

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – December 16, 2020
Meeting Held Virtually – Microsoft Teams Live Event

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:02 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 18, 2020 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby and seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget report. Mr. Anthony reported that a casino tax revenue distribution will be made in January. It was noted it was still too early to tell how the curfew has affected casino revenue, but the Commission continues to monitor the casinos and will be able to elaborate in greater detail of its affects in January. Mr. Anthony noted that Michigan’s casinos remain closed, which has resulted in the Hollywood Toledo Casino faring better than in previous years. Fee revenue was noted to be a little slow but is expected to level out towards the end of the fiscal year. Salaries and benefits continue to be below estimates, due to consolidating positions and choosing to not backfill some positions at this time. Personal purchased services are expected to increase throughout the fiscal year due to an increase in administrative hearing costs. Supplies and maintenance expenses include costs for services provided by other agencies. Mr. Anthony explained that due to timing issues, the billing for these expenses might be higher in some months than others but are expected to level out by the end of the year. Enforcement expenses included contractually allowed clothing allowances for gaming agents and training costs for staff.

Next, Mr. Schuler highlighted two members of staff on their stellar work and participation in professional organizations, which have allowed the Commission to benefit from shared knowledge and experience. Firstly, Mr. Schuler reported that on December 8th, Enforcement Intelligence Analyst Geoff Keener hosted the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI) – Ohio Chapter’s first virtual meeting. IAFCI is a non-profit international organization that provides services and an environment with which information about financial fraud, fraud investigation, and fraud prevention methods can be collected, exchanged, and taught. Mr. Keener has served as the Ohio Chapter President for the last four years, which has over 100 members from throughout the state with representatives from law enforcement, banking and retail, and the service sectors. Mr. Keener is currently working to facilitate another virtual training in the Spring of 2021. Mr. Schuler praised Mr. Keener for his continuing efforts to be an excellent ambassador for the Commission.

Mr. Schuler ended his report highlighting Manager of Compliance & Gaming Chris Fleenor’s participation as a virtual panel member at a training hosted by the International Gaming Standards Association (iGSA) on December 13th in Macau, China. The panel provided training for professionals of the Macau

Polytechnic Institute (MPI), providing education on the gaming standards and their use and impact within the gaming industry. Mr. Fleenor's panel covered the Certification Database Interface protocol, Game Authentication Terminal, Network GAT, Directory Hashing, and touched on Game to System protocols. These are sophisticated and modern protocols that can be used by regulators to create efficiencies and allow for a more autonomous and analytical approach to regulating—saving time, reducing human error, and improving integrity. Mr. Fleenor is a nationally recognized expert and is one of the go-to individuals on any discussion or training regarding electronic gaming equipment and associated systems and is an asset to the Commission.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration three key-employee license applications. The Licensing & Investigations Division completed background investigations of the applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-46, granting or renewing key-employee licenses to: Fredrick Watson, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Jennifer Miglionico-Poulsen, Hollywood Casino Columbus; and Matthew Wilson, Scientific Games Corporation. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Chair Taylor. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games and Senior Legal Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration 39 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 2020-47, granting skill-based amusement machine-related licenses upon receipt of the required licensing fees. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Chelsea Castle, Audit Supervisor, presented to the Commission for consideration the three-year approval of BDO USA, LLP (BDO); Gompers, Lohri & Associates (Gompers); KMPG, LLP (KMPG); and Wolf & Company, PC (Wolf & Company) as independent registered certified public accounting firms for the purpose of conducting financial statement and compliance audits for Ohio fantasy contest operators. Ms. Castle explained that pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 3772-74-15, fantasy contest operators are required to undergo a financial audit each year and a compliance audit once each three-year licensure period. A motion to approve BDO, Gompers, KMPG, and Wolf & Company was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Mr. Oyster then presented to the Commission consideration of six administrative rules for final filing. Mr. Oyster explained that the Commission previously approved the rules at its August 19, 2020 meeting. After receiving this approval, the rules were filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office and then with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. After completing the rule-review process, the amended rules became eligible for final filing. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to adopt proposed Resolution

2020-48, approving the final filing of Ohio Adm.Code 3772-10-09, 3772-10-20, 3772-10-23, 3772-11-13, 3772-11-14, and 3772-11-34. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

John O'Brien, Senior Compliance and Gaming Analyst, presented to the Commission for consideration the independent testing laboratory certification renewals. Pursuant to R.C. 3772.31(B), the Commission is required to certify independent testing laboratories to scientifically test and technically evaluate all slot machines, mechanical, electromechanical, or electronic table games, slot accounting systems, and other electronic gaming equipment. Independent testing laboratories BMM North America Inc. (BMM) and Gaming Laboratories International, LLC (GLI) have applied for renewal of their certifications. The Regulatory Compliance Division completed an investigation to assess BMM's and GLI's capability to provide information and services to the Commission in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 3772-15. After doing so, the Regulatory Compliance Division concluded BMM and GLI have met the requirements for certification and recommended approval of proposed Resolutions 2020-49 and 2020-50, renewing BMM's and GLI's independent testing laboratory certifications. Vice-Chair Davidson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-49; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved. Vice-Chair Davidson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-50; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Mr. Oyster then presented to the Commission for consideration of the following two casino gaming final orders:

A final order regarding the denial of casino gaming license applications (case #2020-LIC-036--039). Chair Taylor moved to deny the casino gaming license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

A final order regarding Dexton Falls (case #2020-LIC-040). Chair Taylor moved to revoke the casino gaming license for Dexton Falls. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Ms. Morrison then presented to the Commission for consideration of the following two skill gaming final orders:

A final order regarding the denial of skill-based amusement machine license applications (case #2020-SLIC-135 -- 136, -146 -- -147, -150 -- -153, -177 -- -178, -185 -- -188, -195 -- -197, -201 -- -204, -207 -- -210, -232 -- -233, & -238). Chair Taylor moved to deny the skill-based amusement machine license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

A final order regarding the revocation of skill-based amusement machine licenses (case #2020-SLIC-241 & -242). Chair Taylor moved to revoke the skill-based licenses for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson 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 20, 2021