

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – March 20, 2013  
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY HEARING ROOM  
30 W. BROAD STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Manoranjan and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioners Peter Silverman and John Steinhauer had excused absences. The minutes of the February 13, 2013 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

Executive Director Matt Schuler prefaced the reports by OCCC Division Directors by noting that the reports will focus more on OCCC activity going forward, now that all four Ohio casinos are licensed and operating.

David Acosta, OCCC Director of Licensing, reported 5,134 gaming employee licenses have been issued and that applications will continue at each casino location due to employee turnover and evolving demands.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, explained that his Division will be focusing on maintaining the integrity of casino operations and will also be preparing annual audits of each casino.

Karen Huey, OCCC Director of Enforcement, will continue the review and planning of enforcement training needs. Outreach with local law enforcement continues to be highlighted as well.

Laura Clemens, OCCC Director of Government Affairs and Problem Gambling Program Coordinator reported the Voluntary Exclusion Plan now has over 300 participants. The number of enrollees under age 30 continues to increase. The one year anniversary of enrollment in the program will soon be reached by some participants, who must be proactive to request removal from the program. Conversations are ongoing regarding the problem gambling services funding that is shared with the Ohio Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction Services, soon to be merged with the Department of Mental Health. OCCC has been asked to make a presentation at the National Problem Gambling conference this summer.

Ms. Clemens also reported that legislation to restrict internet cafes, (H.B. 7) has passed the House. The legislature's Permanent Joint Committee on Gaming and Wagering will have its initial meeting in the next few weeks. Executive Director Schuler will be making a presentation to the Joint Committee.

Rick Anthony, OCCC Director of Operations, and Noah Browning, OCCC Fiscal Officer, reviewed revenues and expenditures for the Commission. New revenue estimates for the balance of fiscal year (FY) 2013 as well as FY 14 and FY 15, have been made by the Office of Budget and Management. It was noted that a clarification has been made that casino operator and management company license fees will be collected again at the time of license renewal. Another factor affecting revenue is a lower than expected turnover rate of gaming employees at the casinos. Any fines or penalties collected from license holders are deposited into the state's General Revenue Fund, by law.

Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Investigation, presented to the Commission for its consideration, the application for a Vendor License from Global Cash Access, Inc. Global Cash submitted their application on April 24, 2012. OCCC staff has performed an extensive investigation and recommends the license be approved. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2013-10, approving a Gaming-Related Vendor License for Global Cash Access and Key Employee Licenses for twelve of their employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Mr. Forchione also presented seven Key Employee applications to the Commission for consideration:

1. Donald Colvin – Caesars Entertainment Corporation
2. Aziza Eastwood – Rock Ohio Caesars Cleveland LLC
3. Gabriel Frumusanu – Toledo Gaming Ventures LLC
4. Amy Kuzdowicz – Rock Ohio Caesars LLC
5. David Martin – Central Ohio Gaming Ventures LLC
6. Angela Mabbitt – Toledo Gaming Ventures LLC
7. Tina Robinson – Rock Ohio Caesars Cleveland LLC

Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2013-11, approving the seven applications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Directory of Regulatory Compliance, presented an amendment to Internal Controls requested by Hollywood Casino-Columbus and Hollywood Casino-Toledo. The same amendment to "Crazy Four Poker" table game rules is being sought by both entities and is recommended for approval by staff. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, reviewed the final orders for gaming employee license applicants before the Commission. The adjudicatory hearings for these individuals are complete. OCCC staff has provided a recommendation, and a Report and Recommendation for each license applicant has been issued by the Hearing Examiner. The license applications of four individuals were considered:

In re: Melissa Dillon, (Case # 2012-0141), Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Victor Bassey, (Case # 2012-0150), Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Robert Houle (Case # 2012-0158), Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Victor Lane (Case # 2012-0160), Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner, to deny the license application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 A.M.

Signed,

Katherine L. Kelly

Commission Clerk