

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
THE APPLICATION OF NADINE	*	
CANDECE ROBINSON, ERICA HILARY	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
HAGEMAN, AND CARRIE SHANNON	*	
MCINTYRE ON BEHALF OF	*	FOR
INTERSTATE COLUMBIA BEVERAGE,	*	
LLC, t/a SHERATON COLUMBIA, FOR	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
A RESIDENT AGENT/OFFICER	*	
CHANGE ON A CLASS B BEER, WINE,	*	Case No.: 16-16
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY	*	
ON-SALE LICENSE	*	

DECISION AND ORDER

The Board of License Commissioners for Howard County, Maryland (the “Liquor Board”), pursuant to Rule 1.02(A) of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, has delegated the authority to hear and decide cases to the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board for Howard County, Maryland (the “Hearing Board”).

On March 22, 2016, the Hearing Board heard the application of Nadine Candeece Robinson, Erica Hilary Hageman, and Carrie Shannon McIntyre (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, t/a Sheraton Columbia (“Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC”), for a resident agent/officer change from Christopher Bennett, Craig Schuck, and Joseph Giannino on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 197,194 square foot hotel located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044. The hearing was properly advertised pursuant to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented Linda C. Carter, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference. These include the following: an e-mail dated March 21, 2016, from the paralegal for the attorney for the Applicants attaching a revised page one of the application; the application for a resident agent/officer change; a copy of the floor plan; a copy of the Limited Liability Company Registration for Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC; a copy of the charter approval sheet for Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc.; a certification dated November 2, 2011, that Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC is duly formed under the laws of the State of Delaware, and is in good standing; a membership listing for Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC; a copy of the minutes of a special meeting of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC dated November 25, 2015; a copy of a resignation notification from Christopher Bennett dated October 1, 2015; a copy of a limited irrevocable power of attorney for Christopher Bennett; a copy of a resignation notification from Joseph Giannino dated October 1, 2015; a copy of the limited irrevocable power of attorney for Joseph Giannino; a copy of a resignation notification from Craig Schuck dated October 1, 2015; a copy of the limited irrevocable power of attorney for Craig Schuck; copies of background investigation questionnaires for the Applicants; copies of the Maryland driver's licenses and certified copies of Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration driving records for Nadine Candace Robinson and Carrie Shannon McIntyre; a copy of the Virginia driver's license and a certified copy of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicle Administration driving record for Erica Hilary Hageman; a memorandum dated January 12, 2016, from the Liquor Board to the Alcohol Beverage Inspector, the Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits, the Bureau of Environmental Health, the Department of Planning and Zoning, and the Office of the Fire Marshal; the background investigations of the Applicants by the Alcohol Beverage Inspector,

dated February 23, 2016; a letter dated January 29, 2016, from the Office of the Fire Marshal; a memorandum dated February 1, 2016, from the Department of Planning and Zoning; a memorandum dated March 1, 2016, from the Bureau of Environmental Health; a letter dated January 12, 2016, to the Department of Finance; a letter from the Department of Finance; a letter dated January 5, 2016, to the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter dated February 5, 2016, from the Comptroller of the Treasury; a letter dated January 21, 2016, from the Comptroller of the Treasury; a facsimile dated February 18, 2016, from the Administrator to the Liquor Board to the attorney for the Applicants enclosing a letter dated February 18, 2016, with notification of the hearing date and the necessity to advertise; an e-mail dated March 17, 2016, from the paralegal for the attorney for the Applicants, attaching a certification of advertisement from The Baltimore Sun and Patuxent Publishing; and an e-mail dated February 24, 2016, from the Alcoholic Beverage Inspector stating the premises had been posted.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Nadene Candace Robinson, Assistant Secretary and 10% shareholder of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, was sworn and testified she has lived in Howard County for approximately seven years, and is a registered voter. Ms. Robinson testified that she is employed full-time with Kaiser Permanente. Ms. Robinson testified that she lives within walking distance of the Sheraton, and that she will go there approximately two times per month to observe the operation. Ms. Robinson testified that she has met with the other proposed licensees, and that she is familiar with the rules and regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages. Ms. Robinson testified that she understands the responsibility of being the resident agent. Ms. Robinson testified that she will become alcohol awareness certified.

Erica Hilary Hageman, Vice President and General Counsel for Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, was sworn and testified that she is an employee of Interstate Hotel & Resorts, Inc., and that she is on two other liquor licenses in Baltimore. Ms. Hageman testified that there have not been any violations while she has been a licensee. Ms. Hageman testified that she believes Ms. McIntyre is a fit and proper person to be on the liquor license. Ms. Hageman testified that she is familiar with the rules and regulations governing the sale of alcoholic beverages, and that she understands the responsibility of being a licensee.

Carrie Shannon McIntyre, President/Treasurer of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, was sworn and testified that she is the Chief Financial Officer for Interstate Hotel & Resorts, Inc., and that the asset manager for the Sheraton Columbia, reports directly to her on a regular basis. Ms. McIntyre, testified that she understands the responsibility of being a licensee.

Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Nadine Candace Robinson, Erica Hilary Hageman and Carrie Shannon McIntyre on behalf of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, t/a Sheraton Columbia, have applied for a resident agent/officer change from Christopher Bennett, Craig Schuck and Joseph Giannino on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 197,194 square foot hotel located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044.
2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.
3. The Hearing Board finds that Nadine Candace Robinson has been a Howard

County resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and a 10% shareholder of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, t/a Sheraton Columbia.

4. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board finds that the granting of this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Hearing Board concludes that Nadine Candece Robinson, Erica Hilary Hageman and Carrie Shannon McIntyre on behalf of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, t/a Sheraton Columbia, have applied for a resident agent/officer change from Christopher Bennett, Craig Schuck, and Joseph Giannino on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 197,194 square foot hotel located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicants are fit and proper persons to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that Nadine Candece Robinson meets the requirements of Rules 1.09(T), 1.09(U), 2.06, and 2.10 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

5. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of this application would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

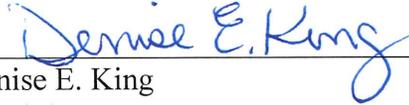
ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 6th day of April, 2016, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Nadine Candee Robinson, Erica Hilary Hageman, and Carrie Shannon McIntyre on behalf of Interstate Columbia Beverage, LLC, t/a Sheraton Columbia for a resident agent/officer change from Christopher Bennett, Craig Schuck, and Joseph Giannino on the Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 197,194 square foot hotel located at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, Maryland 21044, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

1. That this **PROPOSED DECISION AND ORDER** shall become final when the Applicants obtain the license and comply with the following conditions:
 - (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
 - (b) That Nadene Candee Robinson submits evidence of alcohol awareness certification; and
 - (c) Failure to comply with these conditions and obtain the license by April 29, 2016, shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

ATTEST:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,
MARYLAND



Denise E. King
Administrator

Mary Bird, Chairperson

ABSENT

Harry Evans, III, Vice-Chairperson

REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY
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