The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chair Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Jo Ann Davidson, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauser were also in attendance. Commissioner Lynn Slaby had an excused absence. The minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Davidson, seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with a budget review. Gaming employee fees were reported to be below estimates, however, an influx in fees is anticipated due to the receipt of renewal applications from November’s first licensing renewal event. The Commission is on track to meet estimates for all other fees. Salaries and benefit expenditures were below estimates, due to the Commission experiencing some vacancies during the quarter, and budgeted skill games positions yet to be filled. The Commission was on target for all other expenditures.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with an update on House Bill 132 (HB 132). The Ohio Senate voted to approved HB 132, giving the Commission jurisdiction over daily fantasy sports contests in Ohio, including the authority to license, regulate, investigate, and penalize those persons in a manner that is consistent with the Commission’s authority to do the same with respect to skill-based amusement machines. The bill grants the Commission rule-making authority with respect to fantasy sports contests, and provides consumer protections for those individuals participating. The House, which originally approved the bill in May, has backed the changes made by the Senate, and is ready to go to Governor Kasich. Ohio will become the 19th state to authorize fantasy sports contests with the passage of HB 132.

Matthew Oyster, Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration the Gaming-Related Vendor license applications for Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. (AGT Inc.) and Ainsworth Game Technology Limited (AGT Ltd.), as well as initial Key Employee applications for 15 related individuals. Due to a change in majority ownership, AGT Inc. and AGT Ltd. were required to apply for and obtain new gaming-related vendor licenses in order to continue to conduct business with the four Ohio casinos. The Commission previously found AGT Inc. and AGT Ltd. (collectively, “Applicant”) suitable for licensure. AGT Ltd. was issued an initial gaming-related vendor license on December 12, 2012, through Resolution 2012-91, and AGT Inc. was issued an initial gaming-related vendor license on May 22, 2014, through Resolution 2014-09. The Commission again considered the Applicants’ suitability in 2017 when the agency renewed AGT Inc.’s gaming-related vendor license and granted AGT Ltd’s new gaming-related vendor license on June 21, 2017, through Resolution 2017-10. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed suitability background investigations of AGT Inc. and AGT Ltd., as well as its holding companies, and 15 Key Employees, and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of [Commission Resolution 2017-19](#) granting a three-year Gaming-Related Vendor license to AGT Inc. and AGT
LTD., and three-year initial key employee licenses to its 15 key employees. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Steinbauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

Mr. Oyster then presented a gaming-related vendor license renewal application for Everi Games, Inc. (Everi). The former was issued an initial gaming-related vendor license on May 9, 2012, through resolution 2012-53. Subsequently, and as a result of Everi Holdings Inc.’s acquisition of Everi in December 2014, the commission issued Everi a new gaming-related vendor license on December 19, 2014, through resolution 2014-23. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed a suitability background investigation on Everi, as well as its holding companies, and 19 key employees, and recommended approval. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of commission resolution 2017-20 granting a three-year gaming-related vendor license to Everi. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Next, Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the commission two rules for consideration of initial filing: 3772-50-04 and 3772-50-07. The proposed rules had been reviewed by the commission at earlier public meetings, however, commission staff made changes to the rules after discussions with stakeholders. The changes will lower the application fee for both license types from fifteen thousand to three thousand and will lower the license fee from five thousand to three thousand. Additionally, language was added in proposed rule 3772-50-04 to clarify that the provision applies to type-C skill-based amusement machine operators. A majority voice vote approved the initial filing of the rules.

Craig Donahue, Manager of Audits, presented to the commission for their consideration, amendments to internal controls being requested by JACK Cincinnati Casino (JCI). All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- JCI sought to replace the pay table for its craps fire bet wager option. The replacement would add an additional way to win and change other payout amounts in the pay table. JCI provided analysis of the newly requested pay table which was prepared by an Ohio certified independent testing laboratory. Commission staff reviewed the analysis, and recommended approval. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinbauer and approved.

John Barron, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, presented to the commission two final orders for consideration:

In re: Jordan Boeh [case #2017-LIC-050] Chair Taylor made a motion to revoke the CGE license for Jordan Boeh. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

In re: Gwendolyn Jones [case #2017-LIC-044] Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the CGE license application for Gwendolyn Jones. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davidson and approved.

The commission acknowledged Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel John Barron, for his service to the commission.

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

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Lara B. Thomas  
Commission Secretary  
Approved: January 17, 2018