

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – October 15, 2014  
RHODES TOWER, LOBBY HEARING ROOM  
30 W. BROAD STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioner Martin Hoke had an excused absence. The minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with a review of the continued importance of providing resources for Ohioans with a gambling addiction, in accordance with the Ohio Constitution. Mr. Schuler reported the OCCC has partnered with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to provide prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for gambling disorder under Ohio for Responsible Gambling. Mr. Schuler introduced Tracy Plouck, Director of OhioMHAS to provide a review of the state fiscal year (SFY) 2014 plan for problem gambling services, and outline the anticipated SFY 2015 plan.

Director Plouck explained the SFY 2014 plan focused on workforce capacity building, community prevention and treatment, and performance measures updates. A total of \$3.8 million from the Problem Casino Gambling and Addictions Fund was distributed to the 50 Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health/Alcohol, Drug Addiction Services county boards for planning, prevention and treatment services related to gambling issues. Ohio continues to be a leader in workforce capacity building in both prevention and treatment of gambling disorder by offering training sessions and resources to a variety of health professionals state-wide. A majority of resources were dedicated to community awareness and prevention outreach, which allowed the dissemination of information to wider audiences. Treatment data for SFY 2014 revealed nearly 26,000 Ohioans were screened for problem gambling, with 3.5% being diagnosed and/or provided treatment for gambling disorder. Over 9,700 citizens took advantage of the Ohio Problem Gambling Helpline, with 21.86% calls regarding casino slots or tables. For SFY 2015, Director Plouck indicated a slight calibration in treatment and prevention was required, and a "Community Capacity Building" category was added to allow for 13 grants to support the development and implementation of evidence-based practice models for the prevention and treatment of gambling disorder. To achieve these goals, the SFY 2015 plan entailed \$5.8 million in funding, with 40% of the budget being allocated to prevention, 26% to treatment, and 23% to community capacity building, with any remaining balance from the SFY 2014 plan to be carried over. Specific goals for SFY 2015 include contracting a problem gambling expert to review Ohio's current system and a continuous quality improvement field agent, and development of a second state-wide survey on problem gambling activity and attitudes to generate county-level estimates of at-risk and problem gambling prevalence.

Chair Davidson thanked Director Plouck for her presentation. Commissioner Lucas commended Director Plouck and her staff on their efforts and partnership with the OCCC, expressing that the growing accessibility of gambling, has only created a greater need to protect the community. Commissioner Steinhauer asked Director Plouck if any outreach efforts had been done to try to seek out problem gamblers to spread prevention and treatment messages. Scott Anderson, Problem Gambling Treatment

Coordinator with OhioMHAS indicated a number of outreach programs had been attempted, involving the state's Treasurer's office and courts state-wide.

Mr. Schuler continued his report to the Commissioners, reporting staff was actively focusing on renewals. Mr. Schuler indicated 1,600 letters had been recently sent to CGEs reminding them of the renewal process, licensing events were scheduled to take place at each of the casinos in November, renewal information updates had been made to the OCCC website, and Director of Licensing and Investigations, Anthony Forchione was working with casino HR managers to ensure CGEs are adequately notified. It was noted that scope of licensing information for casino operators, management companies, Gaming-Related vendors renewals applications would be ready for review at the next Commission meeting.

Mr. Schuler then deferred to Noah Browning, OCCC Fiscal Officer and Acting Director of Operations, to present the quarterly review of agency revenues and expenditures. Mr. Schuler ended his report indicating the OCCC remained on a strong financial footing.

Aleah Page, Manager of Vendor and Operator Licensing then presented to the Commission for consideration, the Gaming-Related Vendor license application of Bally Gaming, Inc. (Bally Gaming). Bally Gaming is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bally Technologies and was granted an initial Gaming-Related Vendor License by the Commission on April 18, 2012. On the same date, Bally Technologies, Inc. (Bally) was found suitable as a holding company. On August 1, 2014, the OCCC was notified that Scientific Games Corporation (SGC) and Bally had entered into an agreement under which SGC would acquire Bally and its subsidiaries, including Bally Gaming. The acquisition expected to be approved by the stockholders of Bally on or about November 18, 2014. Upon closing of the transaction, Bally and its subsidiaries will become wholly-owned subsidiaries of SGC. OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations has completed its report of the proposed transaction and recommended approval of the license subject to standard conditions. Ms. Page introduced Mike Fries for Bally Gaming, who was present to answer any questions. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve Commission Resolution 2014-18, granting a three year Gaming-Related Vendor license to Bally Gaming, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved. The Resolution was adopted.

Anthony Forchione, Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented for consideration by the Commission, Key Employee Licenses for three individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigation had completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2014-19, granting three-year key employee licenses to Gerald Griffin, Director of Player Services, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Ronen Stauber, Independent Director, Caesars Entertainment Operating Company; and Steven Winograd, Independent Director, Caesars Entertainment Operating Company. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration, the approval of Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte) as Rock Ohio Caesars LLC's (ROC's) independent registered certified public accounting firm for the purposes of preparing the required annual audited financial statement. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2014-20, approving Deloitte as the accounting firm for ROC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Mr. Martin presented to the Commission for their consideration, the approval of casino gaming area designations for both Hollywood Casino Columbus (Hollywood) and Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (Horseshoe). Mr. Martin first presented Hollywood's casino gaming area designation for approval. Chair Davidson inquired whether Hollywood's security cameras had sufficient coverage. Mr. Martin reported that Gaming Agent Mark Leatherman personally reviewed the cameras and had found them adequate. Commissioner Steinhauer inquired if the machines that would be placed in the outdoor gaming area were new machines or machines that the casino already had on site. Mr. Martin reported the machines that would be used were machines that were already on site and had been approved by the Commission. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the amended casino gaming area designation for Hollywood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Mr. Martin then presented the approval of Horseshoe's casino gaming area designation. Mr. Martin advised the Commissioners that the Commission was still working through some core issues, including security around the perimeter. Mr. Martin recommended approval of Horseshoe's gaming area designation with the understanding that issues would still need to be addressed prior to the opening of its outdoor gaming area. Chair Davidson made a motion to approve the amended casino gaming area designation for Horseshoe, with permission to open being based on all Commission requirements being met prior to its opening. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Mr. Martin then presented amendments to Internal Controls being requested by all four casinos. All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- Hollywood Columbus Casino requested changes to its Marketing, Security, and Table Games plans. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.
- Hollywood Toledo Casino requested changes to its Player Services, Slots, Tables, and Tips & Gratuities plans. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.
- Horseshoe Cincinnati Casino requested changes to its Table Game rules for a bonus wager to Mississippi Stud, and to its Sensitive Key and Promotions plans. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
- Horseshoe Cleveland Casino requested changes to its Table Game rules for Mini-Baccarat and Pai Gow Poker, and to its Tips and Gratuities plans. A motion to approve the proposed changes was made by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

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

In re: Keith Brown, Jr., (Case # 2014-LIC-024), a hearing was not requested. Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Keith Brown, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Chair Davidson, Mr. Schuler and the Commission acknowledged Director of Communications Tama Davis for her valued service at the Commission.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,



Lara B. Thomas  
Commission Clerk

Approved: 11/12/14