

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

10:00 A.M. – February 19, 2020
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 10:10 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson and Commissioner Ranjan Manoranjan had excused absences. The minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting were approved following a motion by Chair Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Slaby.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget report. Mr. Anthony reported the Commission remains on track for both revenue and expenditures. Gaming-related vendor, key-employee, and casino-gaming license fees continue to exceed estimates. Purchased personal services continue to be below estimates, due to skill-based amusement machine (SBAM) hearings not yet being realized.

Next, Mr. Schuler indicated that as part of the Commission's paperless initiative, the Commission plans to move forward with eliminating paper meeting materials and utilizing electronic tablets at future Commission meetings. Mr. Schuler explained that Commissioners Lucas and Slaby have been utilizing electronic tablets to test this initiative over the last four Commission meetings. The results of such implementation have proven successful with relative ease in transition. Mr. Schuler noted Mr. Anthony has been tasked with procuring additional tablets to advance this changeover.

Mr. Schuler ended his report acknowledging Ms. Rachel Kasper, Assistant General Counsel, for her service to the Commission. Ms. Kasper has moved on to the Ohio Attorney General's Office as the Supervising Attorney for the agency's new Litigation Support Unit.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration 14 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 2020-07, granting or renewing, as applicable, key-employee licenses to: Gary DeWitt, Jr., JACK Cincinnati Casino; Ida Freeman, Hollywood Casino Toledo; George Goldhoff, JACK Cincinnati Casino; Johannes Gratzl, Novomatic AG; Robyn Hamlin, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Lynne Mackin, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Jack Markell, Scientific Games Corporation; James McMahan, JACK Cleveland Casino; Brandon Moore, Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.; Dominik Racic, Novo Swiss AG; Samantha Ravich, International Game Technology PLC; Carl Sottosanti, Penn National Gaming, Inc.; Maria Vullo, Scientific Games Corporation; and Michael Wolber, JACK Cincinnati Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for consideration 44 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 2020-08, granting 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 Lucas and approved.

Aleah Page, Manager of Licensing, Casino Gaming & Fantasy Contests, presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for Fantasy Golf's OG, the Original GolfGame LLC (Golf OG). The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of Golf OG, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-09, granting an initial three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Next, Ms. Page presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for Two Nine Gaming Inc., d/b/a StatHero (StatHero). The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of StatHero, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-10, granting an initial three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Then, Ms. Page presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for DraftKings Inc. (DraftKings). The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of DraftKings, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-11, granting an initial three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Chair Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Then, Ms. Page presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for FanDuel Inc. (FanDuel). The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of FanDuel, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-12, granting an initial three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Finally, Ms. Page presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for Yahoo Fantasy Sports LLC (Yahoo). The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of Yahoo, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-13, granting an initial three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Craig Donahue, Manager of Compliance and Auditing, presented to the Commission for consideration the three-year approval of RubinBrown as an independent registered certified public accounting firm for the purpose of conducting financial statement and compliance audits for Ohio fantasy contest operators. Mr. Donahue 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 RubinBrown was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Ms. Morrison presented to the Commission for consideration a proposed amendment to existing rule 3772-50-08 for initial approval. Ms. Morrison explained that the purpose of the amendment is to create parity of fees between skill-based amusement machine licensees and applicants and reduce the cost of obtaining multiple skill-based amusement machine licensures as required under the administrative code. A motion to adopt the proposed amendment for initial filing was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next, Ms. Morrison recommended the Commission grant a waiver of the existing language of rule 3772-50-08. Additionally, Ms. Morrison recommended that the Commission's waiver be retroactively applied to all affected applicants, which would allow them to act under the proposed amended version of rule 3772-50-08. A motion to adopt the waiver was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Michelle Siba, Deputy General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration four casino gaming licensure final orders:

In re: Florence Williams (case #2019-LIC-060). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Florence Williams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: Joshlynn Gatewood (case #2019-LIC-067). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Joshlynn Gatewood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

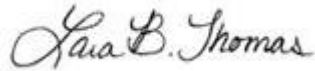
In re: Jared Fried (case #2019-LIC-068). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Jared Fried. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Dontel Wilder (case #2019-LIC-074(B)). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Renewal Application for Dontel Wilder. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Ms. Morrison then presented to the Commission for consideration a skill-based amusement machine licensure final order regarding the closure of skill-based amusement machine license applications for two conditionally approved applicants. Chair Taylor made a motion to close the skill-based amusement machine license applications for the cases listed in the final order. 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, 2020