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BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 29, 2024, 10:30 a.m.

By Remote Participation via Zoom

This meeting was held remotely in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 adopted by Massachusetts General Court and approved by the Governor.

Board Members: Nicole Murati Ferrer (present), Christine A. Elow (absent), and Thomas Cahill, Jr. (present).

Staff Member Present: Christopher O'Neil.

Decisions: All decisions were 2-0, unless otherwise indicated, and by roll call.

Public Testimony Matters

[**Note:** Matters 1 & 2 were called together.]

1. Application #254828 President and Fellows of Harvard College d/b/a Cambridge Queen's Head Pub, 45 Quincy Street, All Alcohol Educational License #11622, for a Change of Manager to Joseph Flueckiger.

Present: Joseph Flueckiger.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: Joseph Flueckiger has approximately 35 years of experience in the food and beverage industry. Flueckiger has held a number of liquor licenses one in Maryland and most recently was the Executive Director of Dining Services at Amherst College. Flueckiger has not had any issues with the local board or the ABCC, is familiar with the laws, and rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Flueckiger has received training in the safe service and sale of alcohol, and will provide a copy of TIPS Certification.

Decision: Granted.

2. Application #254829 President and Fellows of Harvard College d/b/a The Pub, 1585 Massachusetts Avenue, Wine and Malt Educational License #11450, for a Change of Manager to Joseph Flueckiger.

Present: Joseph Flueckiger.

¹ The previous minutes posted incorrectly identified on the first page that all votes were 3-0. The minutes have been corrected to identify they were 2-0. No other changes were made to the previously posted minutes.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

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Decision: Granted.

3. Application #255919 Association Notre Dame De Cambridge, Inc., 2322 Massachusetts Avenue, All Alcohol Club License, for a Change of Manager to Joseph Carroll.

Present: Joseph Carroll; and Edward Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and file.

Summary: Joseph Carroll has extensive experience in the food and beverage industry; has been a bartender for about 30 years. Has not been the manager of record on a liquor license before, and is familiar with the laws, and rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Has not received any trainings in the safe service and sale of alcohol but will complete TIPS training in the afternoon.

Decision: Granted.

4. Application #249891 Uptown Transport Inc. d/b/a Boston Sightseeing, 492 Summer Street, Boston, for a New Jitney License.

Present: Munim Khan.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Currently operate a sightseeing company in Boston – a double decker, the only one they are aware of in the area. The bus they will use in Cambridge will be smaller – a shuttle bus from Copley to Harvard Square. Not really sure whether there is the market to have a sightseeing tour of Boston and Cambridge, but are testing it out. The shuttle will work as a hop off and hop on. The stop in Cambridge is in Harvard Square.

Decision: Granted with the conditions as set forth on the Traffic, Parking and Transportation Department memorandum of February 1, 2024.

5. Application #251586 [Continued from February 1, 2024] Guhanian Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Passage to India, 3 Glassworks Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #54291, for a Change of Beneficial Interests.

Present: Attorney John Mooradian; and Babu Koganti.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; file; and correspondence and subsequent documents filed with the Board after February 1, 2024 meeting.

Summary: Incorporated by reference and made a part hereof the statements and testimony received during the February 1, 2024 meeting. Also, incorporated and considered the subsequent documents sent by Attorney Mooradian which clarify all issues raised by the Board during the February meeting.

Decision: Granted.

6. Application #256214 Bon Me Foods, LLC d/b/a Bon Me Foods, 222 Jacobs Street, to transfer the Common Victualler Malt Only License currently held by it at 60 Binney Street. The proposed premises description for the new location would be: Street-facing on the first floor premises, of approximately 1,578 sq. ft. Open plan seating area with main entry/exit onto private sidewalk area on Jacobs Street, and secondary entry/exit into building lobby. Includes outdoor area in front of the premises on private property. Proposed indoor seating capacity of 43 with 5 standing for a total indoor occupancy of 48. Outdoor seating capacity and maximum occupancy of 12. The proposed hours of operation are 10:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. all days. Angel Castro as proposed Manager of Record.

Present: Michael Feeney; and Angel Castro.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: Bon Me has various locations in Cambridge; this would be a new location in Cambridge Crossing area where there is a lot of housing and offices but not a lot of food options. Bon Me would try to satisfy the need for lunch and dinner options. The location is currently under construction and will substantially have the same menu as other locations. They seek to move the beer license they hold at 60 Binney Street to this new location as a compliment to the food option and make the location more appealing, especially as a dinner option. They would keep the 60 Binney Street location open but as a common victualler license only. They expect the construction at Jacobs Street to be completed in late March/early April. They also would want to open upon completion of the construction, and thus requested that if the application is still pending at the ABCC for approval, that the location be allowed to open with food only.

Angel Castro's original application stated they would only be at the location 10 hours per week. That has since been amended and Castro will now be at the location 25 per week with Kelly Calderon, as a assistant manager and person in charge when Castro is not on the premises. Castro has experience in the industry and has been employed by Bon Me since 2015. Castro has not been the manager of record on a liquor license, and is familiar with the laws, and rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Castro has TIPS certification which will be provided as proof of trainings in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted; also granted the request to issue the license as a common victualler only if all final approvals are received by the day the applicant is ready to open, the license will issue as a Common Victualler license only while the ABCC approval is received.

7. Application #256217 Bon Me Foods, LLC d/b/a Bon Me, 600 Technology Square, for a New Common Victualler License with 37 seats inside, an inside occupancy of 42, and 12 patio seats on private property. The proposed premises description is: 1,400 square foot first floor space, with open customer seating area and food preparation area. Main entry/exit on Main St and additional exit into rear hallway/restroom area.

Present: Michael Feeney.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This will be a new Bon Me with a familiar concept, similar to all other locations. They seek to have food only at this location. The space is currently under construction and will replace Bon Me's first brick and mortar, at the Kendall Square complex. Bon Me explained the landlord was updating the uses of the Kendall Square complex and asked them to shift locations within their properties. This location is slightly larger and on a main street so it is an exciting opportunity. They will also serve a similar population and because they are close to MIT and residential areas, they hope to do a little more business. Once they open the Technology square location, they will close the Kendall complex location.

Decision: Granted.

8. Application #251597 Intercontinental Real Estate Corp., 955 Massachusetts Avenue, for a Garage License for 85 parking spaces and 850 gallons of gasoline in the tanks of autos only.

Present: Patrick Conte; Brianna Tramontozzi; Charles Carella; and Scott Kelley.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is an existing parking structure. It is basically a change of ownership, Intercontinental became the owner and seek to have the license transferred to their name. There are no changes/construction. It is an 8-story office building.

Decision: Granted.

9. Application #252257 Sterling Cambridge Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Monteverdi Restaurant, 40 Land Boulevard, for a new Common Victualler All Alcohol License with seating for 182 inside, an inside occupancy of 194, 81 outside patio seats, an outside occupancy of 90, and proposed hours of 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Sunday. Jared Hall as proposed Manager of Record of a premises described as: Restaurant and bar with indoor seating on the main level and mezzanine level, an indoor terrace adjacent to the hotel lobby, and outdoor patio seating. The total

area of the licensed premises is approximately 6,300 square feet on one floor. Storage is on the mezzanine level. Entire premises is on the first floor.

Present: Attorney Walter J. Sullivan, Jr.; Jonathan Brackman; Philip Arseneault; and Jared Hall.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This was the space previously occupied by Dante and is within the Roya Sonesta Hotel, which has been open and operating for a significant number of years. The need is presumed but it is also clearly established. The concept will be an Italian concept and the owner, Seth Greenberg, is an established owner in Boston and other areas. There needs to be a restaurant at the hotel per law but also per the Special Permit issued for the allowance of the Royal Sonesta hotel. This restaurant space is wholly overlooking the Charles and on the walkway and will serve the public at the hotel but also the public in general. The space is built out but they are doing some changes/face lift type of construction, prior to opening. They are expecting to be open by mid-May 2024.

Jared Hall has significant experience in the food and beverage industry. Hall has not been the manager of record on a liquor license, and is familiar with the laws, and rules and regulations of the Board and ABCC with regard to the safe service and sale of alcohol. Hall has Alcohol ServeSafe certification which will be provided as proof of training in the safe service and sale of alcohol.

Decision: Granted.

10. Application #253252 Central Square Pizza Corp. d/b/a ABC Pizza, 744 Massachusetts Avenue, for a New Common Victualler License with 18 seats and proposed hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. Monday through Wednesday and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. Thursday through Sunday. The proposed premises description is: 1,000 sq. ft. on ground level with kitchen and restroom, storage in basement. Two entrances/exits on ground level.

Present: Jimmy Axiotis.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This location currently has a license and is operating under the same d/b/a. This is new ownership seeking to operate beyond the currently approved closing hour of 12 a.m. The reason and need for the extended hours is to provide food service for the public who are leaving the bars in the area. There are no food options at that location after the bars let out and they seek to provide that service. The hours would be for take-out and dine-in, not delivery. Jimmy Axiotis will be the manager of record.

Decision: Granted.

11. Application #241025 Cookie Box LLC d/b/a Saison Bakery, 407 Concord Avenue, for a New Common Victualler License with 6 seats outside on private property and proposed hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday. The proposed

premises is: Approximately 950 sq. ft. of retail, toilet, storage and office space plus basement for storage. Seating is only on the outdoor area in private property.

Present: Soheil Fathi.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This would be for a total of 6 seats on the outdoor area in a private space. As of now, the hours, what is sold and the seating capacity is limited based on the current BZA decision. Fathi will be seeking an amendment to that decision to increase the outdoor seating capacity. They seek to operate 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. all days. They do not have any seats inside. Soheil Fathi will be the manager of record.

Decision: Granted, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. all days and with conditions as listed on BZA decision: Conditions as listed on BZA decision: (1) Can only operate as retail bakery with exception that can offer non-alcoholic cold and hot beverages; (2) Limited to 3 tables and a total of 6 seats; (3) Hours of operation limited to 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.; (4) Must use suitable waste containers; (5) Business must monitor outside area and clean up debris or waste; (6) Food waste and trash to be kept at far end of building and collected as often as possible. Cannot have any entertainment, including background music.

12. Application #231081 The Coast Café, LLC d/b/a The Coast Café, 233 River Street, for a New Common Victualler License with 9 seats inside and a total occupancy of 17 with proposed hours of 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday. The proposed premises is: One floor 400 sq. ft. - 370 sq. ft. of Kitchen and 30 sq. ft. for customer, Front door for customer and Back door for employees. Basement 400 sq. ft. for prep and storage.

Decision: No vote; applicant did not notice abutters, matter rescheduled for March 11. .

13. Application #258349 Luke Hourican, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/1/24 – 4/30/24 (no alternate specified), at 325 Main Street, from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on all days, to install a concrete foundation and waterproofing systems using handheld power tools, saws, drills, concrete finishing equipment, and power trowels. The variance is sought in the interest of extending the day to accommodate the full scope of work.

Present: Luke Hourican; and Investigator Tyler Bubenik.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto.

Summary: This is not going to be used on an ongoing basis but rather on as needed basis. Per previous testimony received for other variances at this site, this is for work on MBTA area/property and it is quite challenging to schedule with the MBTA and around the ridership. They are not anticipating needing more than 3 to 4 days but cannot pin point the days due to the coordination of the MBTA. They do not want to end up using the variance, but want it in case they need it.

Decision: Granted with the condition that a Sunday work permit is required.

Administrative Matters

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

14. Application #256659 Violette, LLC d/b/a Violette Bakers, 1782 Massachusetts Avenue, for a new Common Victualler License, Leesteffy Jenkoins as sole owner and manager of record of a premises described as: Approximately 1,150 sq. ft., in one room on the first floor with kitchen in the rear. Seating capacity of 10 and maximum occupancy of 20. Proposed hours of operation: Sunday, closed; Monday, closed; Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. This is a previously licensed location.

Summary: There was an onsite inspection conducted by Inspectional Services Department (“ISD”) as there were issues with the plan submitted. ISD confirmed the space is approved for 10 seats with 10 patrons standing for a maximum occupancy of 20.

Decision: Granted.

15. Application #255186 300 Mass Ave. MK LLC d/b/a Verveine Cafe & Bakery, 300 Massachusetts Avenue, for a new Common Victualler License, Monica Glass as one of the two owners and manager of record of a premises described as: Approximately 1,750 sq. ft. on the ground floor. Includes 756 sq. ft. kitchen, 670 sq. ft. dining area, 35 sq. ft. of standing room, and 300 sq. ft. patio on the private way. Has one main dining area, patio area, and 2 restrooms with public access. Kitchen is sectioned off to the right side of dining area and the entire back area. Storage room is in the back kitchen. One main entrance/exit to outside in the front of dining area. A second exit to the main building is in the back near the kitchen. Indoor seating capacity of 24 with maximum occupancy of 48, and outdoor seating and maximum capacity of 22. Proposed hours of operation: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. all days. This is a previously licensed location.

Summary: A revised plan was provided. The inside seating capacity is 24, with 21 standing, and 3 kitchen staff members. The outdoor standing capacity remains at 22.

Decision: Granted with amended indoor capacity.

16. Board Discussion Middle East Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Middle East, 472 Massachusetts Avenue, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11691, as a follow up to the orders issued to it on the Board’s Statement of Reasons of October 12, 2023 relative to the matter heard on October 3, 2023, produced through counsel on January 19, 2024, the following: Security Plan for All Ages Shows and Wristband Process; Plan for Staggered Event Times and Plan for Event Entry and Let Out; Plan for Additional Points of Entry and Alternative Reserved Areas for Patrons Waiting to Gain Entry Rather than Sidewalk; Plan for Service of Alcohol; and Security and De-escalation Procedures.

Summary: Some TIPS certificates missing, A. Fazio, J.M. Robinson, E. Scott, and D. Sherman, will ask for those. As to other materials, they seem responsive to the Board's inquiries, and show they have taken steps to address the concerns raised. Will bring matter back before the Board on 3/11 to get Commissioner Elow's take.

Decision: No vote taken, will further review with Commissioner Elow on 3/11/24.

17. Board Discussion La Fabrica Central, LLC d/b/a La Fabrica, 450 Massachusetts Avenue, All Alcohol Common Victualler License #11593, as a follow up to the order issued to it on the Board's Statement of Reasons of February 1, 2024, produced through their manager of record various documents and written information in response to the order.

Summary: One of the TIPS certificate provided was expired (Gonzalez) and another was inaccessible due to the file format, follow up on those. As to the other materials they seem responsive to the Board's inquires. However, the Board may bring them back to discuss a couple of things. First, the guidance on the issue of communication between bartenders and/or servers seems weak – it is listed as a suggestion, not a step to take. In addition, the items listed for when police, fire or EMS are called, specifically items 6-9 state when licensing authorities require it; it should be when it happens or when the business becomes aware of it. Will bring matter back before the Board on 3/11 to also get Commissioner Elow's take.

Decision: No vote taken, will further review with Commissioner Elow on 3/11/24.

18. Application #257533 Caissie Niles, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/15/24 – 5/15/24 (No alternate specified), at 290 Binney Street, for all hours on an as-needed basis, and as an extension to a previously granted variance to operate generators and pumps for dewatering. The variance is sought to facilitate a sewer connection while maintaining existing sewer flow, as well as for worker safety.

Summary: This is on as needed basis and would be an extension of variance #247781 for which there have been no reported issues.

Decision: Granted with the condition that a Sunday work permit required.

19. Application #258839 Sean Flynn, Beacon Piping Company, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/23/24 (Alt. 3/30/24), at 52 Oxford Street, from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on a Saturday, to setup a crane for a rooftop equipment hoist using trucking and a crane. The variance is sought in the interest of extending the day to accommodate the full scope of work.

Decision: Granted.

20. Application #258397 Samantha Lennon, MTP Communications, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/4/24-3/8/24, (Alternate start date 3/11/24-3/15/24, at 300 Binney St., for overnight work from 7:00 p.m. until 3:00 a.m. the following morning. Completing a cable pull from a MH during off hours for

pole and conduit using trucks. The variance is needed because the work cannot be done during standard hours due to an active construction site, and high traffic volume.

Documents Considered: Application and documents attached thereto; and opposition to variance.

Summary: The opposition is in general due to all construction noise in the area. Cable splicing is not a “noisy” activity and although it is work that can be performed during the day, in this particular area, due to the ongoing construction and high vehicular traffic, it is dangerous to perform during allowable hours.

Decision: Granted.

21. Application #258599 Robert Zack, Phoenix Communication, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/4/24-3/8/24 (Alternate dates 3/11/24-3/15/24), at 179 Broadway, 8:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. Placing underground fiber cable in the Eversource Manhole System using line trucks and a water pump. This variance is needed due to safety concerns for pedestrians, buses, vehicles, and bicycle traffic.

Decision: Granted.

22. Application #255816 Ana Semashka, Crown Castle, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/11/24-3/13/24 (alternate dates 3/14/24-3/15/24) at 3 Brattle St. 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., Testing fiber cable and radios in the shroud into CC/VRZ HH located on the sidewalk next to a node using trucks. The variance is needed due to significant pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area during daytime hours.

Decision: Granted.

23. Application #257809 Cassie Niles, Turner Construction, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/1/24 - 6/1/24, no alternate dates listed, at 290 Binney St, 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on eight Saturdays. This is utility work and slurry wall installation using hand welding tools, cranes, trucks, and excavators. This is an extension request of permit 247535. In addition, they are requesting the hours of 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. on 8 Saturdays over the requested duration. The variance is needed due to pours needing to be completed once they are started. With 500 yards of pours extended hours are required to complete the pours.

Summary: Although no further input has been received, it is important to consider what has been heard relative to similar or related variances for this and surrounding construction sites, and also generally from the residents in the area. This work cannot be stopped once it is started, that is understood and there is an undue hardship that is clearly present. However, there is basically construction non-stop during allowable hours and basically all week. The Board needs to balance the needs of the residents with that of the construction site.

Decision: Granted for weekdays only; denied as to Saturdays.

24. Application #255923 Jay Dunn, Waveguide, for a Special Noise Variance on 3/2/24 (Alt. 3/9/23), at 400 Main Street, Saturday work from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Placing fiber optic cable in existing conduit/manholes using trucks. The variance is needed at the request of the customer as to not disrupt weekday business activities.

Decision: Granted.

25. Consideration of Statement of Reasons [Matters Heard February 1, 2024]

- Yard Works Ltd., on December 9, 2023, at 8:43 a.m., 54 Washburn Avenue: no violation of operating non-compliant equipment, CMC 8.16.081.2(e), blowing leaves onto an adjacent property, Leaf Blower Regulation #15, and blowing large mounds of debris, Leaf Blower Regulation #21; and violation for operating without a permit, CMC 8.16.081.1(b) & 8.16.081.2(c), operating blowers during a prohibited hour, CMC 8.16.081.2(b), operating multiple blowers within the same 10,000 square foot area, CMC 8.16.081.2(f). \$300 fine issued per violation for a total fine of \$900, additional \$100 hearing fee imposed for failure to appear.
- Abe's Complete Auto Service Inc. d/b/a Abe's Complete Auto Service, Flammables Permit #16193, 217 Fresh Pond Parkway, violation of the conditions of the license. One day to be held in abeyance for six months.
- Cambridge Landscape Co., Leaf Blower Permit #10674, violation for operating non-compliant equipment, CMC 8.16.081.2(e), on November 1, 2023, at 77 Brattle Street. Warning.

Decision: Approved as to all.

26. Board Discussion Letters sent to licensees to which OUI convictions have been linked.

Summary: Informed members of businesses that received OUI letters and noted that there are some repeat offenders – Felipe's, Middle East and La Fabrica.

Decision: Board acknowledged; no vote.

27. Consideration of Meeting Minutes February 1, 2024; and February 2, 2024.

Decision: Approved as to all.

One Day License Applications

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

28. Application #253970 Daniel Lesser, for an entertainment license at 70 Magazine Street, on 6/29/24 with rain date of 6/30/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a party with recorded music. Expected attendance – 75.

Decision: Granted.

29. Application #255685 Paddy's Lunch Inc. d/b/a Paddy's Lunch, 260 Walden Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11694, for an entertainment license on 3/16/24 from 7:30 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 60.

Decision: Granted.

30. Application #256186 Angel Hoagland, Hult International Business School, for a wine license at 1 Education Street, on 4/4/24 from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. for a graduation celebration. Expected attendance – 400.

Decision: Granted.

31. Application #256242 Jose da Silva, Patagonia Cambridge, for a malt and entertainment license at 39 Brattle Street, on 2/29/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. for a film festival with theatrical exhibition/play/moving picture show. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

32. Application #257033 Nicola Williams, Cambridge Carnival International, Inc., for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 101 Rogers Street, on 3/16/24 from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a fundraising event with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing recorded music, dj, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 200.

Summary: This is at The Foundry which holds an entertainment license until 11:00 p.m. but they have already submitted and gotten approved for a one day amendment to their closing hour (Application #255675) to 1:00 a.m.

Decision: Granted.

33. Application #257137 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 2/29/24 from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a community gathering with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, amplification system and floor & light show. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

34. Application #257141 Sasha Martin, MIT Open Space Programming, for an entertainment license at 292 Main Street, on 3/9/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for a community gathering with

patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj, live music, amplification system and floor show. Expected attendance – 200.

Decision: Granted.

35. Application #257219 Kate Silverman Wilson, MIT Museum, for an entertainment license at 314 Main Street, on 3/9/24 with rain date of 3/16/24 from 7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. for a storytelling event. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

36. Application #257160 Joe Juknievich, The Dance Complex, for a malt and wine license at 536 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/2/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. for a dance concert. Expected attendance – 80.

Decision: Granted.

37. Application #257446 Diane Carson, Tutoring Plus of Cambridge, for an all alcohol license at 65 Franklin Street, on 3/21/24 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. for a fundraiser. Expected attendance – 150.

Decision: Granted, with the condition that the alcohol must be sold.

38. Application #257219 Kate Silverman Wilson, MIT Museum, for an entertainment license at 314 Main Street, on 3/16/24 with rain date of 3/23/24 from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. for a dance performance with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

39. Application #257827 Ken Barrett-Sweet, Harvard Art Museums, for a wine and entertainment license at 32 Quincy Street, on 2/29, 3/28, 4/25, 5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/29, 9/26, 10/31 & 12/5/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a museum late night open event with dj. Expected attendance – 1500.

Decision: Granted.

40. Application #258516 Pamela Abede, MIT African Students Association, for an entertainment license at 84 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/1/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a cultural show with performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music and dj. Expected attendance – 500.

Decision: Granted.

41. Application #258402 Rayna Yun Chou, MIT Office of the Arts, for an entertainment license at 160 Memorial Drive, on 3/10/24 with rain date of 3/17/24 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for a concert with recorded music, live music and amplification system. Expected attendance – 100.

Decision: Granted.

42. Application #258851 Biljana Draganic for a malt and wine and entertainment license at 41 Alewife Brook Parkway, on 3/2/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. for a fundraiser with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, dj and live music. Expected attendance – 250.

Summary: The requested start time is 7:00 p.m. not 6:00 p.m. as listed on the agenda. The 7:00 p.m. hour also corresponds with the time listed on the letter of permission.

Decision: Granted with starting hour of 7:00 p.m. as requested.

43. Application #258994 Kevin Ebert, Harvard Museum of Natural History, for an all alcohol license at 26 Oxford Street, on 2/29/24 from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for a museum open late event. Expected attendance – 300.

Decision: Granted.

44. Application #259055 Drew Lynch, Shortstop Productions, for a one day hawker/peddler license at 48 Massachusetts Avenue, on 3/3/24 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. to sell clothing and merchandise.

Decision: Granted.

45. Application #259196 Larry Ward, Cambridge Jazz Foundation, for an all alcohol and entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 3/1/24 from 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Summary: Got confirmation from applicant that this is a non-cannabis event and that the Cambridge Jazz Foundation does not sponsor any cannabis events.

Decision: Granted.

46. Application #259201 Sean Hope, Diaspora LLC, for an entertainment license at 33 Dunster Street, on 3/4/24 from 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, performers/entertainers dancing, recorded music, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 200.

Summary: Got confirmation from the applicant that this is a members only (21+) event including cannabis. Considered the Board's stance on the issue of cannabis consumption inside a licensed premises and all other matters previously discussed as to the issue.

Decision: Granted, police detail required, and with the condition that there cannot be any sale, consumption or delivery of cannabis at the event.

Matters Considered/Discussed Not Previously Posted on the Agenda

Unless otherwise indicated, all the below listed matters were considered and voted upon by the Board without public testimony. They were decided upon by the Board members' individual review of the papers/applications/matter before them. The summary of what is considered is the identifying information of the matter as listed herein.

47. Board Acknowledgment Application #219065, Chazumba, LLC d/b/a Felipe's Taqueria, 21 Brattle Street, Common Victualler All Alcohol License #11516, to add entertainment, DJ, for outdoor and indoor, and for a Change of Hours for food service to start at 7:00 a.m. all days (current hour 11:00 a.m.). On September 28, 2023, the application was granted in part, only as to the change in hours. As to the entertainment Board requested additional information from the business, including but not limited to an updated floor plan showing where the DJ would be set up and any required alternate configurations. The plan was never provided, and upon follow up, on 2/27/24 Justin Crooks, the General Manager, informed that they are no longer seeking to add a DJ.

Decision: Acknowledged withdrawal of the entertainment portion of the application.

48. Application #259169 ABS Transportations, Inc. for a new livery license at 201 Concord Turnpike. Abderrazak Razak as sole owner and driver.

Decision: Granted.

49. Application #259194 Olusola Babalola, Kuumba Singers of Harvard College, for a hawker/peddler license at 45 Quincy Street, on 3/2/24 from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. to sell crewneck sweaters, tote bags and sweatpants.

Decision: Granted.

50. Application #259598 Ayah Khan, Harvard Caribbean Club, for an entertainment license at 59 Shepard Street, on 3/2/24 with rain date of 3/17/24 from 9:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m. for a party with patrons dancing, dj and amplification system. Expected attendance – 350.

Decision: Granted.

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