

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – May 16, 2018  
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY HEARING ROOM  
30 W. BROAD STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Chair Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Jo Ann Davidson, Will Lucas, and Lynn Slaby were also in attendance. Commissioners Ranjan Manoranjan and John Steinhauer had excused absences. The minutes of the April 18, 2018 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby and seconded by Commissioner Lucas.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget update. Mr. Anthony reported tax revenue was slightly above estimates for the fiscal year. The approved JACK Operator license payment had been made, and will post next month. Expenses for equipment were above estimates due to an upgrade in IT equipment, however, all other expenditure categories were reported to be on track.

Mr. Schuler concluded his report with a Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP) update. Since the opening of racinos, these facilities have allowed individuals to ban themselves from each of the properties. For an individual to ban themselves from a racino, they must go to each facility individually. This means individuals are unable to ban themselves from multiple racino facilities at one time. The Lottery Commission (Lottery) does not currently have a VEP program like the Commission, and thus, individuals cannot seek exclusion to racinos through the Lottery. Recognizing the predicament, the Lottery has sought a statutory change to enact a similar VEP program like the Commission's. Additionally, the Lottery and the Commission have discussed creating a joint VEP program which would allow individuals to ban themselves from all casinos and racinos at the same time. The Lottery and Commission are currently working on rules that are identical for the program.

Furthermore, the Commission is considering changing the VEP lifetime exclusion language, and allowing individuals to have their lifetime ban lifted if certain steps are taken. Amanda Blackford, Manager of Problem Gambling, is currently doing research on this, and in the coming months will be bringing more information to present to the Commission.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration, the Gaming-Related Vendor license renewal application for Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. (GPI), and its two holding companies, its two institutional investors, as well as renewal Key Employee license applications for 10 related individuals. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed suitability background investigations of GPI, its holding companies and institutional investors, as well as its 10 Key Employees, and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-20, granting a three-year Gaming-Related Vendor license to GPI and three-year Key

Employee renewal licenses to Martin Berkowitz, E. Eliane Carrette, Gerard Charlier, Eric Endy, Gregory Gronau, Charles Henry, Robert Jackson, Robert Kelly, Jean-Francois Lendais, and Alain Thieffry. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Then Mr. Oyster presented the Gaming-Related Vendor license renewal application for Konami Gaming, Inc. (Konami), and its five related holding companies, its two institutional investors, as well as renewal Key Employee license applications for six related individuals. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed suitability background investigations of Konami, its holding companies and institutional investors, as well as its six Key Employees, and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-21, granting a three-year Gaming-Related Vendor license to Konami and three-year Key Employee renewal licenses to Akira Gemma, Kimihiko Higashio, Kagemasa Kozuki, Takuya Kozuki, Satoshi Sakamoto, and Stephen Sutherland. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Next Mr. Oyster presented to the Commission for consideration Key Employee license applications for three individuals. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-22, renewing three-year key employee licenses to Michael Knutsson, Pata Pata AB, Tristan Sjoberg, Pata Pata AB, and Michael Slaughter, The United States Playing Card Company. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Rachel Kasper, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission a proposed Executive Director Delegation. Ohio Adm. Code 3772-50-02 allows the Commission, in its discretion and where permitted by law, to delegate to the authority to perform certain functions to the Executive Director or his designee. Ms. Kasper recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2018-23, which would delegate to the Executive Director the authority to approve skill-based amusement machines and game-related technology approval requests. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Michelle Siba, Deputy General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration the approval of amendments to the Commission Code of Conduct. The current Code of Conduct (Code) was adopted over six years ago when the Commission was created. It was felt it was time to update the Code, with the recent addition of regulatory authority over skill-based amusement machines (SBAM) and fantasy contests. A section was added to the Code to restrict certain employees from participating in type-B or type-C SBAM games and fantasy contests offered by future licensees. These restrictions do not prohibit Commission members and employees from participating in lawful pools not conducted for profit. Additionally, some of the language was updated to make the Code easier to read. These changes were made to ensure the integrity of gaming, and to ensure the public's trust in the Commission. A motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Code was made by Commissioner Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next, Ms. Siba presented to the Commission for consideration proposed amendments to existing rules 3772-9-05 and 3772-11-01, -06, and -07, for initial approval. A motion to adopt the amendments was made by Commissioner Slaby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

Next, Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission an amendment to existing rule 3772-50-05 initial approval. This amendment would remove the requirement that SBAM key employee applicants obtain a BCI/FBI criminal background check. Ms. Morrison explained that the Skill Games Division would still conduct a background check, but would use a different source that is also used by the Licensing and Investigations Division for casino employee licenses. A motion to adopt the amendment was made by Commissioner Slaby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

To ensure equal application of the background check requirement for all applicants, Ms. Morrison recommended the Commission grant a waiver to all SBAM key employee applicants from compliance with the existing 3772-50-05 language. This would permit SBAM key employee applicants to act under the proposed amended version of rule 3772-50-05. A motion to adopt the waiver was made by Commissioner Slaby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

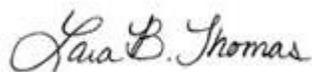
Chelsea Castle, Compliance Auditor, presented to the Commission for their consideration, joint amendments to Internal Controls for JACK Cincinnati Casino (JCI) and JACK Cleveland Casino (JCL). JCI and JCL had requested changes to their Slots plan, to bring efficiencies to the internal control process. Both JCI and JCL will share one slots 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. 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 Brown and approved.

Next, Mr. Oyster presented to the Commission a final order for consideration:

In re: David Ramsey (case #2018-LIC-008). Commissioner Slaby made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Rodney Rahmon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

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

Signed,



Lara B. Thomas

Commission Secretary

Approved: June 20, 2018