

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF NAKEISHA	*	
HENRY, IAN MCKINLEY REID	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
AND REBECCA MISKIRI ANTOINE	*	
ON BEHALF OF PO BOY JIM	*	FOR
COLUMBIA, LLC T/A PO BOY JIM	*	
FOR A NEW CLASS B BEER WINE	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	
LICENSE	*	Case No. 22-06
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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 8, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Nakeisha Henry, Ian McKinley Reid and Rebecca Miskiri Antoine (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Po Boy Jim Columbia, LLC t/a Po Boy Jim (“Po Boy Jim”) for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,120 sq. ft. restaurant with a 340 sq. foot exterior located at 10000 Town Center Avenue, Suite B, Columbia, MD 20144.

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 David F. Mister, Esquire.

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

**SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Rebecca Antoine, 28.3% interest holder and proposed licensee, was sworn in and

testified before the Board.

Ms. Antoine testified she started working in the restaurant industry in 2012 and is a managing partner at the Po Boy Jim Washington D.C. location which opened in 2014. Ms. Antoine stated she operates a Creole-style full-service restaurant with a full bar. Ms. Antoine stated there are 23 Po Boy restaurants and that everyone on this particular license would be minority owners. Ms. Antoine stated that in Washington D.C. she was cited for having trash in the public alleyway of the restaurant because she didn't have locks on the trash lids. Ms. Antoine stated she now has locks with metal lids and the trash can no longer be accessed by the public. Ms. Antoine stated she has satisfied the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Licensing Board with regard to the incident and has had no further issues.

Ms. Antoine testified that at the Washington D.C. location her food sales were 76% versus alcohol sales and doesn't anticipate a high percentage of alcohol sales if the Board approves the license in Columbia. Ms. Antoine stated she plans to hire 20-25 employees, have 4-7 servers and have 5-8 people in management. Ms. Antoine stated she will be responsible for the restaurant full time and will follow the Liquor Board Rules and Regulations of Howard County. Ms. Antoine stated the restaurant hours will be 11 a.m. until midnight and until 2 a.m. on weekends since they are in an apartment complex. Ms. Antoine stated she will be mindful of noise and the landlord will monitor that the same. Ms. Antoine stated that anyone serving alcohol on the premises would be Alcohol Awareness Certified and there will be regular meetings. Ms. Antoine stated she will I.D. everyone, and anyone visibly under the influence will be refused alcohol.

Ms. Antoine testified to the location of the restaurant, her bread supplier and menu items. Ms. Antoine stated there will be consistency and she will be one of two managers

there at all times. Ms. Antoine stated she hoped to be open in the first week of March and that she would source local oysters. Ms. Antoine stated she planned to have a full bar with a focus on hurricane drinks, as well as mimosas at brunch. Ms. Antoine stated she moved in November, did a change of address and will get her drivers license corrected. Ms. Antoine stated she only had one residence under lease, and she would update her address. Ms. Antoine stated she understood that even though the resident agent wouldn't be on-site often that the Board would turn to the resident agent if there was a violation or issue.

Nakeisha Henry, 15% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and testified before the Board.

Ms. Henry testified that she was born in the United Kingdom and grew up in Jamaica. Ms. Henry stated she moved to the United States in 2006 and went to Howard Community College and received an associate degree in business. Ms. Henry stated she attended Morgan State University and received a bachelor's degree in nursing. Ms. Henry stated she has been a Howard County resident since 2007 and is a licensed nurse at Morningside House in Ellicott City and works varied hours. Ms. Henry stated she was within walking distance to the restaurant and understood that even though she was a minority owner she was to go to the premises on a regular basis. Ms. Henry stated she will monitor the conduct of management and employees regarding the sale of alcohol and make sure they are abiding by the law. Ms. Henry stated she understood she would be called before the Board if a violation occurred. Ms. Henry stated she understood if there was any criminal activity it could affect her license as a registered nurse.

Ms. Henry stated she will go into the restaurant at varied times to make sure the rules and regulations were being followed and that if something were wrong, she would talk to

the other licensees. Ms. Henry stated her job is not far from the restaurant and could go in after work or on her break. Ms. Henry stated she will make sure that alcohol was being served properly, that no one was being served while intoxicated and that she would make sure the records are correct. Ms. Henry stated she is not familiar with the Rules and Regulations of the Howard County Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board but will review them.

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 Nakeisha Henry, Ian McKinley Reid and Rebecca Miskiri Antoine (the "Applicants") on behalf of Po Boy Jim Columbia, LLC t/a Po Boy Jim ("Po Boy Jim") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,120 sq. ft. restaurant with a 340 sq. foot exterior located at 10000 Town Center Avenue, Suite B, Columbia, MD 20144.
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 Nakeisha Henry is a Howard County 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 Nakeisha Henry, Ian McKinley Reid and Rebecca Miskiri Antoine (the "Applicants") on behalf of Po Boy Jim Columbia, LLC t/a Po Boy Jim ("Po Boy Jim") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,120 sq. ft. restaurant with a 340 sq. foot exterior located at 10000 Town Center Avenue, Suite B, Columbia, MD 20144.

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 Nakeisha Henry 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Nakeisha Henry, Ian McKinley Reid and Rebecca Miskiri Antoine (the "Applicants") on behalf of Po Boy Jim Columbia, LLC t/a Po Boy Jim ("Po Boy Jim") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 2,120 sq. ft. restaurant with a 340 sq. foot exterior located at 10000 Town Center Avenue, Suite B, Columbia, MD 20144, 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 resident agent changes and updates her driver's license information; and
- (c) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by August 8, 2022, unless that deadline is extended by the Board upon good cause shown; 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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Ashley Aguilar  
Board Administrator

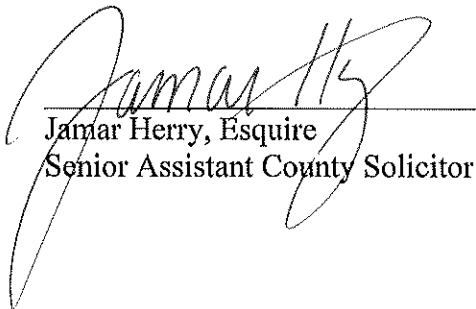
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