

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

10:00 A.M. – December 12, 2018
JO ANN DAVIDSON HEARING ROOM
100 E. BROAD STREET, 20TH FLOOR
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson and Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Commissioner Slaby.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with a legislative update. The anti-counterfeit bill, HB 405, has passed and will take effect in January 2019. This law is a new tool for the Enforcement Division to use in credit-card-fraud and false-currency cases. The bill creates a state criminal offense for counterfeiting, punishable up to a first-degree felony. SB 221, which will take effect in February 2019, will overhaul the agency rule review process. Notably, any informational change on an existing rule that JCARR feels does not meet legislative standards may require the agency to submit the existing rule for review. Additionally, Mr. Schuler reported there are several bills currently pending that could impact the agency. SB 255 would require all occupational licensing boards to expire that are not renewed every six years by the General Assembly. This bill would require these boards to submit a report before a standing committee containing information regarding the board's purpose, workload, budget, and staffing. The board would have the burden of proving the need for its continued existence. SB 293 would require each state agency to reduce regulatory restrictions by 30% by either amending or rescinding rules containing the restrictions at an incremental rate of 10% over years 2021-2023. Finally, no movement has been made on either HB 714 or SB 316 regarding sports-betting legislation.

Next, Mr. Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, provided a budget update. Revenue was reported to be on track for the month of November Expenses were below estimates. It was noted that administrative-hearing-expense estimates were increased to anticipate the influx of hearings for expected skill-based amusement machine licensing cases.

Lastly, Mr. Schuler ended his report with Michael Masterson, Director of Enforcement, providing an enforcement update. Mr. Masterson reported that the Enforcement Division, in cooperation with local law enforcement, recently executed search warrants on numerous illegal casinos in Northeast Ohio, in which dozens of slot machines were disabled and \$1.3 million was seized. Mr. Masterson indicated that a new evidence policy has now gone into effect, along with the purchase of a new evidence-tracking system. Finally, in light of the recent opioid crisis, the Enforcement and Legal Divisions worked together to craft and implement a new opioid exposure protocol to ensure the protection and safety of Commission agents and staff.

Aleah Page, Manager of Licensing, Casino Gaming and Fantasy Contests, presented to the Commission for consideration of six key-employee license applications. The Licensing and Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2018-41, granting three-year key-employee licenses to: Justin Carter, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Yoshihiro Iuchi, Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd.; Yoshihiro Matsuura, Konami Holdings Corporation; Stephanus Nel, TCS John Huxley America, Inc.; Christopher Riley, Hollywood Casino Columbus; and Mark Tricano, JACK Cleveland Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for consideration of 23 skill-based amusement machine-related license applications. The Skill Games Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2018-42, granting three-year skill-based amusement machine-related licenses upon receipt of the required licensing fees. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Michelle Siba, Deputy General Counsel, then presented to the Commission for consideration of rule amendments for final filing. Ms. Siba explained that the Commission initially approved the proposed amendments to Ohio Adm.Code 3772-11-01, 3772-11-07, 3772-11-19, and 3772-11-25 at the May 16, and June 20, 2018 public meetings. After receiving initial approval of the amendments, Commission staff filed them along with a Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO). The CSIO was noted to have reviewed and subsequently authorized the Commission to proceed with filing the amendments with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. Commissioner Steinhauer made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2018-43, approving final filing of the amendments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next, Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration of five final orders:

In re: Edward Pirie (case #2018-LIC-010). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modification to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Edward Pirie. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

In re: Gregory Bodak (case #2018-LIC-026). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Gregory Bodak. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

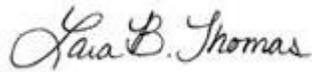
In re: Derek Dowdley (case #2018-LIC-024). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Derek Dowdley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Dashira Soto (case #2018-LIC-029). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Dashira Soto. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

In re: Melvin Walker (case #2018-LIC-028). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Melvin Walker. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas 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: January 16, 2019