

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. May 23, 2012
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
30 W. BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Manoranjan, Peter Silverman, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. The minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Manoranjan, seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer.

Executive Director Matt Schuler began his report with a reminder of the controlled demonstration scheduled for May 24 at the Hollywood Casino Toledo. He also reviewed the controlled demonstration held at the Horseshoe Casino Cleveland on Thursday, May 10, 2012, which was attended by 1442 people. OCCC staff met with management at the Horseshoe casino after the controlled opening and judged that they were fully prepared to open on May 14th as scheduled. Proceeds from the event of approximately \$52,000 were divided among the previously-approved charities. The controlled demonstration in Toledo will begin close to noon and will involve three shift changes. The full opening of Hollywood Casino Toledo is set for May 29th.

Mr. Schuler said OCCC is working with the Ohio Department of Taxation to develop the specifics of casino revenue reporting. Tax payments are made daily and determinations will be made as to where and how often the revenue and tax figures are posted. Detailed information will be provided through the Casino Control Commission's website with the goal of being as transparent as is possible with the collection and revenue data.

Commissioner Taylor asked that the Commissioners receive regular updates on attendance, safety, voluntary exclusions, traffic, etc. at each of the casinos. She asked that Executive Director Schuler decide the frequency and type of reporting format for this data.

Commissioner Steinhauer asked if there had been any procedural issues at the Cleveland casino since its opening. Executive Director Schuler said any issues were minor and have been handled by the casino.

OCCC Staff reported to the Commission that some applicants for gaming employee licenses have requested to withdraw their applications. Currently the withdrawals would have to be adjudicated. Staff requested a delegation of authority to Executive Director Schuler so that withdrawals could be granted or denied directly upon a written request. A record of the request to withdraw would be kept and would be considered during the investigation for any subsequent license application in Ohio or other states. Commissioner Taylor made a motion

that Commission Resolution 2012-61 be approved, delegating authority to the Executive Director to take action on gaming employee license applicants' requests to withdraw their applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

Chair Davidson asked John Barron, OCCC General Counsel, to review the hearing procedure for those choosing to appeal the denial of an employee gaming license. Mr. Barron explained that hearing examiners have been retained and numerous hearings have been scheduled over the next few weeks. The Office of the Attorney General will represent OCCC at these hearings. At the conclusion of a hearing, the hearing examiner will draft a report and make a recommendation, as will the OCCC. Those recommendations are then brought before the Commission for action. There will be the opportunity for settlements in these situations. The appeal process from the time of notice of intent to deny an application, to a decision, will probably take a few months. After a Commission decision is made, that decision can be appealed to the Court of Common Pleas.

The Consideration of the provisional licensing of eleven key employees was presented to the Commission by Chris Storcella, OCCC Staff. These individuals are employed by Penn Gaming and Toledo Gaming Ventures. Their background investigations are not yet complete, but they are needed for the opening of the Toledo casino. The provisional licenses would be effective for ninety days. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-59, granting these provisional licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved. Once the investigative report on these individuals is received, permanent licenses can be proposed and would be decided by the Commission.

Chris Storcella, OCCC Staff, presented to the Commission a list of seventy-seven individuals who have been approved for Gaming Employee licenses. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-60, granting these licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

Chair Davidson asked Laura Clemens, OCCC Staff, to update the Commission on the Voluntary Exclusion program. Ms. Clemens reported that one individual had signed up for the program in March and due to press coverage of that individual and his willingness to be interviewed, numerous other requests are now pending.

Commission Silverman asked about the status of the brochure explaining gaming odds that is to be available at the casinos. Neil Parsons, Director of Compliance for Horseshoe Casino Cleveland said that the certification of the percentage of payouts for each machine is set for the optimal player as opposed to the average player. OCCC staff will provide a technical full response to Commissioner Silverman's questions about the payout percentages.

Executive Director Schuler presented to the Commission a request for an amendment to the Internal Controls approved for Horseshoe Cleveland Casino. An amendment was requested regarding the drop and count schedule to accommodate employee shifts. OCCC staff concur

that the amendment is appropriate. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the change. The motion was seconded by Chair Davidson and approved.

Chair Davidson announced that the next regular meeting of the Commission will be on June 20, 2012, at which time additional vendor license applications will be considered and the progress reports for the Columbus and Cincinnati casinos will resume.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Katherine L. Kelly
Commission Clerk