# 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 June 8, 2021, the Hearing Board heard the application of Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini the ("Applicants"), on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC t/a The Periodic Table ("The Periodic Table"), for a resident agent change from Sara Elizabeth Richards and Lance Alan Cook to Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini for a 5,735-square foot restaurant located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Christopher DeCarlo, Esq. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

# **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Lance Cook, proposed resident agent, was sworn and testified as follows:

Mr. Cook testified that he is a 49% interest holder in BB&B Enterprises. Mr. Cook testified that The Periodic Table received approval from the Hearing Board for a new license in the names of Sarah Elizabeth Richards and Lance Alan Cook in June of 2020 and since opening they have not received any alcohol violations. Mr. Cook testified that Sarah Richards is no longer associated with the business

Mr. Cook testified that he also is a co-owner and licensee for Tino's Italian Bistro and has been on that license for the past six years. Mr. Cook also noted that Tino's has never had a liquor board violation.

Mr. Cook testified that he will run the day-to-day operations at The Periodic Table, while his wife, the other proposed licensee, will run the day-to-day operations at Tino's. Mr. Cook testified that there will no transfer of products between the two restaurants.

Mr. Cook testified that he is a Howard County resident, a registered voter and is Alcohol Awareness certified.

Nicole M. Giannini, 51% interest holder in BB&B Enterprises, LLC and proposed licensee was sworn and testified as follows:

Ms. Giannini testified that she runs the day-to-day operations at Tino's and is also present at The Periodic Table a few days a week to help on busy nights and during special events. Ms. Giannini testified that she has never held a liquor license but is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations and has experience with alcohol ordering. Ms. Giannini testified that she is a Howard County resident, is a registered voter and is Alcohol Awareness certified.

Ms. Giannini testified that there will be no transfer of products between the two businesses.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicants waived

their right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Hearing Board finds that Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC t/a The Periodic Table have applied for a resident agent change from Sara Elizabeth Richards and Lance Alan Cook to Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini on a Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on sale license for a 5,735-square foot restaurant located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045.
- 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 Lance Alan Cook, the proposed resident agent, is a Howard County resident and is a registered voter.
- 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 the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

# **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Hearing Board concludes that Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC, t/a The Periodic Table, have applied for a resident agent change from Sara Elizabeth Richards and Lance Alan Cook to Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini on a Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on sale license for a 5,735-square foot restaurant located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045.
- 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 Lance Alan Cook, the proposed resident agent, is a Howard County resident and is a registered voter.
- 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 the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

### **ORDER**

- 1. For the foregoing reasons, it is this Aday of April 2021, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County ORDERED that the application of Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC, t/a The Periodic Table, for a resident agent change replacing Sara Elizabeth Richards and Lance Alan Cook with Lance Alan Cook and Nicole M. Giannini on a Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on sale license for a 5,735-square foot restaurant located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following conditions:
  - (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
  - (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by September 20, 2021, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
  - (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

# ATTEST: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND Mary Bird, Chairperson Harry Evans, Vice-Chairperson

REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW GARY W. KUC COUNTY SOLICITOR

Steven Chen, Member

Charley Sung, Member,

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Claire Kim, Member