

MINUTES

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD

September 29, 2026

Board Members Present:

Steven Chen, Chair
Steve Hunt, Vice Chair
Ed Coleman
Claire Kim

Staff:

Kel Berg, Board Administrator
Jae Shin, Board Counsel

Call to order at 6:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the hearing minutes of September 15, 2026.

Motion – Ed Coleman 2nd – Steve Hunt

vote 4-0

The motion passed.

Motion to approve the closed meeting minutes of September 15, 2026.

Motion – Ed Coleman 2nd – Steve Hunt

vote 4-0

The motion passed.

CHANGE OF RESIDENT AGENT CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR 7-DAY ON/OFF SALE LICENSE

From: First Watch Restaurants, Inc. t/a First Watch in the names of Krista Nicole Wagner, Christopher A. Tomasso and Jay A. Wolszczak for a 3,503 sq. ft. restaurant with a 325 sq. ft. exterior located at 6478 Dobbin Center Way, Suite 300, Columbia, MD 21045.

To: First Watch Restaurants, Inc. t/a First Watch in the names of Emily Elisabeth Klank, Christopher A. Tomasso and Jay A. Wolszczak for a 3,503 sq. ft. restaurant with a 325 sq. ft. exterior located at 6478 Dobbin Center Way, Suite 300, Columbia, MD 21045.

Counsel: Leanne Schrecengost, Esq.
No opposition

Witnesses:
Emily Elisabeth Klank

Motion to approve the application.
Motion – Steven Chen, 2nd – Ed Coleman
vote 4-0
The motion passed.

The applicants waived their right to appeal.

NEW
CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR
7-DAY ON/OFF SALE LICENSE

To: ODJ, LLC t/a El Aguila in the names of Dario Orellana and Dario Javier Orellana for a 7,866 sq. ft. restaurant with a 700 sq. ft. patio located at 10035 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

Counsel: Dmitri Chernov, Esq.
No opposition

Witnesses:
Dario Orellana
Dario Javier Orellana
Mark Egert

Motion to approve the application, contingent upon changing the resident agent to the general manager, Mark Egert and submitting an amended application.
Motion – Steven Chen, 2nd – Ed Coleman
vote 4-0
The motion passed.

The applicants waived their right to appeal.

NEW
CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE

To: Kawa Sushi Ayce, Inc. t/a Kawa Sushi Ayce in the names of Wen Hao Chen and Xiao Yi Zheng for a 4,708 sq. ft. restaurant located at 8221 Gateway Overlook Drive, Elkridge, MD 21075.

Counsel: n/a
No opposition

Witnesses:
Wen Hao Chen (Haiyan Hutchison served as interpreter)
Xiao Yi Zheng (Haiyan Hutchison served as interpreter)

Motion to postpone the application and amend the application to identify a resident agent who is Alcohol Awareness Certified with prior experience in alcohol service.

Motion – Ed Coleman, 2nd – Steve Hunt
vote 4-0

The motion passed.

The Board recommended that the applicants retain a consultant or attorney to assist in presenting their case. A continuation date will be determined once a new application package is received.

NEW
CLASS B BEER, WINE & LIQUOR
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE

To: Al's Love Café, LLC t/a Al's Love Cafe in the name of Alarice Vidale de Palacios for a 1,000 sq. ft. restaurant with a 162 sq. ft. patio located at 3785 Hamilton Street, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

Counsel: n/a
No opposition

Witnesses:
Alarice Vidale de Palacios

Motion to approve the application.
Motion – Steven Chen, 2nd – Steve Hunt
vote 4-0

The motion passed.

The applicant waived her right to appeal.

The Board adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Approved: Kel Berg 10/14/2026