

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

10:00 A.M. – May 15, 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 10:03 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Vice-Chair Davidson and Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved following a motion by Vice-Chair Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Lucas.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget update. Mr. Anthony reported that fourth quarter tax revenues had been received and showed a 2.3% increase. Revenues and expenses were both on track for the Commission. It was noted that an increase in equipment was attributed to a necessary upgrade of the Compliance Division's TeamMate software.

Next, Mr. Schuler provided a legislative update regarding sports wagering. House Bill 194, which would authorize sports wagering and task the Ohio Lottery Commission with oversight, has been assigned to the House Finance Committee. The first hearing in which the sponsor will deliver testimony, is to be held next week. Senate Bill 111, a similar bill that would authorize sports wagering, but task the Commission with oversight, is pending referral to a committee.

Then, Mr. Schuler reported that JACK Ohio has finalized negotiations to sell the JACK Cincinnati Casino. Under the agreement, Vici Properties (Vici) will purchase the real property and Hard Rock will acquire the operating assets. The Division of Licensing & Investigations has begun reviewing and investigating Hard Rock's casino operator, Vici's gaming-related vendor, and both entities' associated key employees' license applications.

Lastly, Mr. Schuler ended his report by providing the Commission with an enforcement update. Recently, Commission gaming agents assisted agents from the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, the FBI, and the Department of the Treasury's Office of the Inspector General on executing search warrants for seven suspected illegal casinos and two residences, in Stark and Summit counties. The warrants resulted in over 250 slot machines being seized or disabled, and over \$375,000 put into evidence. Some of these locations had been previously raided and had re-opened. Since the Commission's first raid in 2015, gaming agents have worked with local law enforcement and county prosecutors to serve warrants on 88 locations, and have seized or disabled over 3,000 slot machines.

Aleah Page, Manager of Licensing, Casino Gaming and Fantasy Contests, presented for consideration, the gaming-related vendor license renewal application for The United States Playing Card Company

(USPC). The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed a suitability investigation of USPC, its holding company, and key employees, and recommended approval. Ms. Page recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2019-14, granting three-year gaming-related vendor and key employee licenses to USPC and its key employees. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Slaby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Next, Ms. Page presented to the Commission for consideration, key-employee license applications for nine individuals. The Licensing & Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of Resolution 2019-15, granting three-year key-employee licenses to: Bartholomäus Czapkiewicz, Novomatic AG; Michael Dominelli, NRT Technology Corp.; Geoffrey Freeman, PlayAGS, Inc.; Michael Ka'ahanui, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Timothy Kelley, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Bennie Mancino, JACK Entertainment, LLC; Shinji Nakamura, Stichting Administratiekantoor Kozuki Foundation; Nick Theofanis, NRT Technology Corp.; and Mathew Wooddell, Hollywood Casino Toledo. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for consideration of 52 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 2019-16, 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.

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

In re: Tiffany Clarke (case #2019-LIC-009). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Tiffany Clarke. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Quincy Hogans (case #2019-LIC-011). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Quincy Hogans. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Sasha Jackson (case #2019-LIC-013). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Sasha Jackson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

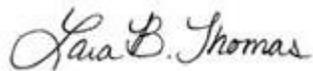
In re: Caleb Meredith (case #2018-LIC-041). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Caleb Meredith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

In re: Clinton Steelman (case #2019-LIC-006). Chair Taylor made a motion to revoke the Casino Gaming Employee License for Clinton Steelman. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

In re: Sharla Williams (case #2019-LIC-017). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Sharla Williams. 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: June 17, 2019