

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF KATHLYN PREP	*	
MCCANN, CHRISTOPHER JAMES	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
PAPPAS AND WILLIAM ERIC	*	
SWANSON ON BEHALF OF OTB	*	FOR
HOSPITALITY MARYLAND, LLC	*	
T/A ON THE BORDER FOR A	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
TRANSFER OF A CLASS BLX -	*	
LUXURY RESTAURANT 7-DAY	*	Case No.: 25-37
LICENSE	*	
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### **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 November 18, 2025, the Hearing Board heard the application of Kathlyn Prep McCann, Christopher James Pappas and William Eric Swanson (the “Applicants”), on behalf of OTB Hospitality Maryland, LLC t/a On The Border (“On The Border”), for a transfer of a Class BLX – Luxury Restaurant, 7-Day License for a 6,041 sq. ft. restaurant with an 859 sq. ft. patio located at 8230 Gateway Overlook Drive, Elkridge, 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 Leanne Schrecengost, Esquire and 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**

Nicholas Raymond (Cole) Jones, general manager, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Jones stated that he has worked at the restaurant since 2014, that he started as a server, and that he worked his way up to the general manager position last year. Mr. Jones stated that about 25 employees work at the restaurant and that 15 employees work in the sale or service of alcohol. Mr. Jones stated that all employees undergo ServSafe alcohol training and that anyone who orders alcohol is carded. Mr. Jones stated that the restaurant has an outdoor patio area enclosed with a 3-foot high railing. Mr. Jones stated that the managers consistently monitor the restaurant and the outside area. Mr. Jones stated that the hours of operation are Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mr. Jones stated that alcohol sales at the restaurant will be 15 percent of the gross sales. Mr. Jones stated that the current employees remained on staff through the change in ownership process, and that there are 3 other managers working at the restaurant who are all Alcohol Awareness Certified.

Christopher James Pappas, 0% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Pappas testified that the application submitted is correct, that he has had no felony convictions or violations of the alcoholic beverage laws or gambling laws, and that he is the co-founder and co-chairman of Pappas Restaurants. Mr. Pappas stated that the operations of the restaurant will not be changing, that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, and that he understands his role as the licensee.

William Eric Swanson, 0% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Swanson testified that the application submitted is correct, that he has had no felony convictions or violations of the alcoholic beverage laws or gambling laws, and that he is the chief financial officer of Pappas Restaurants. Mr. Swanson stated that the operations of the restaurant will not be changing, that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, and that he understands his role as the licensee.

Kathlyn McCann, 10% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. McCann testified that the application submitted is correct, that she has had no felony convictions or violations of the alcoholic beverage laws or gambling laws, that she is a Howard County resident, and that she has been a liquor licensee at the restaurant since 2010. Ms. McCann stated that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and that she understands her role as the resident agent. Ms. McCann stated that she visits the restaurant on a monthly basis, but upon request from the Hearing Board, she stated that she will visit the restaurant once a week. Ms. McCann stated that when she is on-site, she checks employment records and alcohol records, and ensures licenses and permits are current and posted. Ms. McCann stated that she is the general manager at Galliano Italian Restaurant where she spends 55 to 60 hours a week. Ms. McCann stated that she had two (2) sales to minors violations in 2017 and 2018, and she now ensures that employees card everyone that orders alcohol, that Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPS) Certifications are up to date, and that she conducts staff meetings regarding the alcoholic beverage laws.

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.

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 Kathlyn Prep McCann, Christopher James Pappas and William Eric Swanson (the “Applicants”), on behalf of OTB Hospitality Maryland, LLC t/a On The Border (“On The Border”), have applied for a transfer of a Class BLX – Luxury Restaurant, 7-Day License for a 6,041 sq. ft. restaurant with an 859 sq. ft. patio located at 8230 Gateway Overlook Drive, Elkridge, 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 Kathlyn Prep McCann, the resident agent applicant, meets the requirements of Rules 1.10(S), 1.10(T), and 2.06 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations concerning resident agent qualifications.

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 Kathlyn Prep McCann, Christopher James Pappas and William Eric Swanson (the “Applicants”), on behalf of OTB Hospitality Maryland, LLC t/a On The Border (“On The Border”), have applied for a transfer of a Class BLX – Luxury Restaurant, 7-Day License for a 6,041 sq. ft. restaurant with an 859 sq. ft. patio located at 8230 Gateway Overlook Drive, Elkridge, MD 21045.

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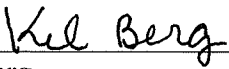
### **ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2025, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Kathlyn Prep McCann, Christopher James Pappas and William Eric Swanson (the “Applicants”), on behalf of OTB Hospitality Maryland, LLC t/a On The Border (“On The Border”), for a transfer of a Class BLX – Luxury Restaurant, 7-Day License for a 6,041 sq. ft. restaurant with an 859 sq. ft. patio located at 8230 Gateway Overlook Drive, Elkridge, 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 May 18, 2026 unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing 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**


  
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Kel Berg  
Board Administrator

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ABSENT  
Steven Chen, Chairperson

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/S/  
Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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

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/S/  
Ed Coleman, Member

  
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Hyunjae Shin, Esquire  
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

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Beth Johnson, Member

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Claire Kim, Member