

# MINUTES

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD

June 11, 2024

### **Board Members Present:**

Charley Sung, Chair  
Steve Chen, Vice Chair  
Steve Hunt  
Beth Johnson

### **Staff:**

Kel Berg, Board Administrator  
Amankaya Montero Carranza, Administrative Assistant  
Jae Shin, Board Counsel

Call to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the minutes of May 28, 2024.

Motion – Steven Chen, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Beth Johnson  
vote 4-0

*The motion passed.*

### **PETITION TO FINE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE CLASS A BEER, WINE & LIQUOR 7-DAY OFF SALE LICENSE**

For: Wine Source, LLC t/a Jason's Wine & Spirits in the name of Binita B. Shah for a 8,400 sq. ft. package store located at 9339 Baltimore National Pike, Suites 4-10, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

For the Alcohol Beverage Inspector: Tsega Girma, Esq.

For the Licensee: Chris DeCarlo, Esq.

Respondent Witnesses:

Binita B. Shah

Opening statements by Ms. Girma.

Opening statements by Mr. DeCarlo.

Direct examination of Ms. Shah by Mr. DeCarlo.

Board member questions for Ms. Shah.  
Closing statements by Mr. DeCarlo.

*The Board deliberated on this matter in Closed Session at the conclusion of the Hearing.*

**PETITION TO FINE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE  
CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR  
7-DAY LICENSE**

For: Cinco De Mayo #6, Inc. t/a Cinco De Mayo in the name of Jose Antonio Ulloa for a 2,577 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8874 McGaw Court, Columbia, MD 21045.

For the Alcohol Beverage Inspector: Tsega Girma, Esq.  
For the Licensee: pro se

Respondent Witnesses:  
Jose Antonio Ulloa

Opening statements by Ms. Girma.  
Case presentation by Mr. Ulloa.  
Board member questions for Mr. Ulloa.  
Closing statements by Mr. Ulloa.

*The Board deliberated on this matter in Closed Session at the conclusion of the Hearing.*

**PETITION TO FINE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE  
CLASS A BEER, WINE & LIQUOR  
7-DAY OFF SALE LICENSE**

For: Santok, LLC, t/a Elkridge Liquors in the name of Sangita Dilipkumar Patel for a 2,400 sq. ft. package store located at 5827 Washington Boulevard, Elkridge, MD 21075.

For the Alcohol Beverage Inspector: Tsega Girma, Esq.  
For the Licensee: Melvin Kodenski, Esq.

Respondent Witnesses:  
Sangita Dilipkumar Patel

Opening statements by Ms. Girma.  
Opening statements and case presentation by Mr. Kodenski.  
Board member questions for Ms. Patel (Mr. Kodenski spoke on her behalf).  
Clarifying statements by Ms. Girma.

Closing statements by Mr. Kodenski.

*The Board deliberated on this matter in Closed Session at the conclusion of the Hearing.*

**PETITION TO FINE, SUSPEND OR REVOKE  
CLASS A BEER, WINE & LIQUOR  
7-DAY OFF SALE LICENSE**

For: Shiva Wine & Spirits, LLC, t/a Howard Wine & Spirits in the names of Bhumika Sunil Gohil and Parag M. Pancholi for a 3.192 sq. ft. package store located at 7700 Hearthside Way, Suite 1, Elkridge, MD 21075.

For the Alcohol Beverage Inspector: Tsega Girma, Esq.

For the Licensees: Chris DeCarlo, Esq.

Respondent Witnesses:

Parag M. Pancholi

Petitioner Witnesses:

Detective Mark Baxter

Opening statements by Ms. Girma.

Opening statements by Mr. DeCarlo.

Direct examination of Mr. Pancholi by Mr. DeCarlo.

Cross-examination of Mr. Pancholi by Ms. Girma.

Redirect examination from Mr. DeCarlo.

Re-cross from Ms. Girma.

Board member questions for Mr. Pancholi.

Direct examination of Det. Baxter by Ms. Girma.

Board member questions for Det. Baxter.

Closing statements by Ms. Girma.

Closing statements by Mr. DeCarlo.

*The Board deliberated on this matter in Closed Session at the conclusion of the Hearing.*

**Closed Session**

Motion to go into closed session in accordance with Section 3-305(b) (7), General Provisions Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Motion – Beth Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Steven Chen

vote 4-0

*The motion passed.*

The Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board concluded the Hearing and adjourned to Closed Session at **8:15 p.m.**

**Statement of Closed Meeting**

The Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board met in closed session at 8:15 p.m. on June 11, 2023 in the Banneker Room.

Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board Members Charley Sung, Steven Chen, Steve Hunt and Beth Johnson adjourned the closed session at 8:40 p.m. Legal advice was obtained on a legal matter. Action taken by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board Members was to discuss and determine fines and/or fees for 4 Petitions to Fine, Suspend, or Revoke Alcoholic Beverage Licenses.

Members Present: Charley Sung, Steven Chen, Steve Hunt and Beth Johnson  
Staff Present: Kel Berg, Board Administrator and Jae Shin, Board Counsel

Approved: Kel Berg 6/26/2024