

FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD
Public Meeting Minutes
Monday September 11, 2023

Those Present: Ms. Joan Aquilino, Chair
Mr. Christopher Glass, Board Member
Mrs. Debbie Burrell, Board Member
Ms. Jennifer Keefer, Deputy County Attorney
Mr. Robert Lind, Alcoholic Beverage Inspector
Mr. Larry Anderson, 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
Mrs. Trisha Lawson, Administrative Specialist II

A Public Meeting was held in person and called to order at 8:30am by the Chair, Joan Aquilino. Commissioner Glass led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair, Joan Aquilino asked for a moment of silence after the Pledge in remembrance of today. Ashley Kneessi-Gay swore in all participants for today's hearing.

1. Adopt August 14, 2023, Hearing minutes and Alcohol Forum minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to adopt the August 14, 2023, Hearing and Alcohol Forum minutes.

SECOND: Chair Aquilino second the motion.

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

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

The vote was ***Ayes 2, Nay-0, Abstain-1***
(Motion passed)

2. NEW

- a. Application # 260989

DECISION

X-Golf Frederick
Harry Louden and Jillian Louden
For the use of Live Oak Golf, LLC
Class B-GSF, On Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion for conditional approval for X-Golf Frederick until January 15, 2024. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

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 **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

b. Application # 260998

DECISION

International Market
Gustavo Benitez
For the use of International Market, INC
Class A, Off Sale, Beer Only

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for International Market until October 15, 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 **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

c. Application # 261004

DECISION

Saisaki Asian Fusion
I Kadek Wisnawa and David Leonard
For the use of KNK Group, LLC
Class B, On Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for Saisaki Asian Fusion until January 15, 2024. 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 **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

3. TRANSFER

a. Application # 260988

DECISION

Evergreen Liquors
Clayton Williams
For the use of Parker Liquors, INC
Transfer From: Lewis Williams and Michael Blickenstaff
for the use of Evergreen Liquors, INC
Class A, Off Sale, Beer, Wine, and Liquor

MOTION: Commissioner Burrell made a motion for conditional approval for Evergreen Liquors until November 30, 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 **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

4. UPGRADE

a. Application # 260756

DECISION

Freddy and Friends
Frederick Owusu Sakyi and Erionna Dean
For the use of Freddy and Friends, INC
Class A, Off Sale, Beer, and Wine

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion for conditional approval for Freddy and Friends until December 31, 2023. Pending all rules, regulations and laws of the State, County, municipalities, and Liquor Board are met.

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 **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT-NONE

6. ADJOURN

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to Adjourn.

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 **Ayes 3, Nay-0**
(Motion passed)

7. STAFF MEETING

- a. Discussion regarding Renewal Application Fee increasing from \$100 to \$150. Director Shugars requested the Board increase the Renewal Application fee from \$100 to \$150. Director Shugars explained the increased amount of work staff puts into renewals each year including assisting licensees and working with partnering agencies to ensure renewals are completed in a timely manner. The Board agrees with the modest increase.
- b. Staff updates.
 - i. Director Shugars discussed weekly updates that are sent to the Board and asked if they felt any additional items needed to be added. The Board likes the updates and at this time doesn't feel anything additional needs to be added.
 - ii. Director Shugars reviewed the tentative hearing schedule for 2024 with the Board. Director Shugars noted there will be two hearings in April and November. The additional hearing in April is for renewal related issues, and November is in place of the December hearing.
 - iii. Director Shugars updated the Board on the Legislative initiative. Staff is working on drafts for Board review. Director Shugars will present the packet to the Delegation on Alcohol Day which is scheduled for November 13, 2023.
 - iv. Director Shugars updated the Board on the progress of the compliance check initiative. The program will kick off this fall.
 - v. Director Shugars updated the Board on the entertainment initiative. Director Shugars explained after visiting establishments, staff found that most were in compliance. Staff will continue to work on this initiative and will present more information to the Board at next month's hearing.

8. ADJOURN

MOTION: Commissioner Glass made a motion to Adjourn.

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 ***Ayes 3, Nay-0***
(Motion passed)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:50am

Respectfully submitted,
Trisha Lawson, Administrative Specialist II
FREDERICK COUNTY LIQUOR BOARD