

IN THE MATTER OF THE * BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF BRADLEY M. *
CANFIELD AND SAMANTHA L. * BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ROCCO-CANFIELD ON BEHALF OF *
SRC HOSPITALITY HOLDINGS, LLC * FOR
T/A ROCO KITCHEN + COFFEE * HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE AND *
LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE LICENSE * Case No.: 25-42
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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 December 9, 2025, the Hearing Board heard the application of Bradley M. Canfield and Samantha L. Rocco-Canfield (the “Applicants”) on behalf of SRC Hospitality Holdings, LLC t/a Roco Kitchen + Coffee (“Roco Kitchen + Coffee”), for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,400 sq. ft. restaurant with a 625 sq. ft. exterior located at 6430 Freetown Road, Suite 210, Columbia, MD 21044.

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 Matthew Speake, 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

Bradley M. Canfield, 50% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Canfield testified that he has been a Howard County resident for 55 years, that he has worked at Merriweather Post Pavilion (“MPP”) since 1982, and that he became the manager in 1989. Mr. Canfield stated that he oversees the concessions, operations and alcohol programs at MPP. Mr. Canfield testified as to the location of the restaurant and stated that he lives nearby. Mr. Canfield stated that the restaurant will serve fresh donuts, southwestern tacos, and offer traditional breakfast, lunch and dinner fare. Mr. Canfield stated that the hours of operation will be 7 days a week from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. and that he plans to sell mainly mimosas, bloody marys and canned craft beers. Mr. Canfield stated that alcohol sales will be a small share of the revenue, that he has hired staff from MPP, and that he plans to have 24 employees and 3 to 4 managers. Mr. Canfield stated that all customer-facing employees will be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Canfield stated that alcohol will be stored in a closet at the back of the restaurant and that the outdoor patio will be fenced in. Mr. Canfield stated that the space has been vacant for 10 years and that it was previously a Howard Bank and a Taco Bell. Mr. Canfield stated that there is a drive-through that will not be used for alcohol or food service, that they will offer mobile ordering, and that alcohol is only available when ordered through waitstaff. Mr. Canfield stated that he will be a good corporate citizen by supporting the local hospital, that the application he submitted is correct, and that he has had no alcohol-related violations or felonies. Mr. Canfield stated that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and that he understands his role as the resident agent.

Samantha L. Rocco-Canfield, 50% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and

testified before the Hearing Board.

Ms. Rocco-Canfield testified that she was born and raised in Howard County and that she has worked in the concessions department at MPP since 2004. Ms. Rocco-Canfield stated that in 2016 she became the Assistant Director of JL Hospitality and that in 2024 she obtained the liquor license for JL Hospitality. Ms. Rocco-Canfield stated that she is a Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPs) Certified Alcohol Instructor and that she trains all staff at JL Hospitality. Ms. Rocco-Canfield stated that the application she submitted is correct and that she has had no alcohol-related violations or felonies. Ms. Rocco-Canfield stated that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and that they plan to open in mid-January. Ms. Rocco-Canfield stated that she will keep her position at MPP and that she will personally train any employees who need alcohol awareness certification. Ms. Rocco-Canfield stated that she plans to be at the restaurant 7 days a week.

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 Bradley M. Canfield and Samantha L. Rocco-Canfield (the "Applicants") on behalf of SRC Hospitality Holdings, LLC t/a Roco Kitchen + Coffee ("Roco Kitchen + Coffee"), have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,400 sq. ft. restaurant with a 625 sq. ft. exterior located at 6430 Freetown Road, Suite 210, Columbia, MD 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 Bradley M. Canfield is a Maryland state resident.
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 Bradley M. Canfield and Samantha L. Rocco-Canfield (the "Applicants") on behalf of SRC Hospitality Holdings, LLC t/a Roco Kitchen + Coffee ("Roco Kitchen + Coffee"), have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,400 sq. ft. restaurant with a 625 sq. ft. exterior located at 6430 Freetown Road, Suite 210, Columbia, MD 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 Bradley M. Canfield 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 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 30th day of January, 2026, by the

Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Bradley M. Canfield and Samantha L. Rocco-Canfield (the “Applicants”) on behalf of SRC Hospitality Holdings, LLC t/a Roco Kitchen + Coffee (“Roco Kitchen + Coffee”), for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,400 sq. ft. restaurant with a 625 sq. ft. exterior located at 6430 Freetown Road, Suite 210, Columbia, MD 21044, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by June 9, 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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Board Administrator

/S/

Steven Chen, Chairperson

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