

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – April 18, 2018  
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 10:07 a.m. by Chair Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Jo Ann Davidson, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, Lynn Slaby and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby and seconded by Commissioner Lucas.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with an announcement that Skill Based Amusement Machine regulations will become effective on April 23, 2018. It was noted that the Skill Games Division had just completed an outreach program targeting legal professionals, law enforcement, the industry, and general public across Ohio, in 11 different cities. Both Mike Masterson, Director of Enforcement, and Lloyd Zoellner, Deputy Director of Enforcement, were present to help answer questions related to law enforcement. Morning and afternoon sessions were provided in each city at no cost, and OPOTA and CLE hours were offered for law enforcement and legal professionals. More than 800 individuals attended the sessions, and the Skill Games Division will be preparing a “frequently asked questions” resource based on questions participants provided from the outreach sessions. Applicants will be applying for licenses online via the state’s elicense system, and extraordinary efforts have been made to troubleshoot the system for any issues prior to its commencement.

Next, Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, provided a budget update. Mr. Anthony reported that total revenue was slightly below estimates, mainly due to a decrease in key employee fees. Casino Gaming Employee (CGE) fees should go up this quarter due to the renewal period. Taxes were reported to be slightly above estimates for the year, a first in the past four years. Expenses were below estimates; however, equipment increases were seen as a result of the central office move. Next, Mr. Schuler noted the Commission’s Code of Conduct must be updated to reflect the added responsibilities with of skill-based amusement machine and fantasy contest oversight. The updates will include identifying employees who will not be allowed to participate in these activities, and a draft for consideration is anticipated at the May public meeting.

Mr. Schuler concluded his report announcing the Division of Licensing & Investigations will be hosting a licensing event in the coming days in Columbus, which anticipated the processing of over 200 CGE renewal applicants. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, Licensing & Investigations has taken in 505 new applicants and 609 renewal applicants. Lastly, Mr. Schuler recognized Tony Forchione, the former Director of Licensing & Investigations, for his ongoing contribution to the Commission and help during the licensing renewal period.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration, the renewal applications for licensure for JACK Cleveland Casino LLC (JACK Cleveland) as a casino operator, and JACK Entertainment LLC (JACK Entertainment) as a management company, through the adoption of Commission Resolutions 2018-15 and 2018-16. Mark Tricano, Senior Vice President of Operations for Northeast Ohio and General Manager of JACK Cleveland Casino, and Dan Reinhard, Senior Vice President of Government Relations and General Counsel, provided the Commissioners with an update of JACK Entertainment and JACK Cleveland's progress since their last renewal. Mr. Oyster reviewed the Division of Licensing and Investigations' "Investigative Report on the Applications of JACK Cleveland Casino LLC for a Casino-Operator License & of JACK Entertainment LLC for a Management-Company License," which concluded that JACK Cleveland and JACK Entertainment are suitable for licensure as a casino operator and management company, subject to numerous conditions. Chair Taylor made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2018-15, granting renewal of a three-year Casino-Operator license to JACK Cleveland. The motion was adopted by a roll call vote 7-0. Chair Taylor then made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2018-16, granting renewal of a three-year Management-Company license to JACK Entertainment. The motion was adopted by a roll call vote 7-0.

Then Mr. Oyster presented the Gaming-Related Vendor license renewal application for NRT Technology Corp. (NRT), and its one related holding company, as well as renewal Key Employee license applications for three related individuals. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed suitability background investigations of NRT, its holding company, as well as its three Key Employees, and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-17, granting a three-year Gaming-Related Vendor license to NRT and three-year Key Employee renewal licenses to John Dominelli, James Grundy, and Joshua Sidsworth. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next Mr. Oyster presented to the Commission for consideration Key Employee license applications for five individuals. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-18, renewing three-year key employee licenses to Paget Alves, International Game Technology PLC, and Patti Hart, International Game Technology PLC, and granting three-year key employee licenses to Daniel Coil, JACK Cincinnati Casino, Dean Jones, Hollywood Casino Columbus, and Stacy King, JACK Cleveland Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Chelsea Castle, Compliance Auditor, presented to the Commission for their consideration, joint amendments to Internal Controls for JACK Cincinnati Casino (JCI) and JACK Cleveland Casino (JCL). JCI and JCL had requested changes to their Table Games and Poker plans, to bring efficiencies to the internal control process. Both JCI and JCL will share one table games internal control document and one poker internal control document. All future changes to these plans will be effective for both casinos. The plans were simplified by removing language that was copied from the Commission's administrative rules and by moving some detail not required to be in the internal controls by rule to a new document named Approved Procedures. The Approved

Procedures document is on file with the Commission and available for Commissioner review. Any changes made to the Approved Procedures will be reviewed by Commission staff and approved by the Executive Director. Commission staff reviewed the requested changes and recommended approval. Commissioner Davidson made a motion to approve the proposed changes for JCI and JCL. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for their consideration, the certification of Gaming Laboratories International, LLC (GLI), as a skill games independent testing laboratory. Commission staff completed an investigation to assess GLI's capability to provide information and services to the Commission in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 3772-50. Commission staff concluded GLI met the requirements, conditions, and duties for certification and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-19, granting a three-year skill games independent testing laboratory certification to GLI. Commissioner Davidson made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2018-19, approving GLI's three-year skill games independent testing laboratory certification. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

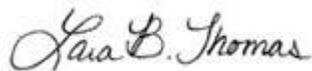
Next, Mr. Oyster presented to the Commission two final orders for consideration:

In re: Mohan Gurung (case #2017-LIC-053). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modification to renew licensure for Mohan Gurung. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

In re: Rodney Rahmon (case #2017-LIC-064). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Rodney Rahmon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan 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 16, 2018