chief Bradford: Yes, Sir, I begin my name is Earl Bradford Chief Inspector Cecil County Liquor Board. I'll be reading information from documents provided by inspector Odell and Agent Lawson. We first visit Jayco Liquors, 1/27/22 when we send in a subject 21 years of age in an attempt to purchase alcohol, without being asked for an ID, which we were successful at we inform the person that the seller Stellena Fellure We provide educational literature documents and inform her that we wouldn't be back at a later date with someone under the age of 21, which we did on for 4/22 and approximately 7:03 pm we enter Jayco Liquors. Mr. Lawson did provide a picture of the gentleman from that night he was successful in purchasing a six pack of Samuel Adams beer. Photo submitted as evidence in the amount of \$10 and 24 cents, he was able to do this from the Clerk Lisa Marie Malin without being asked for an ID and in that case, we indicated to the licensee that were that they would have to appear for a violation hearing, all these events happened in Cecil County and I can mark these Board exhibit 1, 2, 3 and 4

Chairman Miller; Mr. Bradford, any prior violations?

Chief Bradford: Not in the last five years,

Chairman Miller: thank you any questions.

Commissioner Chiominto: No, no questions

Ms. Ortt?

Commissioner Ortt: No questions

Chairman Miller: Again, thank you very much, do you have to say.

Mr. Ewing: You know, we had that smiley, we had the frowny face not too long ago now that lady is no longer with us. Okay, you know, been there since we've been in business and 76 and we got a pretty good record. Lisa's been with me for 22 years since 1999.

Ms. Malin: I've never gotten a frowny face.

Chief Bradford: We hope you never get another.

Mr. Ewing: We're a pretty good establishment, most people know where to go to buy booze underage and we're not one of them right so it's in your hands now

Chairman Miller: Thank you very much, we will notify you in writing as to what our decision is after the meeting, so you can go.

BOARD DECISION: \$250 fine and \$250 cost of the proceedings for a total of \$500.

Class "A" BWL No. A-55 - Pragna Pinakin Patel, Member; Balraj Singh, Manager, Chrome BDP, LLC, T/A Chrome Liquors ,221 West Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911

Chairman Miller: Class "A" BWL No. A-55 - Pragna Pinakin Patel, Member; Balraj Singh, Manager, Chrome BDP, LLC, T/A Chrome Liquors ,221 West Main Street, Rising Sun, MD 21911, please come forward and raise your right hand.

Mrs. Trader: Do you solemnly promise and declare that the evidence you are about to give in the matter now pending before the Board of License Commissioner shall be the truth and nothing but the truth?

Chief Bradford, Mr. Patel: I do

Chairman Miller: Mr. Bradford the violation.

Chief Bradford: Yes, Sir, my name is Earl Bradford Chief Inspector for Cecil County Liquor Board. I'm reading record documents provided by inspector Odell and Agent Lawson begin on 1/27/22 when we visited Chrome Liquors in Rising Sun with a 21-year-old agent in an effort to purchase alcohol, without being asked for an ID which was successful. We provided educational literature, documents and other flyers and informed the clerk that day and I'm not going to get this pronunciation very well, but it looks like it's Rakfsh.B information that we will be back at a later date with someone under the age of 21 which we in fact dead on for 4/22 at approximately 8:17am we entered Chrome Liquors in an attempt to purchase alcohol by 20-year-old, Caleb Lawson date of birth, 3/11/12, he was successful and purchasing a bottle of White Sand for \$9 80 cents, I have a photo of the subject that night and a photo of the wine. All these events took place and Cecil County the Clerk was V E J I T H C H E N C H U Gowda, where he did in fact sell alcohol to our subject without asking for an ID and the establishment was notified that they would be notified for a hearing date.

Mrs. Trader: I just wanted to correct the time you said 8:17am it was pm.

Chief Bradford: Thank you.

Chairman Miller: Any priors Mr. Bradford?

Chief Bradford: No priors, but I believe they've been under this ownership for approximately three or four years.

Chairman Miller: Any questions.

Chairman Miller: Ms. Ortt no questions.

Ms. Ortt: No questions.

Chairman Miller: anything to say.

Clerk: He look like 27.

Chairman Miller: I know we don't recruit them at big, Okay, gentlemen you're excused, and we will notify you by mail what we decide here today, thank you all right, thank you.

BOARD DECISION: \$250 fine, \$250 cost of the proceedings for a total of \$500

Meet Maryland Resident:

Class "D" BWL No. D-108 - Larry McElroy, President/CEO; Neil Rozek, Vice President; The Golden Mule LLC, T/A The Golden Mule, 1809 Conowingo Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911

Mrs. Trader: There's The Golden Mule, you want to talk to come on up is to meet his new person.

Chairman Miller: Where's the new person?

Mr. McElroy: That's actually why I'm here; my new business partner for my liquor license I got a message from him yesterday; he had a family medical emergency wanted to know, possibly, excuse me if I can postpone this or maybe it's a sooner than later meeting if

Chairman Miller: Just make it the next month's session June 29.

Mr. McElroy: Thank you very much alright see you later.

Class "B" BWL No. B-185 - Jason Usilton, 3 Crazy Labradors, LLC, T/A Granite Run Taproom, 26 S. Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21901

Chairman Miller: Okay, Class "B" BWL No. B-185 - Jason Usilton, 3 Crazy Labradors, LLC, T/A Granite Run Taproom, 26 S. Main Street, Port Deposit, MD 21901; has not appeared,

Mrs. Trader: I will just say, we did not receive the registered letter card back in the mail, so we sent an email.

Chief Bradford: Right no response from email now okay. My recommendation would be to have it next month, if he doesn't appear next month continue without him yes okay it'll be just

Chairman Miller: Has he done this in the past

Chief Bradford: No, he's fairly new there but yeah.

Mrs. Trader: He informed us during renewal he's had he just got a new phone and he's been having trouble with it, he can't figure it out.

Chairman Miller: Okay we'll reschedule for June 29. All right questions and public comment. General business let's approve the Minutes from March. Can I have a motion, any adjustments or discussion?

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion to approve the Minutes.

Chairman Miller: Can I have a second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second.

Chairman Miller: All in favor

All: Aye

Chairman Miller: opposed? Hearing none opposed. Motion carries

Mrs. Trader: We have minutes for April also

Chairman Miller: Oh I didn't see. Okay how about a motion for April?

Commissioner Chiominto: I made a motion to accept April's minutes

Chairman Miller: Second?

Commissioner Ortt: Second

Chairman Miller: All in favor

All: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed? Hearing no opposition, we're caught up. Specials? Old business, Rules and Regulations,

Commissioner Chiominto: I make a motion that we table the rules and regulations till next meeting.

Chairman Miller: Do I have a second

Commissioner Ortt: Second

Chairman Miller: all in favor say Aye

All: Aye

Chairman Miller: Opposed? Hearing no opposition, the rules and regulations will be put on the agenda for next month. New business?

Chief Bradford: I don't believe we have any new business

Questions/Public Comment

- General Business
- Approve Minutes
- Specials
- Old Business
 - Rules & Regulations
- New Business

BY:

Stephen Miller, Chairman

ATTEST:

Robin S. Trader, Administrative Assistant