

**BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS
CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND
MINUTES**

On November 9, 2011, the Board of License Commissioners met in Room 003 of the Carroll County Office Building, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. Board members Roland Meerdter, David Grayson and Robert Tabler were present as well as John Scruggs, Counsel to the Board; and Nancy David.

10:05 a.m. to 10:20 a.m., Case 5617, Class A – Beer, Wine and Liquor License issued to Minish Patel for the use of Blue Label, Inc., t/a Cranberry Liquors, 405 North Center Street, Suite 26, Westminster – Violation Hearing (Alcoholic Beverages purchased from other than a Licensed Wholesaler, and Failure to maintain complete and accurate records). The Board found the Licensee guilty of both charges and issued a fine of \$200.00, payable within 30 days of the written decision.

10:25 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., the Board addressed the following official business:

1. The minutes from the October 12, 2011, meeting of the Board was approved upon a motion of Mr. Grayson and seconded by Mr. Tabler.
2. A fax from Rafael Javier, of Rafael's, requesting permission to open at 7:00 p.m. on November 24 (Thanksgiving Night), was presented and approved by the Board. In 2002 an open policy was approved by a prior Board allowing restaurants to open in the evenings on holidays, serving only one meal rather than the required two meals, was discussed. The current Board had no objection to continuing this policy was the understanding that no enforcement action for establishments that decided to open later on holidays would be taken.
3. A fax from Terri Reiter, of Terri's Café and Bakery, informing the Board of a change in the hours of operation was presented and approved by the Board.
4. A letter from Jeffrey Kelly, Director of the Field Enforcement Division of the State Comptroller's Office, reminding all Counties of the strict compliance with Art. 2B, § 9-102 (a-1) regarding Chain Stores, was presented and discussed.
5. A copy of notification with floor plans from Ben Golueke, of Mt. Airy Liquors, informing the Board of his previously approved move within the same shopping center that will occur in February, was presented.
6. The Board was made aware of a Licensee's concern when a "Second Notice" was received regarding membership dues to the Carroll County Licensed Beverage Association. The Licensee was informed that membership in that organization is voluntary and in no way associated with the existing liquor license issued by the Board.
7. Attorney Scruggs informed the Board that oral arguments were heard by Judge Galloway on the Rafael's appeal concerning deck parties. No decision has been issued at this time.

8. Inspector Kaizer requested an update on the proposed legislation concerning the increase of Class A & D license fees. Attorney Scruggs stated the legislation has been sent to the County Attorney.

Respectfully submitted by:

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