

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – June 17, 2015  
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 10:14 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 May 20, 2015 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Manoranjan, seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with an update on license renewals, indicating the Licensing Division is continuing to receive a steady stream of renewal and new license applications. Mr. Schuler noted a licensing event will be scheduled for the Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati property, and the renewal application for the Hollywood Casino Columbus property is currently being processed by the Licensing Division.

Laura Clemens, Director of Government Affairs and Responsible Gambling Program Coordinator, then provided an update on the Voluntary Exclusion Program (VEP) campaign. Ms. Clemens reported that the previous year's "I Lost A Bet" campaign targeted towards 18-24 year olds, had been a success. Ms. Clemens indicated that a new campaign, "Be the 95%, Responsible Gambling Starts with You," would be released in late August. The new campaign will be geared towards public awareness and focused on community influence with a positive public health approach. Ms. Clemens then provided an update on House Bill 64, which contains language pertaining to the Commission's oversight of skill-based games.

Anna Marin Russell, OCCC Financial and Tax Investigation Counsel, presented for consideration a financial debt transaction proposal for Penn National Gaming, Inc. (Penn). Ms. Russell indicated that Penn, on behalf of its wholly owned subsidiaries, requested approval of a debt transaction related to its existing senior credit facilities, which will primarily be used to fund the acquisition of the Tropicana Las Vegas Casino Hotel Resort (Tropicana). Chris Rogers, Vice President and Senior Corporate Counsel for Penn, indicated that Penn feels the acquisition of the Tropicana is a strategic fit with a compelling price. Penn believes this property will leverage and increase market share and branding, which will positively affect Ohio properties. Ms. Russell reported that the Division of Licensing and Investigations completed the required probity investigation of Penn's proposed debt transaction and recommended approval of the Commission's Resolution 2015-22.

Commissioner Steinhauer suggested including a deadline to close the debt transaction in Resolution 2015-22. A motion to approve an amendment of Resolution 2015-22 to include a condition to close the debt transaction by December 31, 2015 was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved. Ms. Russell stated the Division of Licensing and Investigations had found Penn's proposal to be commercially reasonable and recommended approval of the amended Commission's Resolution 2015-22 approving the debt transaction with conditions. A motion to approve the debt transaction was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Anthony Forchione, Director of Licensing and Investigations, then presented to the Commission for consideration, Key Employee Licenses for four individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations had completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval. Mr. Forchione recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2015-23, granting three-year key employee licenses to Michael Fay, Slot Operations Manager, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati; Thomas McDonald, Director of Player Services, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Francis Quigley, General Manager, Hollywood Casino Toledo; and Thomas Schneider, Senior Account Executive, Casino Sales, USPC. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Michelle Siba, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration a rule amendment for final filing. Ms. Siba explained that the Commission approved an amendment to Ohio Adm. Code 3772-8-03 (Amendment) at the February 11, 2015 public meeting. The amendment reduces the total cost required to renew a three-year casino gaming employee license to \$196.00, which includes the cost to process fingerprints. Ms. Siba reported that the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review's (JCARR) jurisdiction over the rule had ended on June 11, 2015. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2015-24, approving final filing of the rule amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved. Ms. Siba then presented corresponding amendments to the Casino Gaming Employee License Application. Commissioner Lucas moved to adopt the amended application. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved. Similarly, Ms. Siba presented changes to the Key Employee License Application - Ohio Supplement. The motion to adopt was made by Commissioner Lucas, was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

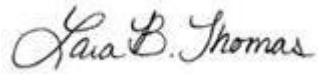
Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration Internal Controls being requested by all four of the casinos. All the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- Hollywood Casino Columbus (HWC) sought changes to its Marketing, Table Games, and Tips/Gratuities plans. Most importantly, HWC will be the first Ohio casino to implement and outline the ODJFS support intercept process for promotional drawings. It was also noted that HWC would be increasing the payouts for its recently approved Sic Bo game. Lastly, controls for storing tournament chips in the cage when not in use were added. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
- Hollywood Casino Toledo (HWT) sought changes to its Player Services, Anti-Money Laundering (AML), and Table Games plans. It was noted HWT's changes included three important items, including improved controls on kiosk canisters during repairs, updates to its AML plan with "know your customer" controls and better descriptions of the committees involved in AML actions, and controls for blackjack tournaments that consider different payouts and dealing procedures. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
- Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (UCI) requested changes to its Information Technology plan only. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

- Horseshoe Casino Cleveland (UCL) sought changes to its Cage, Information Technology, Table Games, and Promotions plans, including the addition of the Free Bet Blackjack game. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

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

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara B. Thomas".

Lara B. Thomas  
Commission Secretary

Approved: July 15, 2015