

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – August 19, 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 10:09 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners Martin Hoke, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioner McKinley Brown had an excused absence. The minutes of the July 15, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with an update on an ongoing illegal casino investigation, in which OCCC Gaming Agents recently served search warrants on six locations. The investigation was launched after the Commission received a complaint that Spin City, in Galloway, Ohio, was paying out cash prizes in violation of Ohio law. The operation resulted in 300 illegal slot machines and more than \$30,000 being seized. The Commission received assistance from BCI, local police departments and sheriff's offices in executing the warrants.

Next, Mr. Schuler reported that the first week in August was Responsible Gaming Education week, which aims to increase awareness of responsible gaming among gaming industry employees and customers. Events took place at all four casinos to promote responsible gaming and gambling addiction resources, and served as refresher responsible gambling training for all employees. Mr. Schuler noted that on August 10, 2015, he and Laura Clemens, Director of Government Affairs & Responsible Gambling Program Coordinator, attended an event at Hollywood Casino Columbus, where General Manager Himbert Sinopoli presented a contribution check to Maryhaven, one of the State's six sponsored treatment centers.

Mr. Schuler ended his report stating the next problem gambling awareness campaign was slated to kick-off on August 25, 2015. The campaign will promote low-risk gambling practices, encourage discussions about responsible gaming, and provide individuals with resources for problem gambling help. The campaign is a collaborative effort with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Lottery Commission, and the OCCC.

Anna Marin Russell, OCCC Financial and Tax Investigation Counsel, then presented to the Commission for consideration, Central Ohio Gaming Ventures, LLC's renewal application for licensure as a casino operator through the adoption of Commission Resolution 2015-28. Members of Penn National presented a brief update on the progress of the Hollywood Casino Columbus property. Ms. Russell reviewed the OCCC "Investigative Report," which concluded that Central Ohio Gaming Ventures, LLC and associated holding companies Penn Tenant, LLC, Penn National Gaming, Inc., and Carlino Family Trust are suitable for licensure as a casino operator, subject to numerous conditions. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2015-28, granting renewal of a three-year Casino-Operator License to Central Ohio Gaming Ventures, LLC and its holding companies listed in the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and adopted by a roll call vote 6-0.

Anthony Forchione, Director of Licensing and Investigations, then presented to the Commission for consideration, Key Employee renewal applications for four individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants, and Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-29, granting three-year key employee renewal licenses to Mark Andrews, Director of Surveillance, Hollywood Casino Columbus, Robert Kozier, Director of IT, Hollywood Casino Columbus, Christopher Lennette, Director of Security, Hollywood Casino Columbus, and Robin Rivera, Vice President of Human Resources, Hollywood Casino Columbus. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of six key employee applicants, and Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-30, granting three-year key employee licenses to Renato Ascoli, CEO, North American Gaming, IGT, Jason Babler, Product Specialist, Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc., Claudio Demolli, Senior VP and Treasurer, IGT, Sharon Pennington, Vice President, Human Resources, Hollywood Casino Toledo, Michael Prescott, Senior VP/General Counsel, GTECH Corporation, and Jane Scaccetti, Director, Penn National Gaming, Inc. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration, the approval of an amended casino gaming area designation for Hollywood Casino Columbus (Hollywood), to include an additional outdoor gaming area. Mr. Martin indicated that the outdoor gaming area is required to satisfy the same requirements that apply to the indoor gaming areas. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the amended casino gaming area designation for Hollywood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Mr. Martin then presented amendments to Internal Controls being requested by all four casinos. All the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- Hollywood Casino Columbus (HWC) sought changes to its Player Services, Table Games, and Responsible Gambling plans. It was noted that HWC and Hollywood Casino Toledo sought to link their poker rooms' bad beat jackpot funds, which required standardization of the rules, and coordination between their Revenue Audit and poker teams. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.
- Hollywood Casino Toledo (HWT) sought changes to its Accounting, Player Services, Marketing, Responsible Gaming (RG), Security, and Table Games plans. In addition to changes linking their poker room bad beat jackpot funds with its sister property HWC, HWT amended its RG controls in response to a recent OCCC audit. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.
- Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (UCI) requested changes to its Credit, Slots, Table Games, Promotions, and Poker controls. Importantly, the promotional section was noted to include ODJFS support intercept controls. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

- Horseshoe Casino Cleveland (UCL) sought changes to its Introduction and Promotions plans, to mirror UCI's support intercept controls, with only slight changes for position titles. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

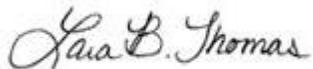
Matt Oyster, Deputy General Counsel, presented an Executive Director Delegation to consider reapplication waiver requests. Per Ohio Admin. Code 3772-1-04(C), an individual is prohibited from submitting an application for licensure to the Commission for three years from the date of a license application denial or revocation. The Commission may waive this three-year waiting period if an applicant can demonstrate the reason the original application was denied or license was revoked no longer exists or bars suitability for licensure. At the July 15, 2015 public meeting, the Commission requested that staff develop and propose an Executive Director Delegation for consideration of these waiver requests. Consideration of waiver requests is a function that the Commission may delegate to the Executive Director. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of Resolution 2015-31, delegating to the Executive Director the authority to receive, review, consider, and decide upon reapplication waiver requests submitted under Ohio Admin. Code 3772-1-04(C). A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, then presented one final order to the Commission for consideration:

In re: Randy Larkin (Case #2015-LIC-006), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to revoke the CGE License for Randy Larkin. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

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

Signed,



Lara B. Thomas
Commission Secretary

Approved: September 16, 2015