

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – November 20, 2013
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 10:10 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Commissioner June Taylor had an excused absence. The minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Manoranjan, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Schuler began his report to the Commission noting that OCCC has now issued over 6,000 Casino Gaming Employee licenses. He reported that the Regulatory Compliance Division is wrapping up the fourth quarter and annual audits of the casinos and using their experiences in these audits to prepare suggested revisions for numerous Administrative Code regulations. The MOU with BCI which had facilitated the initial staffing of Gaming Agents in the casinos, is coming to an end. The process of transitioning to OCCC agents is nearly complete. Michael Masterson, Deputy Director of Enforcement was acknowledged by Schuler for making the BCI to OCCC transition.

Executive Director Schuler reported that SB 141, legislation regarding the structuring of financial transactions, is moving through the General Assembly. The Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP), now has 634 individuals enrolled. At the one year anniversary for many of the initial VEP enrollees, 34% left the program while the balance remained. In a review of revenues and expenditures, revenues continue to be above estimates as additional vendors and key employees are licensed. Expenditures are below estimates reflecting less reliance on outside vendors for investigative work. Mr. Schuler concluded his report by noting that the new OCCC website is operational.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration, the engagement of Ernst & Young by Penn National Gaming, Inc. for the purposes of performing the required annual audit of its financial statements. Mr. Martin explained that Ohio law requires the audit along with one year financial projections and a three year financial forecast. Mr. Tim Kolson, representing Ernst & Young, noted that financial projections can be expected to improve during this audit as there will be twelve consecutive months of information to review. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2013-27, approving Ernst & Young as the accounting firm for Penn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Licensing and Investigation, presented to the Commission for consideration, the Gaming Related Vendor license application of SHFL entertainment, Inc.,

previously known as Shuffle Master, Inc., due to a change in ownership. Bally Technologies has acquired SHFL and upon closing of the transaction, SHFL will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bally Gaming, Inc. which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bally Technologies. Bally Gaming and Shuffle Master were previously licensed as gaming-related vendors and Bally Technologies was found suitable as a holding company of Bally Gaming. OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigation has completed its report of the proposed transaction and recommends approval of the license subject to standard conditions.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2013-28, granting a three year Gaming-Related Vendor license to SHFL entertainment, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved. The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Forchione then presented for consideration by the Commission, Key Employee Licenses for four individuals. OCCC had completed the investigations of these individuals and recommended approval. Two of the individuals, Mr. Thompson and Ms. Hogan, currently held provisional licenses. Chair Davidson made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2013-29, granting Key Employee Licenses to Daniel J. Brockdorf, Horseshoe Cincinnati Casino; Gregg W. Hart, Penn National Gaming; Donna L. Hogan, Horseshoe Cleveland Casino; and Alan W. Thompson, Hollywood Toledo Casino. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved. The Resolution was adopted.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented amendments to Internal Control Plans being requested by all four casinos. All of the proposals had been reviewed by OCCC staff and were recommended for adoption.

Hollywood Columbus Casino requested changes to its Player Services, Table Games Operations, and Tips/Gratuities for poker tournaments. In addition, permanent changes were requested to kiosk rules for which immediate approval from the Executive Director was received earlier in November. A motion to approve Internal Control plan changes for Hollywood Columbus Casino as proposed was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Hollywood Toledo Casino requested changes to its General, Player Services, Security, Slot, and Table Game plans, as well as the establishment of procedures for offering promotional table play. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Horseshoe Cincinnati Casino requested changes to its Cage, Slot, and Table Games plans. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

Horseshoe Cleveland Casino requested changes to its Cage, Table Games, and Tips/Gratuities plans. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, reviewed four final orders presented to the Commission for consideration.

In re: Steven Dunn, (Case # 2013-042). Mr. Dunn requested a hearing and the Hearing Examiner recommended denying the application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the Report and Recommendation without modification for Steven Dunn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Edward Holleran, (Case #2013-046). Mr. Holleran requested a hearing and the Hearing Examiner recommended the Commission suspend Mr. Holleran's Casino Gaming Employee License but also recommended staying the suspension absent any additional problems with Commission rules. Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the Report and Recommendation without modification for Edward Holleran. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Bruce Adams, Jr., (Case # 2013- 059). Mr. Adams did not request a hearing. Chair Davidson made a motion to revoke the Casino Gaming Employee License for Bruce Adams, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

In re: Debora Nicholls, (Case # 2013-65). Ms. Nicholls did not request a hearing. Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Signed,

Katherine L. Kelly

Commission Clerk

Approved: December 11, 2013