

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – July 17, 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 10:10 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. The minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Schuler began his report to the Commission with a review of licensing statistics and noted that the number of licensed Key Employees is constantly changing as operators and vendors gain and lose these key personnel. Executive Director Schuler acknowledged the work of David Acosta, OCCC Director of Licensing, who is leaving the OCCC for a position with the newly-created Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Tony Forchione will assume the position of Director of Licensing and Investigation.

In the Enforcement Division, the process of hiring Gaming Agents to fill vacancies continues. The MOU with the Attorney General / Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), which helped provide initial gaming agents for the OCCC, ends December 31, 2013. Currently, just three BCI agents remain as gaming agents for the Commission.

Executive Director Schuler noted that Laura Clemens, Director of Government Affairs and Problem Gambling Program Coordinator, will be presenting information about Ohio's multi-agency collaborative on responsible gambling, at an upcoming workshop. A new agreement with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for distributions from the problem gambling and addictions fund for Fiscal Year 2014, will be presented at the September meeting.

Noah Browning, OCCC Fiscal Officer, presented a review of revenue and expenditures through the close of Fiscal Year 2013. Mr. Browning explained that funds have been set aside for any outside research assistance that may be needed when the OCCC begins the work on operator and vendor license renewals. Executive Director Schuler added that planning is in place for any possible adjustment of administrative rules needed before license renewals start coming due.

Executive Director Schuler then reviewed for the Commission, documents that were submitted as certification that the remainder of the constitutionally required minimum capital investment had been made by Penn National Gaming for the Hollywood Casinos in Columbus and Toledo.

Paul Nick, Executive Director of the Ohio Ethics Commission, outlined for the Commission, a program they have developed entitled "Casinos and the Ohio Ethics Law". Mr. Nick explained

that the Ethics Commission will be presenting the program to local governments in communities where the casinos are located as a proactive approach to education about possible conflicts of interest.

Eleven proposed revisions to existing administrative rules were outlined for the Commission by Patrick Martin, OCCC Director of Regulatory Compliance. Initial approval allows staff to begin the required multi-step review process. Changes to the following rules were approved for initial filing following a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan:

- 3772-1-01
- 3772-6-4(A)(3)
- 3772-9-02/3772-9-10
- 3772-9-13(D)
- 3772-10-18(F)
- 3772-10-19(C)
- 3772-10-24
- 3772-11-06(B)
- 3772-11-11(2)
- 3772-11-23(K)
- 3772-11-37(B)(2)

Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Licensing and Investigation, made a recommendation to the Commission that OCCC Resolution 2013-16, granting Key Employee licenses to four individuals, be adopted. OCCC had completed its investigation of these individuals and recommended the licenses be granted. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and the Resolution adopted. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2013-17, granting a Provisional Key Employee License to Anthony Quarantillo. The license will be in effect for 90 days while the investigation of the applicant is completed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented an immediate action request from Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati to add rules for blackjack tournaments. While the rules will apply to all blackjack tournaments going forward, separate approval from OCCC is required as the tournament rules vary slightly from the regular Commission approved blackjack rules. Mr. Martin then reviewed changes to Internal Controls being sought by three of the casinos. Hollywood Casino Columbus requested changes to its Player Services Plan, Information Technology Plan, Security Emergency Plan, Slot Operations Plan, Surveillance Plan, Table Games Plan, and Tips and Gratuities Plan. Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati requested changes to the Table Games, Internal Audit and Tips and Gratuities sections of their Internal Controls. Horseshoe Casino Cleveland requested changes to its Tips and Gratuities Section, echoing the changes requested by Cincinnati. OCCC staff worked with each casino on the proposed revisions and recommended Commission approval. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the changes to Internal Controls and the blackjack tournament rules as proposed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, reviewed one final order for a gaming employee license applicant. During the course of the required records check for this applicant, numerous non-disclosures were found and the applicant was notified of the intent to deny. The individual did not request a hearing and OCCC staff recommended to the Commission that the license be denied. Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the gaming employee license application of Ebony Martin (Case # 2013-033). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Signed,
Katherine L. Kelly
Commission Clerk
Approved: August 21, 2013