

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF SHAILJA	*	
ANAND AND ARYAN ANAND	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF MINT FAMILY	*	
2, LLC T/A THE MINT ROOM	*	FOR
FOR A NEW CLASS B BEER,	*	
WINE AND LIQUOR 7-DAY	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
ON SALE LICENSE	*	
	*	Case No.: 25-43
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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 and January 27, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of Shailja Anand and Aryan Anand (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Mint Family 2, LLC t/a The Mint Room (“The Mint Room”) for a New Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,093 sq. ft. restaurant located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg, MD 21737.

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 Jay Yoo, 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.

PRELIMINARY MATTER

Mr. Yoo requested a continuance to amend the application. By a unanimous vote, the Hearing Board agreed to postpone this case to a date to be determined.

Summary of January 27, 2026 Hearing

PROFFER

Mr. Yoo proffered that the initial application had omitted violations that had occurred at Ms. Shailja Anand's past business ventures. Mr. Yoo stated that Mr. Aryan Anand was added to the application so that the Board would feel more comfortable having a second licensee due to the past violations by Ms. Anand.

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Aryan Anand, 0% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Anand testified that he is a Howard County resident and that his duties at the restaurant will include managing employees, controlling inventory, and handling operations. Mr. Anand stated that he will be at the premises full time, that he will work 40 to 60 hours a week, and that he lives 5 minutes from the restaurant. Mr. Anand stated that he worked at the Ellicott City location for 4 years as a server and manager, and that he has had no alcohol, criminal, or traffic violations. Mr. Anand stated that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, that he understands his role as a licensee, and that he has an ID checking system in place. Mr. Anand stated that he will not accept vertical IDs and that he will use an ID scanner. Mr. Anand stated that they employ 5 cooks, 2 bussers and 4 full-time servers who are Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Anand stated that they take alcohol service seriously, and that the restaurant opened 3 months ago. Mr. Anand stated that alcohol sales will be 5% to 10% of the total gross sales and that he plans to serve beer and Indian drinks. Mr. Anand stated that there are no other Indian restaurants in the area, that the restaurant serves upscale Indian food, and that there is ample parking in the shopping center. Mr. Anand stated that his mother or the servers are able to take

over operations if he is not available. He is also amenable to promoting a manager to take his place when he is not present. Mr. Anand stated that there are 150 seats in the restaurant with about 14 tables, and that he plans to hire more servers.

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 Shailja Anand and Aryan Anand (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Mint Family 2, LLC t/a The Mint Room (“The Mint Room”) have applied for a New Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,093 sq. ft. restaurant located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg, MD 21737.

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 Shailja Anand 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 Shailja Anand and Aryan Anand (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Mint Family 2, LLC t/a The Mint Room (“The Mint Room”) have applied for a New Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,093 sq. ft. restaurant

located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg, MD 21737.

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 Shailja Anand 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 11th day of February, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Shailja Anand and Aryan Anand (the "Applicants") on behalf of Mint Family 2, LLC t/a The Mint Room ("The Mint Room") for a New Class B Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on sale license for a 4,093 sq. ft. restaurant located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road, Glenelg, MD 21737, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

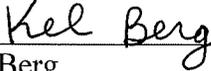
- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County Rules and Regulations; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by July 27, 2026, unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) That an assistant manager be promoted to have on-site when the Applicant is not

present; and

- (d) 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**



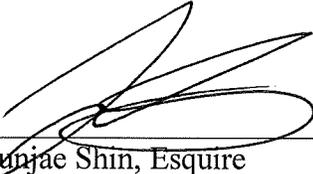
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