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| IN THE MATTER OF THE     | * | BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC    |
| APPLICATION OF JI HYUN   | * |                         |
| LEE AND YOUNG SOOK       | * | BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD  |
| KWON, ON BEHALF OF       | * |                         |
| GLEE EVENTS & CATERING,  | * | FOR                     |
| LLC T/A WOORI JIB, FOR A | * |                         |
| NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE   | * | HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND |
| & LIQUOR 7-DAY LICENSE   | * |                         |
|                          | * | Case No.: 22-11         |

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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 April 5, 2022, the Hearing Board heard the application of Ji Hyun Lee and Young Sook Kwon (the “Applicants”) on behalf of Glee Events and Catering, LLC t/a WooRi Jib (“WooRi Jib”) for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,455 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Unit H, Ellicott City, MD 20142.

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 Abraham Hurdle, 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.

**SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY**

Ji Hyun Lee, 50% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in and

testified before the Board.

Ms. Lee testified she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations, she is aware she will need to get identification from anyone wanting to be served liquor and that they will need to be over 21 years of age. Ms. Lee stated she is aware of her servers who are between the ages of 18-21, and knows they aren't allowed to drink. Ms. Lee stated she has taken the Alcohol Awareness Course and that although her mother has not, she plans to. Ms. Lee stated this is a restaurant, not a liquor store, and the alcohol sales ratio would be between 15%-20% to about 80% of food sales. Ms. Lee stated they will mostly serve food and that she is aware food sales are necessary with alcohol sales. Ms. Lee stated the restaurant will be open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ms. Lee stated that everything in the application is accurate. Ms. Lee stated that the restaurant is located in a lower level plaza, the plans are to provide services mainly to the community, and that they haven't been focusing on catering. Ms. Lee stated they have 1-2 servers each day and do not have any bartenders. Ms. Lee stated the wait staff will check I.D.s and bring the alcohol to the customers at the tables. Ms. Lee stated they don't serve cocktails, they serve sake and beer and the inventory of liquor is contained in a glass display. Ms. Lee stated someone will always be at the front desk where the alcohol is stored to keep the area secure. Ms. Lee stated this is not an event venue and she doesn't plan to use the corporate name with the public when they open. Ms. Lee stated the previous owner operated the business as WooRi Jib, LLC and she is allowed to use the trade name WooRi Jib for the restaurant. Ms. Lee stated this is a Korean restaurant and the menu is basically the same as what the previous owner had.

Young Sook Kwon, 50% interest holder and proposed resident agent, was sworn in

and testified before the Board through interpretation by Ji Hyun Lee.

Ms. Kwon testified that she is familiar with the application that was submitted, and everything is accurate. Ms. Kwon stated she has worked in the industry for over 30 years and that the operation of the restaurant is similar to the previous operation. Ms Kwan stated she plans to take the Alcohol Awareness Course in the next two weeks and that she is familiar with the Howard County Liquor Board Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Lee and Ms. Kwon testified as to Question 13 on the application and stated that they wrote "no" when they should have answered "yes" and that they agree that they don't have an interest or any debt in any other alcohol related business.

Ms. Lee stated they currently have four wait staff members and she will ensure that they all get Alcohol Awareness Certified. Ms. Lee stated the training was helpful and she wants her staff to be educated so they do things the right way. Ms. Lee stated they have been operating the restaurant since December 2021, a management agreement is in place and they do not own the business yet. Ms. Lee stated she and Ms. Kwon are co-owners and that Ms. Lee will handle management and Ms. Kwon will be the main chef.

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 Ji Hyun Lee and Young Sook Kwon (the "Applicants") on behalf of Glee Events and Catering, LLC t/a WooRi Jib ("WooRi Jib") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,455 sq. ft.

restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Unit H, Ellicott City, MD 20142.

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 Ji Hyun Lee 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 Ji Hyun Lee and Young Sook Kwon (the "Applicants") on behalf of Glee Events and Catering, LLC t/a WooRi Jib ("WooRi Jib") have applied for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,455 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Unit H, Ellicott City, MD 20142.

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 Ji Hyun Lee 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.

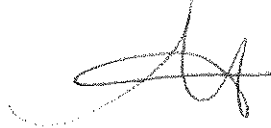
**ORDER**

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED** that the application of Ji Hyun Lee and Young Sook Kwon (the "Applicants") on behalf of Glee Events and Catering, LLC t/a WooRi Jib ("WooRi Jib") for a New Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor, 7-day license for a 2,455 sq. ft. restaurant located at 10039 Baltimore National Pike, Unit H, Ellicott City, MD 20142, 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 October 5, 2022, 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:**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE HEARING  
BOARD OF HOWARD COUNTY,  
MARYLAND**



Ashley Aguilar  
Board Administrator

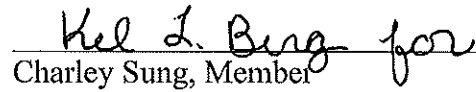


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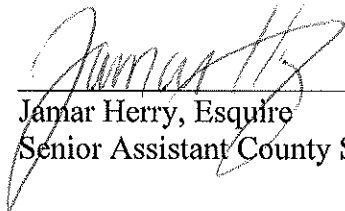
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