

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – February 20, 2019
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 10:32 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Commissioners Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson and Commissioner McKinley Brown had excused absences. The minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Steinhauer and seconded by Commissioner Slaby.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with a problem gambling update, announcing March was once again recognized as Problem Gambling Awareness month in Ohio. The annual conference for problem gambling is set to begin on Thursday, February 28th. Mr. Schuler announced that the joint voluntary exclusion program (VEP) between the Commission and the Ohio Lottery Commission will roll-out on March 1st. The joint VEP will allow Ohioans to ban themselves from all casinos and racinos simultaneously and will ensure all VEP information will be held confidential. Amanda Blackford, Manager of Problem Gambling, and Michelle Siba, Deputy General Counsel, recently trained all Commission enforcement agents on the new VEP electronic system.

Next, Mr. Schuler provided the Commission a skill games update reporting that the Skill Games Division officially has 1,000 license applications in que for all license types. The first annual report for type-C and type-B skill-based amusement machine operator and skill-based amusement machine vendor licensees will be due at the end of March to ensure licensees are complying with all aspects of Ohio law.

Then, Mr. Schuler and Michael Masterson, Director of Enforcement, provided an enforcement update. Since the Commission's first illegal casino raid in April of 2015, the Commission has served 79 warrants and has seized 3,000 illegal slot machines. The Commission remains vigilant and committed to end all illegal establishments. The number of complaints regarding these establishments continue to grow, and no less than 76 active investigations are currently being performed.

Lastly, Mr. Schuler ended his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget update. Mr. Anthony reported that the Commission remains on target for revenue and below estimates for expenditures. Taxes for the quarter were reported to be above estimates, and up 3% for the year. Revenue adjustments were made due to skill-based amusement machine fee rule changes, which required refunds to individuals that had paid the fee amount under the old regulation. Equipment for the month was above estimates due to an unanticipated cost of replacing old gaming agent vests, and work done for the new VEP electronic program.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented for consideration, Key Employee license applications for 11 individuals. The Licensing & Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2019-06, granting three-year key-employee licenses to: Hector Fernandez, Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.; Albert Fornaro, International Game Technology PLC; William Herndon, JACK Cincinnati Casino; Ryan Hinthorne, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Benjamin Humann, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Amy Kuzdowicz, JACK Entertainment, LLC; Kelly Lister, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Angela Mabbitt, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Thomas Rafferty, Interblock USA L.C.; James Sottile, Scientific Games Corporation; and Kneeland Youngblood, Scientific Games Corporation. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Berena Seifert, Manager of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for consideration of 14 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 2019-07, 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 Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Chris Fleenor, Manager of Compliance and Gaming, presented to the Commission 27 new or amended rules for initial filing. These rules include amendments, recisions, and new language related to advertisements, promotions, and player-against-player contests. A motion to adopt the amendments was made by Chair Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

William Cox, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration of six final orders:

In re: Frank Black, IV (case #2018-LIC-038). Chair Taylor made a motion to revoke the Casino Gaming Employee License for Frank Black, IV. The motion was seconded by Commission Slaby and approved.

In re: Dion Flores (case #2018-LIC-011). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation with modifications to revoke licensure for Dion Flores. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Trent Paul (case #2018-LIC-043). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Trent Paul. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

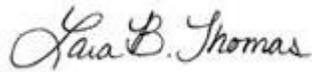
In re: Thomas Pointinger (case #2018-LIC-040). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Thomas Pointinger. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Gregory Pridgen (case #2018-LIC-013). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modification to revoke licensure for Gregory Pridgen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Ramon Scott (case #2018-LIC-030). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Ramon Scott. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby 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: March 20, 2019