

**OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**10 A.M. –August 17, 2011
RIFFE CENTER, 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
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COLUMBUS, OH 43215**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Peter Silverman, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer and June Taylor were in attendance. The minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting were approved.

Jennifer Campbell-Roux, Executive Director of the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio, provided an overview of their mission, available programs and the scope of problem gambling in Ohio. The organization is affiliated with the National Council for Problem Gambling which requires a neutral stance regarding legalized gambling. In response to questions from Commission members, she said that it is important for Ohio to be ahead of dealing with the problem. She indicated that she would share information regarding coalitions in other states.

Marcus Glover, General Manager of Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland, presented a progress update indicating that 85 percent of the executive staff has been hired and that the entire project will create 1600 jobs. Eighty-five percent of the construction contracts have been awarded to Ohio companies. Contracts totaling \$44.9 million have been awarded to date, creating 2000 construction jobs with a total investment of over \$350 million. The property is expected to open for business early in 2012. Kevin Kline, General Manager of Horseshoe Casino in Cincinnati, said the Cincinnati project will entail a \$400 million investment and create 1700 jobs. The casino is slated to open in the spring of 2013 and \$43.5 million in construction contracts have been awarded to date, creating 2000 construction jobs.

Fred Gushin of Spectrum Gaming pointed out that there needs to be an interval between the opening of Penn National and Rock Ohio Caesars' projects and if the expected opening dates change, the Commission needs to know as possible as the regulatory process is being structured around the dates casinos are scheduled to open.

Sam Kirk of the Ohio Attorney General's office reviewed the Surveillance Standards dated 8-17-11. Changes proposed by Spectrum Gaming, as well as suggested changes from Rock Ohio Caesars, will be reviewed and a final draft will be ready for approval at the September 7 Commission meeting.

Mr. Kirk also reviewed the Key Employee License rule dated 8-17-11. The provision requiring all employees making \$150,000 or more to be licensed as key employees was changed as there was concern that it would require licenses for a number of employees who do not have "significant influence". Also, a clarification of the definition of holding companies which need to be licensed was made. After a copy of the rule as modified was prepared, Resolution 2011-11 approving the rule was adopted on a motion by Commissioner Steinhauer, seconded by Commissioner Hoke, and passed.

Brian Johnson of the Ohio Attorney General's office reviewed the Key Employee Supplemental Application dated 8-16-11 which reflects minor changes previously discussed. Additional changes requesting including deleting the reference to employees making \$150,000 and clarification on fingerprinting requirements. Based upon redrafting of the rule to deal with fingerprinting and the reference to employees making \$150,000, it was approved upon a motion made by Commissioner Steinhauer, seconded by Commissioner Taylor and passed.

John Williams from the Ohio Casino Control Commission reviewed the first draft of the Third Party Accounting and Engineering Rule. This rule will require a casino operator, before conducting casino gaming, to engage a third-party engineering or accounting firm to certify expenses of its initial investment. The rule also requires the Commission approval of the firm selected and the certification of expenses be done in accordance with the rule. The rule will be redrafted for further review at the next Commission meeting.

Susan Choe from the Ohio Attorney General's office reviewed the Gaming Vendor License rule dated 8-16-11. She indicated that the document has been reviewed by Spectrum Gaming and comments from Rock Ohio Caesars had been addressed. Comments received by the Kegler Brown Law Firm in a letter dated August 17, 2011 were addressed with minor changes to the document at the meeting. Chair Davidson moved that Resolution 2011-12 approving the rule be adopted. Commissioner Steinhauer seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted.

Susan Choe also reviewed the Gaming Vendor License Application dated 8-16-11. The document has been reviewed by Spectrum Gaming, suggested changes will be made and a revised application will be presented to the Commission at its next meeting.

Susan Choe and Paul Nick, Executive Director of the Ohio Ethics Commission, reviewed the Code of Conduct redraft. Members of the Commission suggested further changes and expressed particular interest in how ex parte communications would be handled by Commission members. The document will be redrafted for further review.

Sam Kirk indicated that the Gaming Employee License Rule will be redrafted to add data processing personnel and will be considered at the next Commission meeting. Matt Oyster of the Ohio Attorney General's office reviewed the Gaming Employee License Application which has been reviewed by Spectrum Gaming. Changes will be made regarding fingerprinting issues and other states' applications will be reviewed for consideration of additional changes.

Chair Davidson mentioned that she has asked Spectrum Gaming to review cost estimates on investigations of casino operator applications and provide an updated estimate to the Commission at the next meeting. The next meeting agenda will include a report on the review of blueprints from the Toledo and Cleveland casinos, a presentation of the law enforcement report, and further review of documents considered at the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.