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MAYOR STEPHANIE RAWLINGS-BLAKE AND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT BERNARD "JACK" YOUNG APPOINT COMMISSIONERS TO BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR BALTIMORE CITY

Baltimore, MD – On April 27, 2016 Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and City Council President Bernard "Jack" Young appointed all three permanent members to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC).

As per legislation passed by the General Assembly during the 2016 legislative session, the Mayor and City Council President were granted the authority to each name two members to the Board. The Mayor was granted the authority to name two permanent members and the President was granted the authority to name one permanent member and one alternate member.

Mayor Rawlings-Blake appointed Attorney Dana P. Moore, Esq. and retired Court of Special Appeals Judge the Hon. Albert J. Matricciani, Jr as permanent members of the Board. President Young appointed Attorney Aaron Greenfield, Esq. Shortly after being sworn in by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Ms. Lavinia Alexander, the Board elected Hon. Albert Matricciani, Jr. as Chairman of the Board. Upon election to the position, Chairman Matricciani stated that it was an "honor to be selected" as a permanent member and that he "looks forward to serving the citizens of Baltimore in my capacity as Chairman of the Board."

As for its second order of business, the Board decided to schedule and hold Protest of Renewal Hearings for all seven (7) licensees for which a Protest of Renewal complaint had been filed against by at least 10 or more

community members. The purpose of the Protest of Renewal hearings, set for April 28, 2016 at 10:00am at City Hall in Room 215, is to provide an opportunity for licensees to postpone the hearing until mid-May or early June so that a proper Protest of Renewal hearing may occur that will allow for full input from both the community and the licensees. As stated by Commissioner Moore, “it is not reasonable to hold seven Protest of Renewal cases in one day.” She added, that “there needs to be a balance for all parties involved” so that each can “fully prepare and present their case to the Board.”

Commissioner Greenfield agreed with the position of the Board. Immediately thereafter he instructed staff to prepare a public statement informing the public of the Board’s decision to hold the Protest of Renewal hearings on April 28, 2016. Greenfield stated, “Everything this agency does will be open and above board; transparency is key to gaining the public’s trust.”

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