

**OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**10 A.M. –May 18, 2011
RIFFE CENTER, 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
19th FLOOR, ROOM 1960
COLUMBUS, OH 43215**

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chairman Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, John Steinhauer and June Taylor were in attendance. Commissioners Ranjan Manoranjan and Peter Silverman were unable to attend the meeting. Chairman Davidson reported Commissioner Manoranjan was out of the country and Commissioner Silverman was unable to reach Columbus in time for the meeting due to an accident which closed Interstate 75. The meeting began without a quorum until the arrival of Commissioner Hoke at 10:15 a.m. at which time the minutes of the May 4, 2011 meeting were approved.

Chairman Davidson introduced Katie Reardon, Lobbying Compliance Coordinator from the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee. Ms. Reardon presented Commissioners with a packet of information to assist in filing their tri-annual lobbying activity and expenditure report due May 31 and gave a brief overview of the process. She indicated that members of the Commission are considered state employees.

Additional updates to the Ohio Casino Control Commission's Application for a Casino Operator, Management Company or Holding Company License were reviewed. The Commission also reviewed changes suggested by the Ohio Lottery Commission.

One issue of note mentioned by staff from the Attorney General's office drafting the document is that the Authorization to Release Criminal Record form (Exhibit 18a) was updated to reflect the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCI) background check process. Chairman Davidson indicated that a conversation needs to take place with BCI to determine the best way to facilitate the criminal background check as the Commission's implementing legislation contains very prescriptive language. If it is determined that a legislative change needs to be made, perhaps an amendment to the budget bill could be drafted, since a fee to the Casino Control Commission is involved, to clarify whether or not paper or electronic systems should be used for fingerprinting applicants who are required to submit to a background check. Commissioner Brown is to assist in this effort because of his law enforcement background and contacts. It was noted that the Ohio Lottery Commission and other agencies use electronic systems.

John Williams reviewed the need for Commissioners to sign up for training offered by the Ohio Ethics Commission. This training is required annually by Ohio law and should be scheduled as soon as possible as the classes fill up quickly.

Fredric Gushin, Project Manager, and Steven Ingis, Director of Legal and Regulatory Services, both from Spectrum Gaming Group, reviewed the Scope of Services memo from Spectrum Gaming Group dated May 16, 2011. The Chairman indicated that work already completed by

state agencies will be shared with Spectrum to reduce the number of hours needed to complete the work.

Members of the Commission discussed the following priority for services offered: 1) Central Server Analysis, 2) Timeline, 3) Review of proposed Rules and Operator License Application and 4) Law Enforcement issues. Work on these recommendations will take place simultaneously due to the shortness of time before one or more of Ohio Casinos will open. Commissioner Hoke suggested that a baseline survey of Ohioans regarding problem gambling be included in the Timeline. Chairman Davidson said she would check with the Department of Administrative Services to determine whether or not doing such a survey requires a RFP. It was noted that the law enforcement issue decisions could affect the Commission's budget. Commissioner Steinhauer moved that the Chairman be authorized to contract with Spectrum for a Scope of Services agreement that would include central server analysis, law enforcement, timeline and rule/application review. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion which was approved with no opposition.

Staff from the Attorney General's office presented a review of four proposed rules: 1) General Provisions, 2) Organization and Operation, 3) Insurance and 4) Security and Surveillance System. It was suggested that language on "disqualifying interest" be reviewed as it is used in other Boards and Commissions in Ohio, ethics law and other jurisdictions. Discussion on the surveillance system rule was postponed. John Williams was asked to make suggestions on prioritizing rules.

Interested Commission members were invited to tour the Commission office space as long as no more than three were included in the group.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

