

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – October 17, 2018
100 E. BROAD STREET, 20TH FLOOR
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson and Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Commissioner Lynn Slaby had an excused absence. The minutes of the September 19, 2018 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a summary budget report for the first quarter of FY19. Mr. Anthony reported that the revenues for the quarter exceeded estimates, mainly attributed to tax revenue being 8.4% above estimates. Casino-Gaming Employee fees were slightly below estimates. Mr. Anthony explained that skill-based amusement machine licensing fees from registrations and applications were included for the quarter. This revenue is projected to decrease throughout the year as the majority of those applications have been filed. Expenses were below estimates, with yearly purchased personal services and equipment included in the first quarter.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with a brief presentation by John Finamore, Sr. Vice President, Regional Operations, regarding Penn National's (Penn) acquisition of Pinnacle Entertainment (Pinnacle). Mr. Finamore indicated that the transaction to acquire Pinnacle had completed, and Penn is now the largest regional operator in the United States, offering a total of 43 casinos. Mr. Finamore explained that Penn is one property away from becoming a Fortune 500 company, and has achieved this in rapid success, growing from five properties to the 43 in only 16 years. Mr. Finamore ended his presentation announcing that Rafael Verde, the General Manager at Hollywood Casino Toledo (HCT), will begin overseeing Penn's casinos and racinos in Ohio and Indiana as the company's newest Sr. Vice President, Regional Operations, and that Justin Carter will succeed Mr. Verde as HCT's next General Manager. Mr. Finamore also announced that Jason Birney will be the General Manager of Hollywood Casino Columbus.

Ms. Monica Wilcoxon, Investigator Supervisor, presented to the Commission for consideration of eight key employee license applications. The Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2018-34, granting three-year key employee licenses to: Douglas Albregts, Scientific Games Corporation; Chad Barnhill, JACK Cincinnati Casino; Mitchell Bowen, Aristocrat International Pty Limited; Angelica Capozziello, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Leslie Cook, JACK Cleveland Casino; Barry Cottle, Scientific Games Corporation; Luke Orchard, IGT; and Rafael Verde, HCT. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for consideration of 81 skill-based amusement machine-related license applications. The Division of Skill Games completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2018-36, 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 Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Amanda Blackford, Manager of Problem Gambling Services, presented requested internal control changes to the combined internal responsible gambling (RG) plan of Hollywood Casino Columbus and HCT, to merge each property's existing RG plan, so that both properties will operate from the same controls. In addition to the integration of the plans, changes were made to streamline controls, provide clarification, and reflect existing best practices. The proposed changes had been reviewed and were recommended for approval. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

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

In re: Carl Immormino (case #2017-LIC-061). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modification to deny licensure for Carl Immormino. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

In re: Jeffrey Hessel (case #2018-LIC-020). Chair Taylor made a motion to revoke the Casino Gaming Employee License for Jeffrey Hessel. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

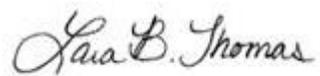
In re: David Linville (case #2018-LIC-019). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for David Linville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Lester Vokas (case #2018-LIC-018). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Lester Vokas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

The next item on the agenda was a dedication of the Ohio Casino Control Commission's hearing room in the name of Jo Ann Davidson. Vice-Chair Davidson recused herself from discussing, voting on, or otherwise participating in the matter. Chair Taylor made a motion to adopt proposed Resolution 2018-35 dedicating the Commission's hearing room as the "Jo Ann Davidson Hearing Room." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and adopted by a roll call vote 5-0.

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

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lara B. Thomas". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Signed,".

Lara B. Thomas

Commission Secretary

Approved: November 14, 2018