IN THE MATTER OF THE \* BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF SARA ELIZABETH \* BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
RICHARDS ON BEHALF OF \* OF
KWATSON5, LLC T/A DANDELION \* HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
BISTRO FOR A TRANSFER \*
OF A CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR \* CASE NO.: 21-24
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE \*

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 22, 2021, using WebEx, a web-based online platform, the Hearing Board heard the application of Sara Elizabeth Richards ("Applicant"), on behalf of KWatson5, LLC t/a Dandelion Bistro ("Dandelion Bistro") for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine, & Liquor 7-Day On Sale License from Robert Anthony Mead and Keith Andrew Watson of KWatsons, LLC t/a Dandelion Bakery Bistro for a 3900 sq. ft. restaurant with a 434 sq. ft. patio located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road Glenelg, Maryland 21737.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property was posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotate Code of Maryland. The Applicant was represented by Thomas M. Meachum, 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**

Sara Elizabeth Richards, 100% owner of Dandelion Bistro, was sworn in and testified as follows:

The Applicant testified that she has experience in managing a restaurant with a liquor license as she is a co-owner of The Periodic Table. The Applicant will be the General Manager of Dandelion Bistro and manage the day-to-day operations. The Applicant testified that she has taken the alcohol awareness training and will require all managers to take alcohol training classes. The Applicant testified that they will bring in someone to teach the alcohol training classes. The Applicant stated that she is familiar with the Howard County Rules and Regulations regarding alcohol. The Applicant testified that she will canvas the outdoor area to ensure every table is visited and know what is happening in the restaurant.

The Applicant testified that she is a Howard county resident and a registered voter.

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived her right to request the Liquor Board to hear the case on appeal.

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 Sara Elizabeth Evans on behalf of KWatson5, LLC t/a Dandelion Bistro has applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine & Liquor 7-Day On Sale License from Robert Anthony Mead and Keith Andrew Watson of KWatsons, LLC t/a Dandelion Bakery Bistro for a 3900 sq. ft. restaurant with a 434 sq. ft. patio located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road Glenelg, Maryland 21737.
- 2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

- 3. The Hearing Board finds that Sara Elizabeth Richards is a Howard County Resident and 100% owner of Dandelion Bistro.
- 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**

- The Hearing Board concludes that Sara Elizabeth Evans on behalf of KWatson5, LLC t/a Dandelion Bistro has applied for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine & Liquor 7-Day On Sale License from Robert Anthony Mead and Keith Andrew Watson of KWatsons, LLC t/a Dandelion Bakery Bistro for a 3900 sq. ft. restaurant with a 434 sq. ft. patio located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road Glenelg, Maryland 21737.
- 2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.
- The Hearing Board concludes that Sara Elizabeth Richards is a Howard County Resident, and 100% owner of Dandelion Bistro.
- 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 would not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the neighborhood.

## **ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this for day of August, 2021 by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Sara Elizabeth Richards on behalf of KWatson5, LLC t/a Dandelion Bistro for a transfer of a Class B Beer, Wine & Liquor 7-Day On Sale License from Robert Anthony Mead and Keith Andrew Watson of KWatsons, LLC t/a Dandelion Bakery Bistro for a 3900 sq. ft. restaurant with a 434 sq. ft. patio located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road Glenelg, Maryland 21737, be and the same is herby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- a) That the Applicant complies with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- b) That the Applicant satisfies any requirements necessary to obtain the license by November 1, 2021, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- Failure to comply with these conditions shall render the Proposed Decision and Order null and void.

# ATTEST: ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING **BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND** Ashley Aguilar Mary Bird, Chairperson **Board Administrator** Harry Evans, Vice Chairperson REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY OFFICE OF LAW **GARY W. KUC** Steven Chen, Member **COUNTY SOLICITOR** Charley C. Sung, Member Jamar Herry, Esquire Senior Assistant County Solicitor NOT AVAILABLE

Claire Kim, Member