

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF SARAH	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
ELIZABETH RICHARDS AND	*	FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
LANCE ALAN COOK FOR BB&B	*	
ENTERPRISES, LLC, T/A THE	*	Case No.: 20-13
PERIODIC TABLE FOR A NEW	*	
CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR	*	
7-DAY ON SALE LICENSE	*	

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 March 10, 2020, the Hearing Board heard the application of Sara Elizabeth Richard and Lance Alan Cook (the “Applicants”), on behalf of BB&B Enterprises LLC (hereinafter “BB&B”), t/a The Periodic Table (“Periodic Table”), for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-Day On-Sale License for a 5,735-square foot restaurant with a 400-square foot outdoor patio located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 20145.

The hearing was properly advertised, and the property was posted pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Applicants were represented by Thomas Coale, Esquire. 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

Lance Cook, 61% owner of BB&B, was sworn and testified before the Board.

Mr. Cook testified that he is a current owner and license holder of Tino's Italian Bistro in Ellicott City, Maryland. Mr. Cook testified as to his longtime experience in the restaurant business, specifically that he has owned and operated Tino's Italian Bistro for over five (5) years. Mr. Cook testified that the Periodic Table will be very close in proximity to Tino's Italian Bistro and he believes that more restaurants will drive the volume of business to be a restaurant destination area. Mr. Cook testified that the concept of The Periodic Table is different from the surrounding restaurants. Additionally, Mr. Cook testified that The Periodic Table will feature an American Fusion menu and will feature a food and spirits chemistry theme featuring shared plates.

Mr. Cook testified as to Tino's Italian Bistro's involvement in the community, which includes supporting local non-profits and schools on a regular basis, as well as donating food and baskets for local non-profit fundraisers. Mr. Cook further stated that he intends to continue community-support activities with the new restaurant.

Mr. Cook further testified that since he has owned Tino's Italian Bistro, there have been no alcohol beverage violations. Mr. Cook stated that he is Alcohol Awareness Certified and plans to have ninety percent (90%) of The Periodic Table employees be Alcohol Awareness Certified. Mr. Cook estimates that The Periodic Table will have fifty (50) to fifty-five (55) employees. Mr. Cook testified that he plans to be at The Periodic Table daily in the beginning and will eventually split his time between Tino's Italian Bistro and The Periodic Table. Mr. Cook testified that he is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations, that he has never been convicted of a felony and has had no traffic violations since his last license was approved.

Mr. Cook testified that the hours of operation will be from 11:00am to 12:00am every day and possibly 1:00am on Fridays and Saturdays. Mr. Cook stated that the restaurant will have seventeen designated parking spots and more parking will be available in the evenings.

Mr. Cook testified that most of his employees (approximately 35) will work in the front of the house, and that most will be Alcoholic Awareness Certified. Mr. Cook also testified that he is currently in communication with Howard Community College's Culinary Department in developing an Internship program with Tino's Italian Bistro and The Periodic Table.

Mr. Cook testified that there will be seating for approximately one hundred sixty (160) indoors and a maximum of twenty-five (25) seats on the outside patio. Mr. Cook testified that the outside patio will only be accessible from the restaurant.

Sara Richards, 39% owner of BB&B, was sworn and testified before the Board.

Ms. Richards testified that she will be the General Manager of The Periodic Table. Ms. Richards testified that she has never held a liquor license before, but she is Alcohol Awareness Certified and is familiar with the Board's Rules and Regulations.

Ms. Richards further testified that she will be at the restaurant approximately 10-12 hours a day as General Manager. As General Manager, Ms. Richards will oversee the Bar Manager, Head Chef Kitchen Manager, as well as being responsible for payroll and bank deposits.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Hearing Board finds that Lance Alan Cook and Sara Elizabeth Richards, on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC, t/a The Periodic Table, have applied for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 5,735 -square foot restaurant with a 400-square foot patio located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, 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 the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

4. 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 Lance Alan Cook and Sara Elizabeth Richards, on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC, t/a The Periodic Table, have applied for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 5,735 -square foot restaurant with a 400-square foot patio located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045.

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 the granting of the application is necessary for the accommodation of the public.

4. The Hearing Board concludes that the granting of the application will not unduly disturb the peace and safety of the residents of the neighborhood.

ORDER

For the foregoing reasons, it is this 15 day of June, 2020, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County **ORDERED** that the application of Lance Alan Cook and Sara Elizabeth Richards, on behalf of BB&B Enterprises, LLC, t/a the Periodic Table, for a new Class B, Beer, Wine and Liquor 7-day on-sale license for a 5,735 -square foot restaurant with a 400-square foot patio located at 8808 Centre Park Drive, Columbia, MD 21045. be and the same is

hereby **GRANTED**, subject to the following conditions:

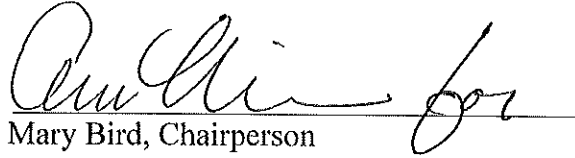
- (a) That the Applicants comply with all State and County laws and regulations;
- (b) The applicants submit a detailed drawing of the outside space and the barriers for that space.
- (c) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by September 1, 2020, unless that deadline 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**



Robin Regner
Board Administrator



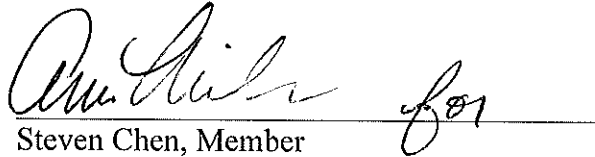
Mary Bird, Chairperson



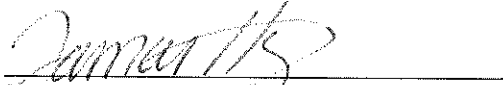
Charley Sung, Member

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