

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – February 11, 2015
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY HEARING ROOM
30 W. BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioner Will Lucas had an excused absence. The minutes of the January 21, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with an update on license renewals. A total of 7,364 casino gaming applications have now been submitted. Mr. Schuler reported that a number of vendors have been taken off the renewal list due to mergers that have taken place which required new licenses to be issued. Renewal license applications from Rock Ohio Caesars, LLC, Horseshoe Cleveland Management, LLC, their holding companies and natural person qualifiers should be forthcoming in the following months. Mr. Schuler reminded the Commissioners that due to Penn National's spin off of the real estate investment trust and the resulting new license for Toledo Gaming Ventures, LLC ("Toledo") last year, the Commission will not consider a renewal license for Toledo this spring.

Mr. Schuler reviewed the quarterly VEP statistics, and highlighted a new Ohio for Responsible Gambling quarterly newsletter created to reach out to individuals and parties who provide education, prevention, and treatment services related to problem gaming. Mr. Schuler also announced that the annual Problem Gambling conference will be held during Problem Gambling Awareness Month in March. Mr. Schuler provided an update on the Regulatory Compliance Division, indicating that a total of 298 audits were performed in the course of last year. The Compliance Division, through due diligence and the use of Teammate, a program utilized for tracking and managing audits, has allowed Compliance to run reports on outstanding issues and become more productive.

Mr. Schuler reported that the Commission is now utilizing the computer program, Ohio Gaming Equipment Regulator ("OHGER"), developed by the Chris Fleenor, Manager of Slot Operations, for all of its auditing and tracking of slot machine software updates. OHGER is unique to gaming software, as it allows for gathering real-time information. The Commission is currently using this program to monitor and track the casinos' 7,000 slot machines, and has verified and tested 5,600 machines. Mr. Schuler reported that other jurisdictions are looking at the program as an alternative to using a hodgepodge of programs and spreadsheets.

Mr. Schuler highlighted the Commission's law enforcement newsletter, which outlined Ohio criminal case statistics. Commissioner Brown and Mr. Schuler noted that from the start the Commission has proactively reached out to state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies, to create solid relationships and partnerships for criminal investigations. Mr. Schuler announced that Mike Masterson had recently been named the agency's Director of Enforcement, and that Mark Leatherman has been promoted to the position of Deputy Director of Enforcement. Mr. Schuler ended his report by stating that the agency's budget continues to be on track for revenue and spending.

Anthony Forchione, Director of Licensing and Investigations, then presented to the Commission for consideration, the Gaming-Related Vendor License applications of GTECH USA, LLC ("GTECH USA"), GTECH Canada ULC ("GTECH Canada"), and IGT (collectively, Applicants). GTECH USA and GTECH Canada were granted initial Gaming-Related Vendor Licenses by the Commission on June 19, 2013. On the same date, GTECH S.p.A. (formerly Lottomatica Group S.p.A.) was found suitable as a holding company. IGT was initially granted a Gaming-Related Vendor License on May 2, 2012, at which time International Game Technology was found suitable as a holding company. On July 15, 2014, the OCCC was notified that GTECH S.p.A., the parent company of GTECH USA and GTECH Canada, had entered into a merger agreement under which they would acquire International Game Technology, and its subsidiary IGT. The merger agreement was approved by the Boards of both GTECH S.p.A. and International Game Technology, and the acquisition was approved by the shareholders of International Game Technology on February 10, 2015. Upon closing of the transaction, the Applicants will become wholly-owned subsidiaries of Georgia Worldwide PLC, a newly formed holding company based in the United Kingdom. OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations has completed its report of the proposed transaction and recommended approval of the licenses subject to standard conditions. Mr. Forchione introduced Todd Gerber, Director of Regulatory Compliance for GTECH, and Edwin Winkofsky of Greenberg Traurig, counsel for GTECH, who were present to answer any questions. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2015-02, granting three-year Gaming-Related Vendor Licenses to the Applicants. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved. The Resolution was adopted.

Mr. Forchione then presented for consideration by the Commission, Key Employee Licenses for four individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations had completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-03, granting three-year key employee licenses to Richard Schiebelhuth, Financial Controller, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati; Maureen Sweeny, Chief Commercial Officer, Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.; Fumiaki Tanaka, Director, Konami Corporation; and Kaori Yamaguchi, Director, Konami Corporation. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Mr. Forchione then presented for consideration, Casino Gaming Employee Licenses for 494 individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations had completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-04, granting three-year casino gaming licenses to the individuals listed in the resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

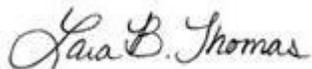
Anna Marin Russell, Financial & Tax Investigation Counsel, presented a summary of the proposed amendment to Ohio Administrative Code 3772-8-03, Casino gaming employee fees. The proposed amendment reduces the application and license fees required to renew a casino gaming employee license to \$100.00 and \$50.00, respectively. Presently, a licensee is required to pay a \$250.00 renewal application fee, a \$250.00 renewal license fee, and \$46.00 fee to BCI&I to process fingerprints. The proposed amendment reduces the total cost required to re-new a three-year casino gaming employee license to \$196.00. Once approved, Commission staff will initial file the rule in accordance with R.C. Chapter 119. A motion to amend the proposal was made by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved. A motion to approve the proposed rule amendment, as amended, was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, reported that, to date, all of the casinos have now been up and running for a full year, which has allowed the Compliance Division to review and adjust the current audit procedure. It was noted that with the use of the Compliance Division's TeamMate program Craig Donahue, Manager of Audits, has reviewed audit trends and has reduced the frequency of audits to occur on a quarterly to semi-annual basis. This new auditing procedure will allow Compliance to obtain sample size audits that are uniform across the properties. All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff. Mr. Martin then presented to the Commission for their consideration Internal Controls being requested by three of the casinos.

- Hollywood Casino Columbus (HWC) sought organizational changes to its Accounting plan, specifically changing some job titles, duties, and the reporting structure under its Vice President of Finance. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
- Hollywood Casino Toledo (HWT) requested organizational changes to its Player Services, Marketing, Slots, and Table Games plans. In addition, HWT has hired an Emcee within its Marketing department, and because that person will be making public statements on behalf of the casino, it was asked that the casino reflect the position in its organizational structure. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.
- Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (UCI) sought changes to its Cage and Credit plans, including controls on processing credit card convenience checks to repay credit lines, which it is not prohibited from accepting. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,



Lara B. Thomas
Commission Secretary

Approved: March 18, 2015