

IN THE MATTER OF THE	*	BEFORE THE ALCOHOLIC
APPLICATION OF SAMUEL S. NALLI	*	BEVERAGE HEARING BOARD
AND KI BEOM PARK ON BEHALF OF	*	FOR
SUSHI NARI, LLC T/A SUSHI NARI	*	HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND
FOR A NEW CLASS B BEER, WINE,	*	
AND LIQUOR 7-DAY ON-SALE	*	Case No.: 19-26
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 June 11, 2019, the Hearing Board heard the application of Samuel S. Nalli and Ki Beom Park (“Applicants”) on behalf of Sushi Nari, LLC t/a Sushi Nari (“Sushi Nari”), for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,244 square foot restaurant located at 8640 Guilford Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046.

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 Tae Kim, Esquire. There were no protestants who appeared in opposition to the application.

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

As a preliminary matter, Tai Kim explained that the original application was for a transfer, however, the transfer application was withdrawn and resubmitted as a new application as the previous owner refused to renew his existing license during the renewal

period.

### SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Samuel S. Nalli, proposed resident agent and 10% owner of the LLC, was sworn and testified that he is a citizen of the United States, a registered voter and has lived in Howard County for fourteen years. Mr. Nalli testified that he has never been convicted of a crime or been in violation of any alcohol laws. He stated that he has no financial interest in any other establishment that sells alcohol and that he has reviewed the Liquor Board Rules and will abide by them.

Mr. Nalli testified that the percentage of alcohol sold last year compared to food sales was 5% and expects this percentage to stay the same in the future. He clarified that sushi, not alcohol, is the focus of the restaurant. He testified that when he visits the restaurant, he will make sure that everything is running smoothly concerning the sale of alcohol in accordance with the alcoholic beverage regulations, that identification is being checked and that customers are not sharing their alcoholic beverages. Mr. Nalli testified that anyone that appears to be under the age of 35 years old will be required to provide identification.

Mr. Nalli testified that he will be taking the alcohol awareness course on June 22. All managers and licensees will be alcohol awareness certified. Sushi Nari is currently open to the public, however, is not selling alcohol.

Ki Beom Park, 90% owner of the LLC, was sworn and testified that he is a citizen of the United States, a registered voter, has never been convicted of a crime or a violation of alcohol laws and has no financial interest in another business that has a liquor license. Mr. Park testified that he will run the day-to-day operations of this restaurant and will abide by

all state and local regulations related to alcohol.

Mr. Park submitted and the Board accepted into the record *Applicants' Exhibit No.*

*1 – Menu for Sushi Nari.*

Mr. Park testified that alcohol was previously stored in a cooler and that he plans to sell beer, wine, and sake, but no other liquor. Mr. Park testified that he will be taking the alcohol awareness course on June 22, and it is the restaurant policy that there will always be one person on the premises that is alcohol awareness certified at all times.

Mr. Park testified that he has worked at Sushi Nari since August of 2018 and decided to purchase this restaurant as he was looking to purchase a sushi restaurant. He stated that there will be no physical changes to the space and the alcohol will be stored in a cooler that will be located in the non-public back area of the restaurant.

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 Samuel S. Nalli and Ki Beom Park, on behalf of Sushi Nari, LLC t/a Sushi Nari, have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,244 square foot restaurant located at 8640 Guilford Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046.
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 Samuel S. Nalli has been a Howard County

resident for more than two years, is a registered voter, and has a 10% financial interest in Sushi Nari.

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 Samuel S. Nalli and Ki Beom Park, on behalf of Sushi Nari, LLC t/a Sushi Nari, have applied for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,244 square foot restaurant located at 8640 Guilford Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046.

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 Samuel S. Nalli 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019, by the Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board of Howard County, **ORDERED**, that the application of Samuel S.

Nalli and Ki Beom Park, on behalf of Sushi Nari, LLC t/a Sushi Nari, for a new Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor, 7-day on-sale license for a 1,244 square foot restaurant located at 8640 Guilford Road, Columbia, Maryland 21046, 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; and
- (b) That the Applicants submit to the Liquor Board office a copy of their Alcohol Awareness certifications.
- (c) That the Applicants satisfy any requirements necessary to obtain the license by October 9, 2019, 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


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Gene Ryan, Chairperson

ABSENT

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Mary Bird, Vice Chairperson

REVIEWED BY HOWARD COUNTY  
OFFICE OF LAW  
GARY W. KUC  
COUNTY SOLICITOR

  
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Harry Evans, Member

  
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Heather Gaetano, Member

  
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Jamar Herry, Esquire  
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Charley C. Sung, Member