

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – April 19, 2017  
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 10:01 a.m. by Chair Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Jo Ann Davidson, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with a budget update by Rick Anthony, Manager of Operations. Tax revenue and casino gaming employee (CGE) fees were below estimates, however, vendor fees were up and will exceed yearly estimates. CGE fees were challenging to estimate due to it not being a renewal year. Wages and benefits were reported to be down, but this is attributed to the skill games division having not yet hired additional personnel. Mr. Anthony concluded his report indicating that fourth quarter estimates were anticipated to be on target.

Public Comment was offered by Mr. David Corey, Executive Vice-President of the Ohio Coin Machine Association. Mr. Corey expressed concerns with the proposed rules regarding gaming standards, as well as the waiver clause outlined in rule 3772-50-10, which the Commission initial approved at the August 17, 2016 public meeting.

Matt Oyster, Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented to the Commission Key Employee Licenses for five individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2017-07, granting three-year key employee licenses to Kathleen Conlon, Aristocrat Leisure Limited, Jane Crosson, Gaming Partners International USA, Inc., Miguel Cuadros, Ainsworth Gaming Technology, Inc., Michael Dreitzer, Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc., Ida Freeman, Hollywood Casino Toledo, Malea Garfield, JACK Cleveland Casino, Cynthia Hays, JACK Entertainment, LLC, Alyse Martinelli, JACK Entertainment, LLC, and Michael Wolber, JACK Cincinnati, Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Michelle Siba, Deputy General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration rule amendments for final filing. Ms. Siba explained that the Commission initially approved the new rules and amendments to the Ohio Admin Code: 3772-9-03, 3772-9-04, 3772-9-05, 3772-9-06, 3772-9-07, 3772-9-11, 3772-9-12, 3772-11-01, 3772-11-02, 3772-11-04, 3772-11-05, 3772-11-06, 3772-11-07, 3772-11-08, 3772-11-09, 3772-11-10, 3772-11-13, 3772-11-15, 3772-11-16, 3772-11-20, 3772-11-21, 3772-11-22, 3772-11-23, 3772-11-25, 3772-11-27, 3772-11-28, 3772-11-29, 3772-11-30, 3772-11-32, 3772-11-35, 3772-11-36, 3772-11-40, 3772-11-41, 3772-11-42, 3772-13-03, 3772-15-01, 3772-15-02, 3772-15-03, 3772-15-04, 3772-15-05, 3772-15-06, 3772-20-01, 3772-20-02, 3772-20-03, 3772-20-04, 3772-20-05, 3772-20-06, 3772-20-07, and 3772-20-08 at the March 16, August 17, September 21, and October 21, 2016 public meetings. After receiving initial approval of the new rules and amendments, Commission staff filed them along with a Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO). The CSIO

was noted to have reviewed and subsequently authorized the Commission to proceed with filing the new rules and amendments with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2017-08, approving final filing of the new rules and amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next, Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, provided a review of proposed skill-based amusement machine administrative rules. These rules will allow the Commission to appropriately regulate the skill-based amusement machine industry by ensuring that skill-based amusement machines meet the requirements found in R.C. 2915.01(UU). Kevin Mullaley and Richard LaBrocca, of Gaming Laboratories International, who aided the Commission during the creation of the proposed technical standards were invited to speak regarding the Commission's efforts and answer questions regarding testing standards and processes. Ms. Morrison then presented to the Commission five new rules for consideration of initial filing: 3772-50-21, 3772-50-22, 3772-50-23, 3772-50-24, and 3772-50-25. Ms. Morrison explained that the proposed rules concern the certification and duties of independent skill-based amusement machine testing laboratories, skill-based amusement machine standards, and testing and approval of games. The intent of the new rules is to regulate the skill-based amusement machine industry by ensuring that skill-based amusement machines meet the requirements found in R.C. 2915.01(UU). Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve initial filing of the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission, amendments to Internal Controls being requested by Hollywood Casino Columbus (HCO), Hollywood Casino Toledo (HCT), JACK Cincinnati Casino (JCI), and JACK Cleveland Casino (JCL). All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- HCO sought to amend its Player Services, Slot Operations, and Table Games plans. Notably, the casino added necessary detail on manual payout processing, and a line was added to the Slot Operations plan specifying that patrons should receive a copy of a prize winner's receipt for their records. HCO added detail on the procedures necessary to run a craps table without a pit supervisor when the craps table is the only game open in a pit. Lastly, HCO and HCT discontinued the jointly-operated Bad Beat Poker fund. The properties operated that fund together over the past year but have decided to discontinue it and tailor promotions suited to their own patrons. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.
- HCT sought changes to its Accounting, Slot Operations, and Table Games plans. Some of HCT's changes mirror HCO's, including some manual payout changes, Boxperson staffing, and ending the joint Bad Beat fund, while other changes are in advance of the five-year rule changes that will soon be effective. HCT has chosen to keep its version of the Bad Beat and is adding a "Mini Bad Beat Jackpot." Additionally, HCT is clarifying many of its game play rules. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.
- JCI sought relatively minor changes to its Cage, Responsible Gaming, Security, Vendor Certification, and Table Game play plans. The important changes were to JCI's vendor certification process, which now includes some investigation into new vendors. JCI sought to change its drop schedule and timing.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

- JCL sought changes to its Introduction, Responsible Gaming (RG), Promotions, and Vendor Certification plans. The RG and Vendor plan changes mirror JCI's. The remaining plans' changes are due to changing the property's Regional Director of Public Relations to a manager-level position. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

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

In re: Chhan Choum (case #2017-LIC-014). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Chhan Choum. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

In re: Jackie Mitchell (case #2017-LIC-010). Chair Taylor made a motion to revoke the CGE License for Jackie Mitchell. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Laura Spillman (case #2017-LIC-012). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Laura Spillman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

In re: Starr Thornton (case #2017-LIC-009). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Starr Thornton. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Michael Wolfe (case #2017-LIC-022). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Michael Wolfe. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer 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: May 17, 2017