OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – December 11, 2013
OHIO JUDICIAL CENTER
65 S. FRONT STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission was called to order at 10:14 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Commissioner Martin Hoke had an excused absence. The minutes of the November 20, 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 reminder that Operator, Gaming Related Vendor, and Key Employee licenses expire after three years. Since the first licenses were issued in early 2012, they will begin to expire in 2015. The requirement that the Operators' applications for renewal be submitted six months prior to expiration, and the Gaming Related Vendors' and Key Employees' three months prior, means the Division of Licensing and Investigation has begun preparations for the volume of investigative work ahead. In addition to the Operator, Management and Holding Company licenses for the Cleveland and Toledo casinos, there will be 15 vendors, 183 key employees and over 1,500 gaming employees with licenses expiring in 2015.

Executive Director Schuler introduced Gary Fossaceca as the new Cleveland Gaming Agent Supervisor. Gary had been serving as the Interim Supervisor and has been at the Cleveland casino since its opening.

OCCC continues to partner with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the Responsible Gambling Program. Level II counseling and treatment training for providers is under way and Level III training will begin next year. This training is funded from a designated portion of casino revenue.

In reviewing the OCCC monthly budget, Executive Director Schuler noted that fees from additional vendor key employee license applications have provided higher revenue totals than expected.

Michelle Siba, OCCC Assistant General Counsel, reviewed for the Commission administrative rules which have completed both the Common Sense Initiative and Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review processes and are ready for final filing. Ms. Siba explained that the rules were first filed in July of 2013 and no changes were made to the rules during the review process.

Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-30, adopting the following administrative rules:

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3772-1-01 Definitions
3772-6-04 Duty to update information
3772-9-02 Approval for use in a casino facility
3772-9-13 Redemption kiosks
3772-10-18 Table drop boxes and slot bill validator canisters: physical requirements and transportation
3772-10-19 Drop box count procedures
3772-10-24 Signature requirements
3772-11-06 Shipment of table games and table game mechanisms
3772-11-11 Chip specifications
3772-11-23 Table game cards; receipt, storage, inspections, and removal from use
3772-11-37 Minimum and maximum table game wagers
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The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and the Resolution was adopted.

Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Licensing and Investigation, presented to the Commission for consideration, Key Employee Licenses for five individuals. OCCC had completed the investigations of these individuals and recommended approval. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2013-31, granting the three-year Key Employee licenses to: William Huntley, Scientific Games; Brian Jenkins, Hollywood Toledo Casino; James Montgomery, Spielo International; Tsuyoshi Takagaki, Japan Cash Machine; and Yasuhiko Yoshimura, Japan Cash Machine. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Mr. Forchione then offered for consideration two Provisional Key Employee licenses being proposed for Timothy Wilbur and Jamie Brown of Horseshoe Cleveland Casino. Preliminary reports on these individuals had been completed and Cleveland had filed the necessary documents showing exigent circumstances requiring the issuance of Provisional licenses. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Resolution 2013-32. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented amendments to Internal Control Plans being requested by Horseshoe Cleveland Casino. Immediate approval by the Executive Director had previously been granted for a change in drop times. The changes proposed were to the Cage, Table Games, and Sensitive Keys requirements and had been reviewed by OCCC staff and recommended for adoption. A motion to approve the changes was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Chair Davidson then reviewed the OCCC's relationship with the Office of the Attorney General's Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). She noted the BCI provided gaming agents at the first two casinos and were integral to the startup of the Casino Control Commission. An honorary

Resolution was presented to Steve Schumaker, Assistant Attorney General for Law Enforcement, acknowledging the support of BCI.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, reviewed four final orders presented to the Commission for consideration. Any reports prepared by Hearing Examiners as well as staff recommendations in these cases had been submitted to the Commissioners for review prior to the meeting.

In re: Paolo Cici, (Case # 2013-054). Mr. Cici requested a hearing and the Hearing Examiner recommended the Commission deny the Casino Gaming Employee License application. Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the Report and Recommendation without modification for Paolo Cici. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Edward Calletano, (Case #2013-067). Mr. Calletano did not request a hearing. Chair Davidson made a motion to place Edward Calletano on the Commission Involuntary Exclusion list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Danilo Peralta, (Case #2013-070). Mr. Peralta did not request a hearing. Chair Davidson made a motion to place Danilo Peralta on the Commission Involuntary Exclusion list. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: William Sedgmer, (Case #2013-061). Mr. Sedgmer did not request a hearing. Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the application for a Casino Gaming Employee License. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Signed,

Katherine L. Kelly

**Commission Clerk** 

Approved January 15, 2014