

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – July 15, 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 10:10 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. The minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Hoke.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with an update on license renewals, indicating the Licensing Division has sent over 1,500 license renewal notifications to casino gaming employees and key employees with licenses that will expire in March of 2016. A renewal licensing event is anticipated to take place at Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (UCI) around Labor Day.

Mike Masterson, Director of Enforcement, then provided an update on crime statistics. Mr. Masterson reported 354 individuals were charged during fiscal year 2015, mostly for cheating, criminal trespassing, and theft violations. Finally, Mr. Masterson reported that over \$100,000 had been collected and added to the Problem Gambling Fund from 49 VEP trespasser seizures of winnings this fiscal year.

Noah Browning, OCCC Fiscal Officer and Acting Director of Operations, reviewed the final FY15 year-end results, and recalibration for FY16 and FY17 budgets. Mr. Browning reported that the context of the General Assembly's budget bill required retooling of both the FY16 and FY17 budgets. Generally, state employees will receive a 2.5% salary increase and the OCCC budget needed to adjust accordingly. It was noted that the OCCC continues to scrutinize all revenues and expenses. A motion to approve the 2.5% salary increase for Executive Director Schuler was made by Chair Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with representatives of both UCI and Horseshoe Casino Cleveland (UCL) providing updates of remedial measures as part of their May 2015 settlement agreements. Mike Barbato, Surveillance Leader at UCI, reported details of the corrective changes and additions made to both properties to address surveillance inadequacies. Remedial measures included comprehensive review of surveillance systems, changing analog cameras to high-definition, replacing and adding additional cameras, and programming cameras to appropriate home locations. Future remedial measures will include bi-monthly surveillance system review, testing and additional training for employees, additional hands-on training, cleaning property cameras every 6 months, and a bi-annual camera map update.

Anthony Forchione, Director of Licensing and Investigations, then presented to the Commission for consideration, Key Employee Licenses for two 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 2015-25, granting three-year key employee licenses to Robert Bone, President, North America, Interblock USA, and Edward Peters, Executive Vice President, Sales, Global Cash Access. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Hoke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Mr. Forchione then presented to the Commission for consideration, a Key Employee renewal application for one individual. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations had completed a background investigation of the applicant and recommended approval. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-26, granting a three-year key employee renewal license to Randal Nardone, Member, Fortress and GLPI Voteco LLC. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

The renewal application of JCM American Corporation (JCM) and Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd. (Japan Cash Machine), as a Gaming-Related Vendor, was then reviewed for the Commission by Mr. Forchione. JCM and Japan Cash Machine were granted an initial Gaming-Related Vendor License by the Commission on August 15, 2012, at which time related officers and directors of the company were licensed as Key Employees. On May 15, 2015, JCM and Japan Cash Machine each filed applications with the Commission requesting renewal of its Gaming-Related Vendor License, and renewal of nine related key employee licenses. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations has conducted probity background investigations of both JCM and Japan Cash Machine and recommended approval. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-27, granting renewal of a three-year Gaming-Related Vendor License to JCM and Japan Cash Machine and three-year Key Employee Licenses to nine key employees listed in the Resolution. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2015-27, approving the licenses. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration Internal Controls being requested by two of the casinos. Mr. Martin noted that changes requested by both the UCI and UCL properties had been rejected. Any requested control changes from either UCI or UCL until these casinos submit workable controls on promotional intercepts. All the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- Hollywood Casino Columbus (HWC) sought changes to its Player Services and Responsible Gambling (RG) plans. The Player Services changes were mostly organizational or changing drop times, and the RG plans resulted from the OCCC's recent audit of the program. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.
- Hollywood Casino Toledo (HWT) sought changes to its Player Services, Marketing, Security, Slots, and Table Games plans. It was noted HWT's changes mirrored the support intercept controls its sister property implemented last month on promotional drawings. HWT formalized steps to follow during Level 3 closings in winter. Thirdly, HWT designating its slot performance manager as the slot director required by Ohio law, and lastly, changes to its Table Games plan are in response to audit findings related to card and dice processes. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

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

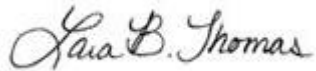
In re: Larry Cannon, Jr. (Case #2015-LIC-003), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License for Larry Cannon, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

In re: Thomas Casdorff (Case #2014-LIC-037), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License for Thomas Casdorff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In other business, Matt Oyster, Deputy General Counsel, presented a request for a waiver of the re-application time period for a Casino Gaming Employee (CGE) Application, from John LaSpada. In October 2012, Mr. LaSpada was denied a CGE License by the Commission. Per Ohio Admin. Code 3772-1-04(C), Mr. LaSpada is barred from reapplying for licensure for a period of three years from his date of denial. Mr. LaSpada failed to provide information demonstrating that reasons for his denial no longer exist or bars his suitability for licensure. A motion to deny the waiver of the waiting period was made by Chair Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

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

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara B. Thomas".

Lara B. Thomas
Commission Secretary

Approved: August 19, 2015