

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES

10 A.M. – February 15, 2012  
RIFFE CENTER, 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET  
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COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Ranjan Manoranjan, Peter Silverman, John Steinhauer and June Taylor were in attendance. The minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Steinhauer, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Marcus Glover, General Manager of the Horseshoe Cleveland Casino, reported that third party operators now have permits for the Cleveland casino, and a second large hiring event occurred, resulting in 600 job offers being made.

Executive Director Matt Schuler provided an update on the Casino Control Commission operating budget and on pending legislation. Rick Anthony, OCCC staff reported that the remaining portion of the 6<sup>th</sup> floor at 10 W. Broad Street, Columbus, has been leased to accommodate additional staff, and renovation of the currently leased space is ongoing.

An update on the scope of licensing for operators was provided by John Barron, OCCC staff. At the February 1, 2012 meeting of the Commission, Resolution 2012-2 was adopted setting specific conditions to be met before acceptance of a change in the filing status of Fortress Investment Group. Actions have been taken to meet most of the conditions, but the Commission has not yet received a satisfactory opinion letter concerning the irrevocable proxy.

The management of slot machines at the casinos was reviewed for the Commission by Patrick Martin, OCCC staff. He explained that about 4000 slot machines will be arriving in Ohio in the next few months and all have to go through a three-step process of transportation, installation and testing, with each step monitored by the OCCC. For each slot machine, independent testing lab certification is required, a secondary approval of that certification, and a final authorization by the Executive Director. OCCC staff will schedule a presentation for the Commission by a certified testing lab to further explain their procedures.

Chris Storcella, OCCC staff, provided an update on vendor and casino gaming employee licensing. Since the last meeting, one additional vendor has submitted an application. Budget amendments have been made to the scope of services for three vendor investigations because of the addition of qualifying persons for each vendor. The first test of processing individual casino gaming employee licenses on-site took place in Cleveland. Applications, fingerprints and photographs were taken for fifty employees. A larger group of employees will be processed in Toledo on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Executive Director Schuler reviewed for the Commission, a timeline of events which have occurred and will continue to occur prior to the granting of a license for operation for any of the casinos. Major items that impact the timeline are: a) operator applications; b) vendor applications; c) key employee applications; d) casino gaming employee applications; e) internal control standards; f) slot machine delivery, installation and testing; g) controlled demonstrations prior to opening. Concurrent with the extensive review and investigatory activity that each of these items require, is the hiring and training of OCCC staff. Executive Director Schuler recommended to the Commission that the earliest opening times for the two casinos that could be reached without sacrificing integrity, are the weeks of May 14 and May 28, 2012. Chair Davidson noted that OCCC staff has spent time determining appropriate opening dates and asked for some consensus from the Commission on how to move forward. The Chair noted the unique situation of opening two casinos within two weeks of one another, in a state that has never had a casino. After discussion, Commissioner Taylor made a motion stating the Commission is recommending an opening date for the week of May 14, 2012, pending completion of all requirements, and a second opening date for the week of May 28, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion was approved.

Commissioner Taylor made a motion that the first casino to be opened be Horseshoe Casino Cleveland. Discussion followed and Executive Director Schuler noted that conditions can be placed on an operator's license if there are substantial problems or a lack of requested information. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved on a 5-1 vote with Commissioner Silverman opposing.

During the Public Comment Period, Fred Pieper of Paulding, Ohio made a brief presentation regarding casino payout and posting requirements, the withholding of casino jackpot winnings for unpaid child support, and a recommended use for unclaimed casino winnings.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Signed,

Katherine L. Kelly  
Approved, March 7, 2012