

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF WILLIAM SCOTT	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
SCIANDRA ON BEHALF OF SQB	*	FOR
ENTERPRISES, LLC, T/A HOCO	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
BREW HIVE, FOR A NEW AND	*	
REFILLABLE CONTAINER PERMIT	*	
CLASS B BEER, WINE, & LIQUOR 7	*	Case No.: 19-34
7-DAY ON-SALE 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 June 25, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of William Scott Sciandra (“Applicant”) on behalf of SQB Enterprises, LLC, t/a HoCo Brew Hive (“HoCo Brew Hive”), for a new and refillable container permit for a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 7,300 square foot restaurant with a 1,200 square foot outdoor patio located at 4910 Waterloo Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

The hearing was properly advertised and the property was posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicant was not represented by counsel. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

All the documents on file were incorporated into the record by reference.

Mr. Sciandra offered an amendment to his petition withdrawing the request to license the outdoor patio and the Board granted the amendment to his application.

### **SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

William Scott Sciandra, proposed resident agent 50% owner of SQB Enterprises, LLC, was sworn and testified before the Board. He testified that he has been a resident of Howard County for more than two years and is a registered voter.

Mr. Sciandra testified that both he and Mr. Butts, the other 50% owner, have taken Alcohol Awareness Training and are certified and that Martin Johnson is helping them put together an alcohol policy for their employees. Mr. Sciandra indicated that he will be the General Manager and will be responsible for the daily operations. Mr. Sciandra is currently employed with the National Elevator Industry and will continue his employment while serving as General Manager. Despite his current employment, Mr. Sciandra estimates that he will be working at the restaurant approximately 45 hours per week. He stated that he has plans for the business to give back to the community and that they will have a recycling policy and that there are no similar restaurants nearby.

Joshua Butts was sworn and testified that he has been in the hospitality industry his entire career. Mr. Butts will be the Chef and Kitchen Manager. He stated that they plan to use local honey from local beekeepers and will be involved with bee farmer charities. Mr. Butts testified that that the restaurant will have twenty-eight tables seating one hundred people and an additional twenty-five seats at the bar for a total seating of one hundred and twenty-five.

He further testified that all alcohol will be stored in a secure area that will only be accessible to managers. They plan to have as many servers of alcohol as possible certified

by an alcohol awareness program. He testified that they will train all staff in overserving and the verbal and physical cues that are present when a person has had too much alcohol to drink. He further testified that their staff will card anyone who appears to be under forty years old with the use of technology. Mr. Butts discussed their request for a growler license and testified that they will only serve beer in growlers.

The Following Exhibits were admitted into the record:

1. *HoCo Brew Hive menu*
2. *Photographs of the site*
3. *Alcohol awareness certificate for Joshua Butts*
4. *Alcohol awareness certificate for William Scott Sciandra*

Pursuant to Rule 6.13 of the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, the Applicant waived his 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 William Scott Sciandra on behalf of SQB Enterprises, LLC, t/a HoCo Brew Hive has applied for a new and refillable container permit for a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 7,300 square foot restaurant located at 4910 Waterloo Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

2. The Hearing Board finds that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board finds that William Scott Sciandra has been a Howard County resident for more than two years and is a registered voter.

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 this application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Hearing Board concludes that William Scott Sciandra on behalf of SQB Enterprises, LLC, t/a HoCo Brew Hive has applied for a new and refillable container permit for a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 7,300 square foot restaurant located at 4910 Waterloo Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043.

2. The Hearing Board concludes that the Applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an alcoholic beverage license.

3. The Hearing Board concludes that William Scott Sciandra 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED**, that the application of William Scott Sciandra on behalf of SQB Enterprises, LLC, t/a HoCo Brew Hive for a new and refillable container permit for a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a


7,300 square foot restaurant located at 4910 Waterloo Road, Ellicott City, MD 21043, be and the same is hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

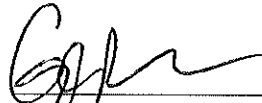
- (a) That the Applicant comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) That the Applicants satisfy and requirements necessary to obtain the license by December 27, 2019, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; and
- (c) Failure to comply with these conditions shall render this Proposed Decision and Order null and void.



ATTEST:

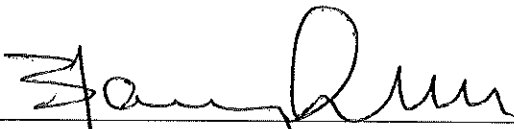
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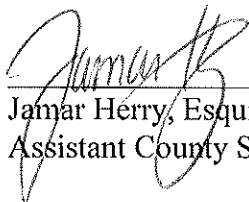
  
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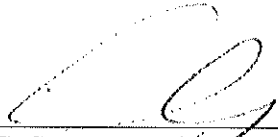
  
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