

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF JOHN BEZOLD	*	
AND RANDALL DEAN RINIKER	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ON BEHALF OF MISSION BBQ	*	
COLUMBIA, LLC T/A MISSION	*	FOR
BBQ FOR A RESIDENT AGENT	*	
AND LICENSEE CHANGE FOR A	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
CLASS B BEER 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	Case No.: 25-44
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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 February 10, 2026, the Hearing Board heard the application of John Bezold and Randall Dean Riniker (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Mission BBQ Columbia, LLC t/a Mission BBQ (“Mission BBQ”), for a resident agent change, replacing Jonathan Lawrence Kendrick, and replacing licensees William Joseph Kraus and Stephen Scott Newton, for a Class B Beer, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,500 sq. ft. restaurant with a 1,199 sq. ft. patio located at 6270 Columbia Crossing Circle, Columbia, 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 Nick Kallis, 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.

## **PROFFER**

Mr. Kallis proffered that the Mission BBQ brand is a group of 100 companies that are active in veteran affairs, education and good deeds. Mr. Kallis stated that Mission BBQ is a family restaurant with alcohol sales comprising 1% of the total gross sales. Mr. Kallis stated that Mr. Riniker is an experienced operator who has been with Mission BBQ since its inception, and that Mr. Bezold is long-time resident of Howard County who frequents the business regularly and lives nearby. Mr. Kallis stated that alcohol is only served with food as an accommodation to customers of legal drinking age.

## **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

John Bezold, 0% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Bezold testified that he has been a Howard County resident for 30 years and that the application he submitted is correct. Mr. Bezold stated that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations and that he understands his role as the resident agent. Mr. Bezold stated that he is not a Mission BBQ employee and that he only frequents the establishment.

Randall Dean Riniker, 10% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and testified before the Hearing Board.

Mr. Riniker testified that he has worked for Mission BBQ for 12 years and that he started their catering business in 2011. Mr. Riniker stated that the application he submitted is correct and that he is a licensee for Mission BBQ restaurants in other Maryland counties. Mr. Riniker stated that he is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, that he understands his role as the licensee, and that he will operate the facility in accordance with Maryland laws. Mr. Riniker stated that he is Vice President of the catering operations for all

Mission BBQ restaurants, that he visits all the locations, and that he assists with catering orders. Mr. Riniker stated that a general manager, regional director, and other leaders operate the business when he is not on-site, and that they are all ServSafe Certified and Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPs) Certified. Mr. Riniker stated that there will be no changes in leadership or staffing and that he visits each restaurant once or twice a month. Mr. Riniker stated that the general manager of 2 years is responsible for producing invoices and documents for inspections, and that the general manager works 50 hours a week, 5 days a week. Mr. Riniker stated that the restaurant has been in business for 10 years and that he was not aware of any alcohol-related violations.

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 John Bezold and Randall Dean Riniker (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Mission BBQ Columbia, LLC t/a Mission BBQ (“Mission BBQ”), have applied for a resident agent change, replacing Jonathan Lawrence Kendrick, and replacing licensees William Joseph Kraus and Stephen Scott Newton, for a Class B Beer, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,500 sq. ft. restaurant with a 1,199 sq. ft. patio located at 6270 Columbia Crossing Circle, Columbia, 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 John Bezold, the resident agent applicant, does not meet 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 John Bezold and Randall Dean Riniker (the “Applicants”), on behalf of Mission BBQ Columbia, LLC t/a Mission BBQ (“Mission BBQ”), have applied for a resident agent change, replacing Jonathan Lawrence Kendrick, and replacing licensees William Joseph Kraus and Stephen Scott Newton, for a Class B Beer, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,500 sq. ft. restaurant with a 1,199 sq. ft. patio located at 6270 Columbia Crossing Circle, Columbia, MD 21045.

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### **ORDER**

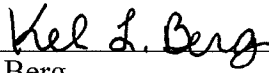
For the foregoing reasons, it is this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Mission BBQ Columbia, LLC t/a Mission BBQ (“Mission BBQ”), for a resident agent change, replacing Jonathan Lawrence Kendrick, and replacing licensees William Joseph Kraus and Stephen Scott Newton, for a Class B Beer, 7-day on-sale license for a 4,500 sq. ft. restaurant with a 1,199 sq. ft. patio located at 6270 Columbia Crossing Circle, Columbia, 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; and
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by August 10, 2026, unless that deadline is extended by the Hearing Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) That the application be amended, removing John Bezold and replacing Randy Riniker as the resident agent; 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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Kel L. Berg  
Board Administrator

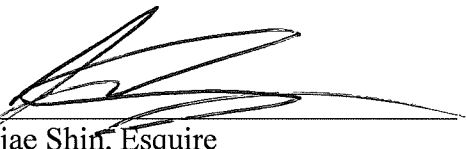
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Steven Chen, Chairperson

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Steve Hunt, Vice-Chairperson

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

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Ed Coleman, Member

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Hyunjae Shin, Esquire  
Senior Assistant County Solicitor

\_\_\_\_\_ABSENT\_\_\_\_\_  
Claire Kim, Member