

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – February 17, 2016
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 9:59 a.m. by Vice Chair June Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Chair Davidson and Commissioner Hoke had excused absences. The minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer.

Executive Director Schuler's report was moved to the end of the agenda.

Matthew Oyster, Director of Licensing and Investigations, then presented to the Commission for consideration, Key Employee licenses for five individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations had completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2016-06, granting three-year key employee licenses to Rafael Verde, Hollywood Casino Toledo, Chad Barnhill, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, Steven Nagata, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati, Kagetsugi Kozuki, Konami Gaming, Inc., and Yoko Kozuki, Konami Gaming, Inc. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Mr. Oyster then presented to the Commissioner for consideration, a Key Employee renewal application for one individual. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations had completed a background investigation of the applicant and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2016-07, granting a three-year key employee license to James Nasca, Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Michelle Siba, OCCC Deputy General Counsel, reviewed for the Commission proposed amendments to existing rules, pursuant to the required R.C. 119.04 statutory five-year review. A motion to move to adopt the initial rules and amendments was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and adopted.

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

- Hollywood Casino Columbus (HCO) sought mostly organizational changes to its General, Marketing, Table Games, and Standards for Contractors plans. HCO also sought improved controls for its vendor certification process, in response to audit findings. Additionally, HCO is adding a poker promotional fund aimed at tournament players. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

- Hollywood Casino Toledo (HCT) sought changes to its General, Player Services, Slot Operations, Table Games, Tips and Gratuities, and Standards for Contractors plans, which were minor fixes to audit findings. Additionally, HCT is updating and moving its vendor certification controls to a new subsection to mirror HCO's internal controls. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.
- Horseshoe Casino Cincinnati (UCI) sought organizational changes to its Slot Operations, Table Games, and Promotions plans. Importantly, UCI reverted its table and slots department back to its structure that existed last Fall. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.
- Horseshoe Casino Cleveland (UCL) sought changes to its Table Games plan to respond to an audit finding that its card replacement controls were vague as to whether they meant single or multiple deck games. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Mr. Martin then presented to the Commission for consideration, initial internal controls for Rock Gaming's Cleveland casino. Proposed Internal Audit and Vendor Certifications plans had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff. Commissioner Manoranjan made a motion to approve the proposed internal controls. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with a quarterly budget update FY 2016. Mr. Schuler noted that the casino revenue generated in October, November, and December was 8.6% higher than estimated, consequently starting off this year's budget better than in previous years.


Mr. Schuler reported that the Division of Regulatory has created its 2016 audit plan, which will consist of a total of 324 audits at the four casinos. Between the OCCC's on-site auditors and the central office compliance team, each of the casinos will undergo 79-80 separate audits. This schedule will allow the regulatory team to conduct very thorough audits of all material items in the Ohio Admin. Code and the each of the casino's internal controls.

Next, Mr. Schuler announced March is designated as Problem Gambling Awareness month, and on March 3rd and 4th, the Annual Problem Gambling Conference will be held. This year the conference will be focusing on the science behind gambling addiction, with best practices in prevention and treatment. This year a gaming industry panel will be a part of the conference, which will include compliance officers to provide dialogue between those that witness addiction in the casino first-hand and those that treat those individuals. Additionally, as part of the ongoing "Be the 95%" campaign, a television ad will be launched during March Madness to encourage people to be legal and responsible.

Lastly, Mr. Schuler reported that Mr. Oyster, who had applied for and was accepted into the Ohio Certified Public Manager Program (OCPM), was required to submit a practical project idea that would enhance learning opportunities or improve state government. On March 4th, The Inaugural Gaming-Law Symposium: The New Normal in Gaming will be held, which will provide an overview of the Commission's creation and responsibilities, and discussion panels on the topics of skilled games, fantasy sports, anti-money laundering, and responsible gaming.

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: March 16, 2016