

## MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:02 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of May 28, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. Obligatory, LLC, 3593 Bunker Hills Road, Williamsburg, Acme Township, Grand Traverse County Request ID# 1912-20795

The licensing hearing was conducted for Obligatory, LLC, Request ID# 1912-20795. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Brennen Gorman with trustee Patrick Gibson, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler and Mr. Gorman offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chair Gagliardi advised this matter would be tabled to a hearing on a future date.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove and supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the hearings be adjourned at 1:31 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi, Chair

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### MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, June 4, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

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Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:01 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 2, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Singh Pura LLC, 241 Fulton Street, W, Grand Rapids, Kent County Request ID# 1907-10561

The licensing hearing was conducted for Sing Pura LLC, Request ID# 1907-10561. Linda McDowell appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and Attorney Chris Baker appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Baker asked the Commission to waive the appearance of the member, Maninderpaul Singh Pella, which was granted. Ms. McDowell and Mr. Baker offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated February 26, 2020 and to remand the case back to the Licensing Division. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Gara Valley Investments, Inc., 30100 Gratiot Avenue, Roseville, Macomb County Request ID# 1905-07072

The licensing hearing was conducted for Gara Valley Investments, Inc., Request ID# 1905-07072. Linda McDowell appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Joseph Shallal with stockholder Raphael Shamoon, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Ms. McDowell, Mr. SHallal and Mr. Shamoon offered

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comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated March 4, 2020 and to approve the request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2019 Class C license from G.W.T. Inc., as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove and supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the hearings be adjourned at 1:43 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi

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Chair



## MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: Dennis Olshove, Commissioner

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Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:04 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Lasher, supported by Chair Gagliardi, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 2, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. The Roostertail Incorporated, 100 Marquette Drive, Detroit, Wayne County Request ID# 1909-15155

The licensing hearing was conducted for The Roostertail Incorporated, Request ID# 1909-15155. Felepe Hall appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Kelly Allen with stockholder Michael Schoenith, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Also present was General Manager, Ava Lux and Laura Peters, Ms. Allen's Legal Assistant. Mr. Hall, Ms. Allen, Ms. Peters, Mr. Schoenith and Ms. Lux offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Lasher made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Approval and Denial for outdoor service areas, dated January 15, 2020 and to approve the request for outdoor service areas #1 and #4, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Chair Gagliardi supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Lasher and supported by Chair Gagliardi, that the hearings be adjourned at 1:47 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi, Chair

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## MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, June 11, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

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Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:03 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 4, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. Perpetua Properties, LLC, 17047-17051 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Wayne County Request ID# 2002-04033

The licensing hearing was conducted for Perpetua Properties, LLC, Request ID# 2002-04033. Dan Felder appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and members David Gilbert and Monica Gilbert, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Felder, Mr. Gilbert and Mrs. Gilbert offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated March 11, 2020 and to approve the request for authorization for the outdoor service area, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove and supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the hearings be adjourned at 1:43 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi, Chair

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### MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

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Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:03 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

- 1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 9, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.
- 2. CB Rutkow Enterprises, LLC, 101 Van Pelt Place, Charlevoix, Chalrevoix County Request ID# 2001-00875

The licensing hearing was conducted for CB Rutkow Enterprises, LLC, Request ID# 2001-00875. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; co-counsel Attorney David Campbell and Attorney Michael Brown with member Christopher Rutkowski, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Rutkowski offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated February 21, 2020 and to approve the request for a Conditional license in conjunction with the request to transfer ownership of 2019 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from Cantina Restaurant Group, LLC, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. USA Gill Petroleum LLC, 601 E Saginaw Street, Breckenridge, Gratiot County Request ID# 1911-18621

The licensing hearing was conducted for USA Gill Petroleum LLC, Request ID# 1911-18621. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Benjamin Grover with sole member Bhalinder Gill, appeared on behalf of

the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Grover, and Mr. Gill offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated March 11, 2020 and to approve the request to transfer ownership of escrowed 2020 Specially Designated Merchant license from Best of All #3, Inc., and transfer location, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

- 4A. GSA, LLC, 168 Columbia Avenue E, Battle Creek, Calhoun County Request ID# 1912-20182
- 4B. GSA, LLC, 168 Columbia Avenue E, Battle Creek, Calhoun County Request ID# 1912-20185

The licensing hearings were conducted for GSA, LLC, Request ID#'s 1912-20182 and 1912-20185. As the issues are the same for both denials, the cases will be heard together. Jason Geissler appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney John Doyle with member Gurmukh Singh appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Geissler, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Singh offered comments regarding these cases. After discussion on the record, in the matter of GSA, LLC, Request ID#'s 1912-20182 and 1912-20185, motion made by Commissioner Olshove to reverse the previous Commission Orders of denial dated March 11, 2020, and approve the request to transfer location of 2020 Specially Designated Distributor license and approve the request for a new Specially Designated Merchant license, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove and supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the hearings be adjourned at 2:27 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi, Chair

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## HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, June 18, 2020

Southfield District Office 25680 W 8 Mile Road Southfield MI 48033 (Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:06 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 11, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Megan's Liquor Shoppe, Inc., d/b/a Checkers Drugs and Food, 20650 Fenkell Street, Detroit, Wayne County Business ID# 233325

The penalty hearing was conducted for Megan's Liquor Shoppe, Inc., Business ID# 233325. Rosendo Asevedo appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Charles Frangie with sole stockholder Christopher Abro, appeared on behalf of the licensee. Mr. Asevedo, Mr. Frangie, and Mr. Abro offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to suspend the 2020 Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant licenses for a period of 21 days, with the suspension starting on Friday, June 26, 2020, as set forth in the Penalty Hearing Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. T.N. Thai, Inc., 17100 Kercheval Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Wayne County Request ID# 2001-02400

The licensing hearing was conducted for T.N. Thai, Inc., Request ID# 2001-02400. Rosendo Asevedo appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Steven Grobbel with stockholder Tonblong Lee, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Asevedo, Mr. Grobbel and Mr. Lee offered comments regarding

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this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated February 14, 2020 and to approve the request for a Concession agreement with T.N. Thai Sushi Ky, LLC, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. 16635 Street Enterprise, LLC, 16635 E 14 Mile Road, Fraser, Macomb County Request ID# 1912-20010

The licensing hearing was conducted for 16635 Street Enterprise, LLC, Request ID# 1912-20010. Rosendo Asevedo appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and member Zeinab Khanafer, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Also present was member's spouse, Ali Khanafer. After a brief discussion, Chair Gagliardi advised we would table the matter to a hearing on a future date as the licensee wishes to hire an attorney.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove and supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the hearings be adjourned at 2:05 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi

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# HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

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Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:01 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

2. Freya & Dragonfly, LLC, 2929 E Grand Blvd., Detroit, Wayne County Request ID# 1909-14448

The church hearing was conducted for Freya & Dragonfly, LLC Request ID# 1909-14448. Felepe Hall appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney J. Patrick Howe with members Sandy Levine and Doug Hewitt, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Present for the St. Phillip's Evangelical Lutheran Church, the objecting church, was Pastor Bertram B. Lewis, Sr., Vicki Watson, President of the Congregation, Kimberly Peoples, Treasurer, and Mr. David McCants, Trustee. Also present was Elise Fields from Mid-Town Detroit, Inc. Mr. Hall, Mr. Howe, Mr. Levine, Mr. Hewitt, Pastor Lewis, Ms. Watson, Ms. Peoples, Mr. McCants and Ms. Fields offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Pastor Lewis withdrew the church's objection to this application. The application will proceed through the normal process.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Lasher and supported by Chair Gagliardi, that the hearings be adjourned at 1:28 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi, Chair

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#### MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Southfield District Office 25680 W 8 Mile Road Southfield MI 48033 (Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

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Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:02 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 16, 2020 and the minutes of the Southfield Appeal Hearings of June 18, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. G J & L American Grill, LLC, 7228 N Main Street, Clarkston, Independent Township, Oakland County Request ID# 2003-04729

The licensing hearing was conducted for G J & L American Grill, LLC, Request ID# 2003-04729. Linda McDowell appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Joseph Shallal with members Gerado Sanchez and Tereza Lucaj, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Also present was Ms. Lucaj's spouse, George Lucaj. Ms. McDowell and Mr. Shallal offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated June 18, 2020 and to approve the request for a Conditional license in conjunction with the request to transfer ownership of 2020 Class C and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from Andiamo of Clarkston LLC and JTJ of Clarkston LLC,, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

3. Krum-Ro, Inc., 3620 Grand Prairie Road, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Township, Kalamazoo County Request ID# 1911-19491

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> The school hearing was conducted for Krum-Ro, Inc., Request ID# 1911-19491. Linda McDowell appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office and sole stockholder Jim Roschek and Ann Marie Roschek, officer in the Company and spouse of sole stockholder, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Appearing for the objecting party, Kalamazoo Public School District, was Attorney Marshall Grate and Deputy Superintendent Gary Start. Ms. McDowell, Mr. Roschek, Mrs. Roschek, Mr. Grate, and Mr. Start offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove advised that the findings of the Commission are as follows: that Kalamazoo Public School District filed a proper objection to the granting of a new Class C license and that the applicant had the burden of proceeding, and that the applicant had to show by competent, material and substantial evidence that issuance of the license would not adversely affect the normal operation of the school. Commissioner Olshove made a motion that the applicant has NOT demonstrated that a waiver of MCL 436.1503 would NOT adversely impact the normal operation of the school, and that the objection would not be waived. Supported by Commissioner Lasher, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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With no further business, moved by Commissioner Olshove and supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the hearings be adjourned at 2:08 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Gagliardi. Chair



## HEARINGS CONDUCTED BY THE MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

Held: Tuesday, June 30, 2020

Lansing District Office 525 W Allegan Street Lansing MI 48933

(Video hearing via Zoom)

Present: Pat Gagliardi, Chair

Dennis Olshove, Commissioner Geralyn Lasher, Commissioner

Absent: None

Chair Gagliardi called the hearings to order at 1:08 p.m., noting a quorum was present.

1. Moved by Commissioner Olshove, supported by Commissioner Lasher, that the minutes of the Lansing Appeal Hearings of June 23, 2020, be approved as written and presented, motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. Datez, LLC, 17 Washington Street, Hart, Oceana County Request ID# 1910-16264

The licensing hearing was conducted for Datez, LLC, Request ID# 1910-16264. Felepe Hall appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Joshua Reece with member Angela Wilkinson, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Hall, Mr. Reece and Ms. Wilkinson offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Chair Gagliardi advised the matter would be tabled to a hearing on a future date to allow the lease to be corrected.

3. Amar J. Dhillon, 10 E Main Street, Breedsville, Van Buren County Request ID# 1808-12046

The licensing hearing was conducted for Amar J. Dhillon, Request ID# 1808-12046. Felepe Hall appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney John Doyle with Amar J. Dhillon, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Hall, Mr. Doyle and Mr. Dhillon offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove made a motion to reverse the previous Commission Order of Denial dated May 12, 2020 and to approve the request to transfer ownership of 2020 Specially Designated Distributor and Specially Designated Merchant licenses from B & L Inc. of South Haven, as set forth in the Licensing Appeal Order. Commissioner Lasher supported and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

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4. Andrew Wierda, 3686 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Hudsonville, Jamestown Township, Ottawa County Request ID# 2001-01162

The church hearing was conducted for Andrew Wierda, Request ID# 2001-01162. Felepe Hall appeared on behalf of the Attorney Generals Office; Attorney Brennen Gorman with Andrew Wierda, appeared on behalf of the applicant. Present for the Temple Baptist Church, the objecting church, was Pastor Phillip Schout. Mr. Hall, Mr. Gorman, Mr. Wierda and Pastor Schout offered comments regarding this case. After discussion on the record, Commissioner Olshove advised that the findings of the Commission are as follows: that Temple Baptist Church filed a proper objection to the granting of a new Class C license and that the applicant had the burden of proceeding, and that the applicant had to show by competent, material and substantial evidence that issuance of the license would not adversely affect the normal operation of the church. Commissioner Olshove made a motion that the applicant has demonstrated that a waiver of MCL 436.1503 would NOT adversely impact the normal operation of the church, and that the application should proceed with no impediment. Supported by Commissioner Lasher, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

With no further business, moved by Commissioner Lasher and supported by Chair Gagliardi, that the hearings be adjourned at 2:32 p.m., motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pat Cagliardi. Chair