

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – October 17, 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 Vice Chair June Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Ranjan Manoranjan, Peter Silverman, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Silverman and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Tony Forchione, OCCC Staff, presented the gaming related vendor and key employee licenses to be considered by the Commission.

Commission Resolution 2012-80, granting a gaming-related vendor license to Gemaco Inc., was brought before the Commission in a motion by Commissioner Silverman. Commissioner Manoranjan seconded the motion and the Resolution was approved. Gemaco was represented by Dan Carpenter, Chairman.

Commissioner Silverman made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-81, granting a plenary key employee license to Tariq Shaukat, Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer of Caesars Entertainment Corporation. Commissioner Manoranjan seconded the motion and the Resolution was approved.

Commissioner Silverman made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-82, granting a provisional key employee license to Joshua Faish, Account Executive, KGM Gaming, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and the Resolution was approved.

Commissioner Silverman made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2012-83, granting a provisional key employee license to Robert Jackson, Vice President of Sales, Gaming Partners International Corporation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and the Resolution was approved.

Executive Director Schuler began his report noting that since the last meeting the controlled demonstration of Hollywood Casino Columbus occurred, and on October 9<sup>th</sup> the casino opened. The controlled demonstration included 25,000 invitees and somewhere between 15,000 and 18,000 attendees.

The focus now is on the preparations for the Cincinnati Horseshoe Casino scheduled to open in the Spring of 2013. Work is ongoing in all divisions of OCCC to start that process. Discussions will continue with General Manager Kevin Kline as well as reviews of construction timelines to ascertain when an opening date can be recommended.

Ameet Patel, General Manager of Columbus Hollywood Casino, addressed the Commission, reviewing the results of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> controlled demonstration. The \$413,000 in proceeds from that event were distributed to charities as follows: \$165,000 to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, and \$62,000 each for the Salvation Army of Central Ohio, the Hill Top YMCA, the Greater Hilltop Area Shalom Zone, and the West Broad Street Center of the Buckeye Boy's Ranch.

Director Schuler continued, reporting that the OCCC has processed just under 4,000 employee license applications with 1,128 of those from the Hollywood Columbus casino. The Commission's licensing team will be in Cincinnati in December to begin reviewing 500-700 employee applications.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Director of Regulatory Compliance, introduced Beti Messer, a Financial Auditor at the Columbus Casino office. Mr. Martin explained that his team had completed 3,100 equipment tests at the Columbus casino prior to its opening.

Karen Huey, OCCC Director of Enforcement, explained that the Enforcement Division has been working on the training curriculum for agents and also spending time in the casinos to get a better feel for the layout, gaming processes, slot verification, table delivery, etc. The enforcement staff has been learning the ACISS case management system and LEADS access installation. The interviewing process for Cincinnati gaming agents has started as well as for Cleveland gaming agent vacancies. Ms. Huey introduced Mark Leatherman, Supervising Agent for the OCCC at the Hollywood Casino Columbus.

Laura Clemens, OCCC Director of Government Affairs and Problem Gambling Program Coordinator, reported that 121 applications from four states have now been received for the Voluntary Exclusion Program. The VEP information is shared with all Ohio casinos. The problem gambling helpline has shown a decrease in usage which was attributed to the lack of a marketing campaign. Work has begun with OCCC partners ODADAS and the Lottery on outreach and a new ad campaign.

Rick Anthony, OCCC Director of Operations, and Noah Browning, OCCC Fiscal Officer, reviewed the quarterly financial budget. They reported that spending is under target but it is too early to make conclusions. The commission is being "judicious" in its expenditures, but has already purchased equipment for the Cincinnati casino in an effort to help streamline the opening process.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, explained the various final orders for gaming employee license applicants that are before the Commission. The 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 sixteen individuals were considered:

In re: Corey Baldwin, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0035), Commissioner Taylor 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: Dennis Boyer, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0050), Commissioner Taylor 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: Bryan Brown, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0061), Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

In re: Chad Brown, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0042), Commissioner Taylor 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 Busch, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0049), Commissioner Taylor 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. Mr. Busch was represented at the meeting by Counsel, Mr. Edward Hastie.

In re: Vincent Farrell, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0038), Commissioner Taylor 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: Mathew Finn, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0057), Commissioner Taylor 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: John LaSpada, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0007), Commissioner Taylor 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: Rachel Orta, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0039), Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

In re: Steven Pemberton, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0060), Commissioner Taylor 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: Darnell Robinson, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0033), Commissioner Taylor 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: Paul Slack, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0040), Commissioner Taylor 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: Jeremy Wilson, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0037), Commissioner Taylor 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: David Cichra, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0046), Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt with modification, the report and

recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Michael DiPinto, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0045), Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt with modification the report and recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to grant the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Silverman and approved.

In re: James Doniver, Casino Gaming Employee License Applicant (Case # 2012-0047). There was discussion with Commissioners Steinhauer and Silverman acknowledging the Report and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and staff, but indicating an interest in granting the license. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to reject the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, and grant the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Commissioner Taylor noted the next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on November 14, 2012.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Signed,

Katherine L. Kelly

Commission Clerk