

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – September 12, 2012  
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY HEARING 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 August 15, 2012 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Steinhauer and seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Executive Director Matt Schuler told the Commission that he has received a letter from Hollywood Casino Columbus outlining their controlled demonstration scheduled for October 3, 2012. The demonstration will include all gaming areas and three employee shift changes, with approximately 13,000 invited guests.

Executive Director Schuler also reported that to date, over 3000 casino gaming employees have been licensed, 612 of those for Columbus, with another 231 in process. Documents prepared by OCCC staff show conditions that were placed on gaming related vendors when they were granted licenses and the status of compliance with those conditions. To date, all compliance deadlines have been met.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Staff, told the Commission that over 2500 slot machines have been delivered and verified at the Hollywood Columbus Casino, as well as table games and other items. Planning for similar activity for the Cincinnati Horseshoe Casino has begun.

Laura Clemens, OCCC staff, reported that 89 voluntary exclusion plans have been received, and distributed a statistical analysis of those plans.

Rick Anthony and Noah Browning, OCCC Staff, gave a review of the OCCC projected revenue and expenditures for the FY 2014/2015 biennium. Executive Director Schuler reminded the Commission that these projections are required to be submitted to the state Office of Budget and Management by September 17, 2012. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve the proposed 2012-2015 budget for submission. Discussion followed and Commissioner Hoke made a motion to amend the submission to reduce the revenue estimate for FY 2015 to reflect no increase from FY 2014. There was no second for the motion to amend. The motion as offered was approved on a voice vote.

Karen Huey, OCCC Staff, detailed for the Commission a meeting with OCCC , local public safety officials, and representatives of local governments in the area of the Columbus casino, at which time opening day planning and jurisdictional responsibilities were discussed. Ms. Huey also

reported that the first class of OCCG Gaming Agents has been hired and sworn in and is undergoing training at this time.

Executive Director Schuler concluded his report noting that several Commission members and staff will be going to the Cincinnati Horseshoe Casino on September 18 as part of the ongoing preparations for the opening of that facility.

John Finamore, Penn National Gaming Senior Vice President, Regional Operations, provided a Progress Report on the Hollywood Columbus Casino as it prepares to open on October 8, 2012. Mr. Finamore noted that Penn's license fee for the Columbus property was paid on September 10<sup>th</sup> and Penn's earnings forecast for the year estimates a 9% increase over the previous year. Frank Donahue, Chief Compliance Officer for Penn National Gaming, reviewed their corporate compliance committee structure.

Ameet Patel, General Manager of Hollywood Casino Columbus, introduced the key staff for the Columbus property and highlighted employment numbers and workforce training at the casino. Mr. Patel presented a listing of charities that are being proposed as the recipients of the required portion of net profits realized during the October 3rd controlled demonstration. Those charities and the portion they would receive are:

- Mid-Ohio Food Bank – 40%
- Hilltop YMCA – 15%
- Greater Hilltop Area Shalom Zone – 15%
- The Buckeye Ranch Family Center – 15%
- The Salvation Army – 15%

Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2012-77, approving these charities to receive the denoted percentages of the net profits. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Executive Director Schuler then reviewed for the Commission, the process leading up to consideration of the proposed operator license for Central Ohio Gaming Ventures. The OCCG has reviewed and approved the required surety bond, internal controls, auditing assessment, insurance requirement, and proper remittance of all licensing fees, assuring that all constitutional and statutory requirements to be considered for an operator's license have been met. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2012-78, approving a casino operator license for Central Ohio Gaming Ventures LLC (d/b/a Hollywood Casino Columbus) for a period of three years. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken, and the Resolution was adopted 7-0.

The Commission then moved to a review of a proposed debt transaction by Rock Ohio Caesars, with the additional funds to be used for the development of a video lottery terminal (VLT) facility at Thistledown in North Randall, Ohio. Dan Reinhard, ROC Gaming, and Ryan Sullivan, Director of Business Development, Rock Gaming, reviewed the financial proposal noting that the \$150 million will primarily be used for financing the completion of the Thistledown facility.

The facility has received a license from the Ohio Racing Commission and has submitted an application to the Ohio Lottery Commission to be a VLT sales agent.

Also reviewing the transaction for OCCC was Spectrum Gaming Group. Sandy Greenberg of Spectrum clarified that approximately \$100 million of the total debt financing will be for Thistledown development, and approximately \$10 million is designated for improvements to the Ritz Hotel in Cleveland. Spectrum concluded their report noting they do not believe the transaction will impact the financial stability of ROC or Caesars Entertainment Corporation.

Commissioner Hoke made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2012-79, approving the ROC proposed debt transaction subject to nine reporting and notification conditions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Anthony Forchione, OCCC Staff, presented information regarding applications received for Key Employee Licenses. Applications have been reviewed and investigations completed for eleven Key Employees of Central Ohio Gaming Ventures. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2012-74, granting these eleven Key Employee Licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2012-75, granting a plenary Key Employee License to Sean Evans, Vice President of Sales for AC Slots. Mr. Evans had been granted a provisional license on July 18, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2012-76, to grant a provisional Key Employee License to Atul Bali, President and CEO of Aristocrat Technology. Having just been appointed to this position, the investigation for a permanent license is not yet complete. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Staff, reviewed three proposed amendments to internal controls being requested by Hollywood Casino Toledo. All three have been reviewed by OCCC staff and recommended for approval. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved. Mr. Martin also presented to the Commission a request from Hollywood Casino Columbus for five waivers to its internal control system, and two amendments that do not require a rule waiver. OCCC staff recommended approval. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the waivers and amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

John Barron, OCCC General Counsel, explained the various final orders before the Commission, for gaming employee license applicants. Adjudicatory hearings have been completed and a Report and Recommendation for each license applicant has been issued by the Hearing Examiner and reviewed by OCCC Staff. The license applications of eleven individuals were considered:

In re: Ronald Ames, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0020), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Michael Manning, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0009), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Matthew McMillen, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0024), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Tammie Oley, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0014), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Pamela Swietyniowski, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0022), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Keith Fell, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0021), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt, with modification, the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: John Hunt, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0023), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt, with modification, the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Veronica Johnson, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0015), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt, with modification, the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Wallace Johnson, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0016), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt, with modification, the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Joseph Morrow, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0028), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt, with modification, the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Carlene Reeves, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0051), the Chair made a motion to approve and adopt, with modification, the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

The Casino Gaming Employee License Applications for four additional applicants were brought before the Commission for Final Orders. Upon notification by the OCCC of the intent to deny the licenses, these four applicants chose not to request a hearing. The chair made a motion to deny the licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

The Commission recessed and reconvened.

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), made a presentation to the Commission reviewing the results of a study, "Ohio Problem Gambling Prevention, Treatment and Research". Orman Hall, ODADAS Director, explained that initially, a 60% prevention and 40% treatment split of funding for gambling addiction programs will be recommended. An RFP will be issued in the near future for a statewide information campaign. The agency recently completed a gambling survey to provide a baseline for the effectiveness of treatment programs.

A special presentation on Problem Gambling was made by Dr. Loreen Rugle, Ph.D., Director, Problem Gambling Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the State of Connecticut.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. Following adjournment, an informal discussion was held with Dr. Rugle, Chair Davidson, Commissioner Silverman, and others.

Signed,  
Katherine L. Kelly  
Commission Clerk