

TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND  
BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of Public Meeting  
October 28, 2024

The meeting of the Talbot County Board of Liquor License Commissioners was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024. Present were Chairman Jack M. Gottschalk, Commissioner Edward M. Bridges, Jr., Commissioner David Fike and Board Secretary Victoria E. Bradley.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Upon motion by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2024, were unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **Our Greek Market, LLC**– Application for a Class F-A alcohol license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer, wine and liquor) & Caterers Endorsement

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicants Peter and Lucie Paris).

Chairman Gottschalk gave brief description of the application and asked if the Board had any questions regarding the application or supporting documents. Commissioner Bridges noted there was not a Health Department Permit or Fire Marshalls compliance. Mr. Paris testified that there is still some work and paperwork needed to be finished before they are able to present those two missing documents, but they ask if the Board would consider it a pending item and give them conditional approval as was done with their previous application.

Chairman Gottschalk asked for an explanation of their business plan. The applicants gave an opening statement describing their business plan and the layout of the building. Mr. Paris testified that they would like to have half the building being a market selling Greek goods and the other half being the restaurant seating at least 20 people or more inside and outside.

Chairman Gottschalk asked how they would control the outside seating area. The applicants explained that the area is very visible from the inside, they will have the area sectioned off, and they will have employees there as well.

Chairman Gottschalk asked how they will be staffed. Mr. Paris testified that both applicants will be onsite at all times to get the business started. Mr. Paris further testified they will have at least 2 to 4 staff members that are Alcohol Awareness Certified. Chairman Gottschalk asked if this will be similar to their other business in Easton. Mr. Paris stated that business has done well and this would expand on that.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

- Motion made by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Fike that the Board approve the application of the Class FA license and caterers' endorsement pending the board receiving the Fire Marshall inspection and the Health Department Permit. Motion passed unanimously.
- **SLAMD, LLC**– Application for a Class F-A alcohol license (hotels/restaurants – on-sale, beer, wine and liquor) & Class B-R, Beer & Wine License (off-sale) hotels/restaurants.

All those in attendance to testify in the matter were sworn in, (Applicants Gina Hockenberry-Parchman and Michael Werner).

Chairman Gottschalk gave a brief description of the application. Chairman Gottschalk asked for clarification regarding the application being marked requesting a Class C license. Ms. Hockenberry-Parchman testified that the Class C was marked in error, they are seeking a Class FA and Class BR.

Chairman Gottschalk asked Secretary Bradley about the missing Alcohol Awareness Training Certificates. Secretary Bradley testified that she had received confirmation that the applicants had taken the class and are currently waiting for the results.

Chairman Gottschalk asked about the missing Fire Marshalls Report and the Health Department Certificate. Mr. Werner testified and presented the most recent Fire Marshalls Report stating everything is complete and passes inspection. Ms. Hockenberry-Parchman presented the final reinspection forms and the approved license.

Chairman Gottschalk gave an explanation of the Market Study for the area, the Market Study shows the location fails, and they would not be able to receive an off-sale license. Commissioner Bridges noted the Market Study shows 5 but the Board only shows 4 off-sale license for Tilghman Island. Secretary Bradley testified that she is currently waiting for Mr. Cohoon to get back to her on this question and she should have an explanation before the end of the day.

The Chairman asked the applicants to give a description of their business plan. The Applicants testified that they will be very food oriented and would like to draw more people in to the restaurant vs focusing on the carry-out. The Applicants further testified that they would not want to hurt any of the other businesses in the area. Ms. Hockenberry-Parchman testified they would be serving lunch and dinner first but is open to the idea of breakfast.

The Chairman explained the importance of serving alcohol safely especially around boats. The Applicants agreed about the importance of serving safely and further testified that Ms. Hockenberry-Parchman has not had any violations in all her time having an alcohol license in Talbot or Anne Arundel County.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

- Motion made by Commissioner Fike, seconded by Commissioner Bridges that the Board decline the application for the Class F-A license. The application for the Class B-R license is pending clarification of the Market Study, if the location fails the Market Study, then the application is denied. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

The Chairman discussed the Town Council for Easton passed a new noise ordinance prohibiting businesses from playing amplified music outdoors between 10 pm and 6 am. The Board discussed how this could affect some of the businesses that hold alcohol licenses and if violating the ordinance could affect their Alcohol License.

Secretary Bradley asked the Board to check their County Emails for one day applications that are pending administrative approval and possible upcoming meeting dates.

There being no further business to discuss, the Board moved to adjourn.

- Upon motion by Commissioner Bridges, seconded by Commissioner Fike, there being no further business to discuss, the Board voted unanimously to close the meeting at 10:54 a.m.