

FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Monday July 10, 2023

Those Present: Ms. Joan Aquilino, Chair
Mrs. Debbie Burrell, Board Member
Mr. Christopher Glass, Board Member
Ms. Jennifer Keefer, Assistant County Attorney
Mr. Robert Lind, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Mrs. Dawn Shugars, Director
Mrs. Ashley Kneessi Gay, Administrative Coordinator
Mrs. Candace Sier, Administrative Specialist II
Mrs. Tabitha Vanleeuwen, Administrative Specialist II

A Public Meeting was held in person and called to order at 8:30am by the Chair, Joan Aquilino. Ashley Kneessi-Gay swore in all participants for today's hearing.

1. Amend the Agenda- What was amended to shift cases due to being mindful of Law Enforcements time

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to amend the agenda for today July 10, 2023.

SECOND: Commissioner Burrell second the motion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass- Aye
Commissioner Burrell- Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous ***Ayes 3, Nay-0***
(Motion passed)

2. Adopt June 12, 2023, Hearing minutes and closed session minutes

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the June 12, 2023, Hearing minutes and closed session minutes.

SECOND: Chair Aquilino second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass- Aye
Commissioner Burrell- Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous ***Ayes 3, Nay-0***
(Motion passed)

3. NEW

a. Application # 260749

DECISION

Italian NY Pizza II
Honoriam Ramirez Huerta and Rodolfo Dominguez Huerta
For the use of Italian NY Pizza II, INDIVIDUAL

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion for conditional approval for Italian NY Pizza II until September 30, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Burrell second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass- Aye
Commissioner Burrell – Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

4. VIOLATIONS

a. Dash In

Melissa Carlson- Parsley
For the use of Holden Chase, LLC
Sales to Minor

MOTION: Chair Aquilino made a motion for to grant Deferred Judgement.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass –Aye
Commissioner Burrell –Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

b. Franklin Liquors

Alan Clapp and Dawn Gordon
For the use of AAA Liquors, INC
Sales to Minor

MOTION: Chair Aquilino made a motion for to grant Deferred Judgement.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass –Aye
Commissioner Burrell –Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

c. Great Wall Chinese Restaurant

Quan Lin
For the use of Great Wall Lin's, INC
Sales to Minor

- The Licensee failed to appear; the Board decided to move forward with the case.

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion that the license for Great Wall Chinese Restaurant be suspended for two weeks with a \$500 fine with no option to buy back.

SECOND: Chair Aquilino second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE:
Commissioner Glass –Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye
Commissioner Burrell –Nay

The vote was **Ayes 2, Nay-1**
(Motion passed)

5. NEW

b. Application # 260720

DECISION

Cracker Barrel
Joshua Mayo, Jean Shuttleworth, and Susan Cook
For the use of CBOCS MD, LLC
Class B, On Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion for conditional approval for Cracker Barrel until November 30, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Burrell second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE:
Commissioner Burrell – Aye
Commissioner Glass- Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

c. Application # 260924

DECISION
Prospect Pantry

Ashly Wright and Michael Wright
For the use of Prospect Pantry, LLC
Class B, On Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to grant the license to Prospect Pantry.

SECOND: Commissioner Burrell second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Burrell – Aye
Commissioner Glass- Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

d. Application # 260925

DECISION

One Forty Three Brewing
Joseph Gatewood
For the use of One Forty Three Brewing, LLC
Class DBR, On Sale, Beer Only License

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for One Forty Three Brewing October 31, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass- Aye
Commissioner Burrell – Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

6. ONE DAY PROMOTER EVENT

Application # PENDING

DECISION

Mexican Rodeo
Alex Garcia and Israel Ramirez
For the use Mexican Folkloric Dance Society New York

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for Mexican Rodeo until July 31, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

SECOND: Commissioner Glass second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Burrell – Aye
Commissioner Glass- Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

7. NO CONTEST VIOLATION FEE WAVIER REQUEST

a. Taj Mahal

Garima Lodwal, Sumit Lodwal, and Bhuban Pikha
For the use of Taj Mahal 365, LLC
No Alcohol Awareness

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for Taj Mahal that the Board keeps the fine of \$500 with a \$100 administrative fee with \$300 of the fine suspended, pending the completion of the August 2, 2023, ABLE training by all three licensees. If the licensees fail to attend, the full fine will go into effect and must be paid on August 2, 2023

SECOND: Chair Aquilino second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass –Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye
Commissioner Burrell –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

8. STAFF MEETING

a. Special Event Violation Guidelines

- Director Shugars informed the Board that the Special Event guidelines are for their one day special event licenses. The Board reserves the right to modify any violation guidelines when it finds there is good cause to do so with the full time licenses, so there should be guidelines for the Special Event one day licenses. These guidelines are similar to the full time licenses to help keep things in line with one another. Director Shugars also explained to the Board that there have been some incidents at these specials events and that there should be some 1st or 2nd degree offense. For example, we have come across where there is only 50% of server's are alcohol awareness trained when there should be 100%, or the licensee isn't onsite. Director Shugars stated that there needs to be some guidelines for these special one day events to keep things running the way the Board wants them to be.
- Attorney Jennifer Keefer informed the Board that today was a discussion on the special event violation guidelines and that they will need to adopt these guidelines at the next hearing as we would for our regulations.

- Each member of the Board agreed.

b. Election of Board Chair

MOTION: Commissioner Glass would like to nominate Joan Aquilino serve as Chair for remainder of this year and the beginning of fiscal year of July 2024.

SECOND: Commissioner Burrell second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Mrs. Burrell –Aye
Mr. Glass – Aye

The vote was not unanimous **Ayes 2, Nay-0, No Vote-1**
(Motion passed)

9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

10. ADJOURN

- a. The meeting will be closed under the general provisions article section 3-305-B. To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on entertainment for licensed establishments. We will go into closed session and will not be returning to the public session. These statements were made by Joan Aquilino the Chair and presiding officer.

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adjourn this meeting and go into closed session.

SECOND: Chair Aquilino second the motion.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION: There was no further discussion.

VOTE: Commissioner Glass- Aye
Commissioner Burrell - Aye
Chair Aquilino –Aye

The vote was unanimous **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Sier, Administrative Specialist II
FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD