

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – July 16, 2014
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 10:08 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 18, 2014 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Taylor.

The meeting began with a report from the Executive Director, Matt Schuler. Mr. Schuler recognized Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Licensing & Investigation, for an outline of the license renewal process. Mr. Forchione explained to the Commission that the initial three-year licenses issued to Casino Gaming Employees will begin to expire in March of 2015. The first wave of renewal notification letters will be sent by September 21, 2014 for renewal applications due by December 21, 2014. The first Key Employee and Gaming Related Vendor licenses expire in April of 2015. Those renewal notices will begin in October, 2014 with the first renewal applications due by January 2015. There are approximately 160 key employee licenses that will need to be renewed and will require appropriate investigation prior to a renewal decision being made. Additionally, 9 or 10 vendor licenses will be due for renewal in the first part of 2015. The first Operator license was issued to Rock Ohio Caesars on May 2, 2012. The notice of license renewal will be sent by August 2, 2014 and the renewal application for ROC will be due November 2, 2014. Mr. Forchione noted that OCCC is a part of Ohio's e-licensing system which allows license holders to view the status of their license online and will generate renewal letters to license holders.

Continuing his report, Executive Director Schuler directed the Commissioners to a spreadsheet of criminal statistics organized by the type of criminal activity and the casino at which it occurred. Not included in these numbers were those additional cases and investigations taken on by OCCC gaming agents in conjunction with local law enforcement agencies. Commissioner Hoke requested a review of criminal case disposition and Commissioner Taylor requested comparative criminal statistics for other states with casino operations.

Laura Clemens, OCCC Director of Government Affairs and Problem Gambling Program Coordinator, reviewed the process by which individuals may enroll in the Voluntary Exclusion Program and effectively ban themselves from Ohio's casinos. There are currently 1,032 people enrolled in the program.

Noah Browning, OCCC Acting Director of Operations, reviewed actual revenues and expenses for FY 2014 since that year has come to a close. Mr. Browning noted that while FY 2014 tax

revenue underperformed the OBM estimate, it was offset by over-performance in fee revenue. Expenses ended the fiscal year under estimate due to savings in research and investigations, and by ending the contractual relationship with BCI one quarter earlier than estimated. Revenue projections for FY 2015 have been revised slightly to reflect the timing of license renewals. Expense projections for FY 2015 have also been revised downward to reflect a reduction in Commission members' salaries, a reduction in planned positions, and accounting changes.

Tony Forchione, OCCC Director of Licensing and Investigation, presented for consideration by the Commission, the application of three individuals for key employee licenses. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigation had completed their background investigation of the applications and reports had been distributed. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2014-13, granting three-year key employee licenses to William Fair, Penn National Gaming; Juliet Lim, Global Cash Access; and John Meacham, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and the Resolution was unanimously approved.

Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission a request for a waiver from Internal Controls from Hollywood Casino Columbus, and requests for amendments to Internal Controls from all four Ohio casinos. All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

Hollywood Casino Columbus requested a waiver to one rule regarding its use of surveillance cameras. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the waiver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved. Hollywood Columbus also requested amendments to Internal Controls allowing for the addition of a Vice President of Casino Operations and accompanying regulatory language changes. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Hollywood Casino Toledo requested changes to its Accounting, Player Services, Security, Table Games, and Tips plans. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati requested the addition of a table game and changes to its Table Games plan to reflect that addition. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Horseshoe Casino Cleveland requested changes to its Accounting, Cage, Slots and Table Games plans. Commissioner Hoke made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

John Barron, OCCC Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, presented one final order to the Commission for consideration.

In re: Thomas Hansman, Jr., (Case # 2014-LIC-009). Mr. Hansman was notified of the intent to revoke his Casino Gaming Employee license. A hearing was requested but the request was withdrawn prior to the hearing being held. Chair Davidson moved to revoke the Casino Gaming Employee license of Thomas Hansman. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

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

Signed,
Katherine L. Kelly
Commission Clerk

Approved: August 20, 2014