

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – September 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 August 19, 2020 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby 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 budget report. Mr. Anthony reported the Commission remains on track for both revenue and expenditures. Gaming-related vendor fees are above estimates, and key-employee fees are on track. Casino-gaming employee license fees were a little below estimates due to casinos slowly returning to normal operations after reopening and conservatively hiring casino gaming employees. Wages and benefits were reported to be slightly below estimates. Mr. Anthony explained this was due to a few positions the Commission has determined not to fill at this time, as staff has been able to fill gaps and getting work done at the same pace and volume. All other expenses were reported to be on track and moving forward the Commission will keep a close eye on them. Revenues and expenses for the Enforcement Fund remain on track. Regarding the supplies and maintenance expense category, Mr. Anthony noted that the Commission continues to ensure that the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies are available at the casino and central offices to ensure protocols in place by the CDC, the Governor's Office, and the Commission are being met.

Next, Mr. Schuler provided an update on the recently launched warm transfer process for those calling the Problem Gambling Helpline. The Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day, but until this process was launched, those calling outside of normal business hours and on weekends were unable to be directly connected to a trained clinician. Through the partnership of Ohio for Responsible Gambling and Derek Longmeier Executive Director of the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio, the warm transfer process is now in place, giving callers access to trained counselors after hours and on weekends. There are currently nine counselors who are qualified in the treatment of gambling disorder participating in this process across the state. Mr. Schuler reported that in the past 30 days, there were 20 warm transfers to counselors after business hours. This number is considered a success, as this means 20 individuals who were in crisis were able to be immediately connected with a trained counselor, which could mean the difference between ruin or recovery, or worse life or death. Mr. Schuler stated he was very thankful for the dedicated counselors willing to be on standby to help people in need.

Then, Mr. Schuler provided a 90-day update on the casinos since re-opening from the shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Schuler noted some of the requirements the casinos have in place to comply with the health protocols: a 50% fire code capacity; daily deep cleaning of the facility using

hospital-grade disinfectant products; frequent cleaning; disinfecting of high-touch points on gaming floor, common areas, front and back of house, slot machines, table games, and kiosks; providing hand-sanitizing stations on gaming floor and back of house; and sanitizing wipes provided to all patrons. Mr. Schuler reported that the casinos have done a great job with signage to encourage social distancing, and with markers for queuing. Additionally, slot machines have been placed out of service, re-configured layouts, spacing of chairs, limited positions at table games, all retail shops adhere to public health orders, and the outside air intake has been maximized with an increased frequency of changing HEPA filters. Mr. Schuler noted that in conversations with all the General Managers, each one conveyed that their local health departments recognized that the casinos have gone above and beyond the baseline requirements of the public health orders, and consider them all to be examples of compliance for others to follow. Mr. Schuler recognized JACK Entertainment, specifically, Mark Dunkeson, for taking a leadership role in this area. JACK had been working with the Commission, long before all business closures became a reality, on implementing the protocols that are in place today. Therefore, a plan was already in place before it even became a requirement. The casinos remain safe and sound, and there seems to be a great amount of confidence with their patrons based on revenue numbers. Lastly, Mr. Schuler recognized that Dan Reinhard provided significant leadership to the Casinos and Racinos Advisory Group, which included working with Development Services Agency Director Lydia Mihalik, the Commission, and the Lottery Commission on responsibly reopening the casino and video lottery terminal facilities.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with a remembrance of the heroic efforts and sacrifice of the men and women in the police and fire service during the tragic events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. In recognition of this anniversary, Mr. Schuler recognized all the Commission's Gaming Agents, which comprise half of the staff, as well as Commissioner Brown, on their dedication, professionalism and service.

Anna Marin Russell, Manager of Investigations & Senior Legal Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration 11 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 2020-32, granting or renewing, as applicable, key-employee licenses to: Brad Buchanan, Seminole HR Holdings, LLC; Susan Foster, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Mark Labay, Everi Holdings, Inc.; Daniel Rosario, Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati; Richard Bell, Voluntary Filer; Michael Bender, JACK Cleveland Casino; Trevor Croker, Aristocrat Leisure Limited; Mark Dunkeson, JACK Investment Co., LLC; James Perry, Gaming and Leisure Properties, Inc.; Cory Simmons, Hollywood Casino Columbus; and Randy Taylor, Everi Holdings, Inc. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Aleah Page, Manager of Licensing, Casino Gaming & Fantasy Contests, presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for Masters Fantasy Leagues . Com LLC (Masters), as well as, two variance requests under Ohio Adm.Code 3772-74-05. Masters sought variances of two distinct provisions of fantasy contest law: 1) to extend the five business-day deadline to process

fantasy contest player winnings, contained in Ohio Adm.Code 3772-74-10(A)(12)(a) and (b) to ten business days; and 2) to request Commission staff conduct the required compliance audit during this licensure period, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 3772-74-15. The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of Masters, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2020-33, granting an initial three-year fantasy contest operator license and approving both variance requests. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice-Chair Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

William Cox, Senior Legal Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration amended Ohio Adm.Code 3772-1-06 for final filing. Mr. Cox explained that the Commission previously approved the initial filing at its June 17, 2020 meeting. After receiving approval and determining the rule had no adverse impact on business, pursuant to R.C. 121.82, Commission staff filed the rule with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). After completing the rule-review process, this rule is eligible for final adoption by the Commission. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt proposed Resolution 2020-34, approving the final filing of amended Ohio Adm.Code 3772-1-06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission consideration of amended Ohio Adm.Code 3772-50-08 for final filing. Ms. Morrison explained that the Commission previously approved the initial filing at its February 19, 2020 meeting. After receiving approval, Commission staff filed the rule along with a Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative (CSIO). The CSIO reviewed and subsequently authorized the Commission to proceed with filing the rule with JCARR. After completing the rule-review process, this rule is eligible for final adoption by the Commission. Commissioner Slaby made a motion to adopt proposed Resolution 2020-35, approving the final filing of amended Ohio Adm.Code 3772-50-08. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Mr. Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration three casino gaming licensure final orders:

In re: Christopher Crockett (case #2019-LIC-069). Chair Taylor moved to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Christopher Crockett. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

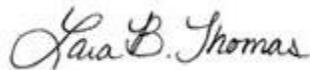
In re: Danny Rigney (case #2020-LIC-002). Chair Taylor moved to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Danny Rigney. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

In re: Jeriesha Williams (case #2020-LIC-010). Chair Taylor moved to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Jeriesha Williams. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Ms. Morrison then presented to the Commission for consideration a skill-based amusement machine licensure final order regarding the denial of skill-based amusement machine license applications. 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 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: October 21, 2020