

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – September 17, 2014  
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 10:08 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioner Martin Hoke had an excused absence. The minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with a review of ethics training which has taken place at all four casino locations, ending recently with Cincinnati. He also thanked Hollywood Columbus Casino General Manager, Himbert Sinopoli, for his recent presentation and casino tour provided for the Ohio Legislative Service Commission Fellows.

Mr. Schuler highlighted the recent implementation of the state's real-time data match program which compares the names of certain casino winners with data from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services to determine any child support owed by those winners. The program has the goal of intercepting payments to those who are delinquent on their child support.

The Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo casinos have recently submitted proposals for outdoor gaming spaces and Cincinnati has constructed an outdoor space. Executive Director Schuler told the Commission that approvals for casino gaming in these spaces will be granted only following the scrutiny and attention to regulation equal to that required of indoor gaming spaces. The areas will require complete security with no in and out access. Director Schuler noted that the Casino Control Commission does not determine whether these areas can be used for smoking. Those decisions will be made by the respective city health departments.

Mr. Schuler and the Commission acknowledged Commission Clerk Kathy Kelly who will be retiring at the end of September.

Noah Browning, OCCC Fiscal Officer and Acting Director of Operations, presented a fiscal report outlining the official OCCC biennial budget proposal that will be submitted to the Office of Budget and Management in October. Revenue estimates included in the proposal reflect fees that will result from the renewals of casino operator licenses in FY 2015 and FY 2016, as well as renewals of vendor licenses, and licenses for key employees and gaming employees. Mr. Browning reviewed each proposed expenditure line item and explained the basis for the estimates. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2016/2017 expenditures. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Executive Director Schuler asked that a financial update scheduled to be made to the Commission by Rock Ohio Ventures, be moved to the end of the meeting agenda.

Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Licensing and Investigation, presented for consideration by the Commission the application of six individuals for key employee licenses. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigation had completed background investigations of the applicants and the reports had been distributed. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2014-17, granting three-year key employee licenses to Justin Carter, Vice President and Assistant General Manager, Horseshoe Cincinnati; Matthew Dodd, Director of Slots, Hollywood Columbus; Dennis Dziak, Director of Internal Audit, Hollywood Columbus; Scott Lokke, Vice President and Assistant General Manager, Horseshoe Cleveland; Erica O'Donnell, Director of Finance, Hollywood Toledo; and Debra Perelman, Director, Scientific Games Corporation. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented waivers and amendments to Internal Controls being sought by three casinos. All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- Hollywood Columbus Casino requested changes to its Player Services and Table Games plans. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
- Horseshoe Cincinnati Casino requested a waiver on a surveillance rule to allow their security department to have limited access to certain non-gaming area cameras. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved. Horseshoe Cincinnati also requested amendments to its Cage and Surveillance plans. A motion to approve the proposed changes was made by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.
- Horseshoe Cleveland Casino requested a nearly identical waiver on a surveillance rule. A motion to approve the waiver was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved. Horseshoe Cleveland also requested amendments to its Cage, Slots, Table Games, and Sensitive Keys plans. A motion to approve the proposed changes was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Mr. Martin recommended that the Commission allow Gaming Partners International USA, Inc., which is already a licensed Ohio gaming related vendor, to produce pre-shuffled cards for the Ohio casinos. Mr. Martin explained that waivers had previously been granted to allow the pre-shuffled cards under limited conditions. OCCC staff met with GPI and completed an on-site inspection of their facility to make certain the production complied with Ohio regulations. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve GPI's pre-shuffled card production. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas. There was discussion on the motion. Mr. Schuler clarified for the Commission that the cards are randomly audited by each casino, where every 10<sup>th</sup> deck of cards is manually inspected and processed through a shuffler that checks the presence of all cards. The motion was approved.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, presented three final orders to the Commission for consideration:

In re: Kristina Burns, (Case # 2014-IVEL-002), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to place Kristina Burns onto the Commission's Involuntary Exclusion List. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Jason Hickok, (Case # 2014-LIC-027), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to revoke the casino gaming employee license for Jason Hickok. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Kenneth Tye, (Case # 2014-LIC-026), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to revoke the casino gaming employee license of Kenneth Tye. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Reverting to a previous agenda item, a financial update from Rock Ohio Ventures, the Chair made the following motion: "Rock Ohio Ventures LLC's financial update contains matters that are required to be kept confidential by state statute. In particular, this update includes financial and trade secret information that is deemed confidential under R.C. 3772.16(A)(9) and (12), respectively. Accordingly, I move to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(5)." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. A voice vote was taken, 6 yeas, 0 nays.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 10:48 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Commission resumed at 12:38 p.m. and there being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,  
Katherine L. Kelly  
Commission Clerk

Approved: October 15, 2014