

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
8:00 A.M. – January 4, 2012
OFFICE OF THE CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
10 W. BROAD STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

An informal budget review meeting was held at 8:00 a.m. on January 4, 2012 at the offices of the Casino Control Commission. At the meeting, the Executive Director reviewed an organizational chart for the Commission and provided an update on staff hiring in the short and long term. Noah Browning, OCCC staff, reviewed quarterly budget estimates, revenues and expenditures.

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The regular meeting of the Commission was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Monorajan, Peter Silverman, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. The minutes of the December 7, 2011 meeting were approved.

A progress report on the Toledo Hollywood Casino was given by Richard St. Jean, general manager. He introduced Jeffrey Goodman, Vice President of Operations.

Executive Director Matt Schuler began his report with a review of the Independent Testing Laboratory Certification process which has been established, and asked the Commission members for their input during the testing lab review process. Karen Huey, OCCC Staff, provided an update on the Enforcement Division and their preparations for hiring agents and enforcement personnel for the Cleveland and Toledo casinos, and outreach work to local law enforcement agencies. Laura Clemens, OCCC Staff, explained the approach that the Problem Gaming office is taking to build a framework of data as the casinos prepare to open. A problem gaming survey will be completed soon, followed by a capacity survey of available social services, and a collection of data on secondary outcomes of problem gaming. Commissioner Silverman requested the preparation of a plan and timetable outlining what the OCCC, Lottery and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services are doing in this area. The status of license filings was reviewed by Chris Storcella, OCCC staff. Only two gaming related vendors have complete applications pending at this time. Numerous other vendors have partial applications and are expected to complete them soon. The gaming employee license application will be released and available online within two weeks. Commissioner Silverman asked about the delay in receipt of vendor applications and the Chair gave any vendors in attendance the opportunity to answer the question directly.

Spectrum Gaming provided the Commission with an update on operator and vendor license applicant investigations. Fred Gushin of Spectrum noted that investigations of operators are expected to take 4-5 months and investigation of vendors can take 2-4 months. Due to the time involved in determining the scope of filers for casino operating licenses, and the time taken to receive complete applications from operators and vendors, a process that was expected to take 30 days actually took 130. Spectrum does not anticipate submitting completed investigations to the Commission prior to the end of the first

quarter or early in the second quarter of 2012. Upon review, the Commission then can establish opening dates for the casinos. The Chair asked that Spectrum begin to provide updates on the investigatory status at each meeting of the Commission. Executive Director Schuler expressed the need for firm timelines with goals for the Commission as the investigatory phase continues.

John Oberle, representing Penn National Gaming and Fortress Investments Group, spoke to the Commission about the filing status of these two entities. Although Penn has made a complete filing to be a casino operator, the directors with Fortress, a Penn holding company, have not. At the December 7, 2011 meeting of the Commission, approval was given for a letter to Fortress, stating that December 22, 2011 was the deadline for filing the requested information. On behalf of Penn and Fortress, Mr. Oberle requested an extension for these filings. Without formal action by the Commission, agreement was reached that along with a complete filing by all inside directors, discussions would continue to determine the appropriate filing status for Fortress' outside directors.

Approval for the final filing of Administrative rule 3772-17:01 "Approval of third-party engineering and accounting firms", was put before the Commission in the form of Resolution 2011-28. Commissioner Steinhauer moved to correct the numbering of the Resolution making it 2012-01, and to approve the Resolution. Commissioner Hoke seconded and the Resolution was adopted.

Administrative Rules for initial filing were explained by members of the OCCC staff. Staff noted that preliminary approval allows the rules to then move through the formal JCARR process and the new Common Sense Initiative program. The following sets of administrative rules were approved for initial filing by the Commission:

3772-10:16-28 Minimum Internal Control Standards. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve, Commissioner Silverman seconded. Motion approved.

3772-23:01-06 Involuntary Exclusions. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve, Commissioner Silverman seconded. Motion approved.

3772-9:07 Transportation of electronic gaming equipment to and from a certified independent testing laboratory located in this state. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve, Commissioner Brown seconded. Motion approved.

3772-20:01-08 Security Department. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve, Commissioner Manoranjan seconded. Motion approved.

3772-21:01-11 Hearing Procedures. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve, Commissioner Brown seconded. Motion approved.

3772-22:01 Disciplinary Actions. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve, Commissioner Steinhauer seconded. Motion approved.

Chair Davidson outlined possible agenda items for the January 18th meeting of the Commission, including additional rule filings, the certification of testing labs, a report on the Fortress director filings, and meetings with casino operators to review the timing of investigations and licensing.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.