

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

10:00 A.M. – August 18, 2021

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 10:07 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 July 21, 2021 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby and seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with introducing the newest member of the Enforcement Division. Ken Ward is a welcomed addition to that division and the agency as a whole; he serves as the Gaming Agent Supervisor for the Columbus office.

Next, Mr. Schuler reported that the Commission's Enforcement Division has partnered with the Columbus Police Department (CPD) to provide training on how Gaming Agents conduct investigations at illegal casinos. The CPD has now utilized the Commission's investigation model to conduct their own investigations to shut-down illegal casinos. Recently, two search warrants were executed upon two illegal facilities in Franklin County, Lucky Dawgs and The Fish Tank. The Commission looks forward to partnering with other law enforcement agencies to share its expertise and investigation model, to assist in shutting down more illegal casino facilities in Ohio.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget update for the first month of fiscal year 2022. Mr. Anthony highlighted that tax revenue was up 26% from original estimates. Mr. Anthony indicated that this was due to high casino activity during the months of April through June. Overall, revenue is on track during the first month of the quarter. Mr. Anthony reported that fantasy contest fees came in above original estimates. Casino gaming employee fees are anticipated to increase throughout the fiscal year as new employees are onboarded at the casinos and renewal applications are received.

Expenses remain on track, with wages and benefits, purchased personal services, supplies and maintenance, and equipment categories coming in below estimates thus far. Mr. Anthony reported that the Ohio Office of Budget and Management is currently reviewing and adjusting the Commission's biennial appropriation amounts. Any changes made to the operating fund appropriation will be reported in the future. Enforcement Fund revenue and expenses were reported to be on track. The Enforcement Division has resumed working on illegal casino investigations and anticipates increases in revenue from those raids as well as in traveling expenses as the fiscal year progresses.

Chris Fleenor, Chief Technology and Gaming Officer, presented for consideration a presentation by Penn National Gaming, Inc. (Penn) regarding the company's contactless wagering initiative. Christopher Soriano, Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer; Richard Primus, Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer; and Kate White, Vice President of Business Intelligence and IT Program Management, presented the initiative on behalf of Penn. An overview of the proposed cashless wagering system was provided to the Commissioners as well as a video demonstration of the cashless wagering system. Penn representatives explained that the cashless wagering system would be utilized through a customer's mobile phone via an app that would function as a player's rewards card. The phone app would allow patrons to card-in to a gaming machine or table and utilize a digital wallet to request funds to be pushed from the digital wallet to the gaming machine as playable credits or chips at a table game. Mr. Primus noted that the app allows patrons to set a mobile deposit limit through the digital wallet, and those individuals who have been placed on a gaming exclusion list would be barred from accessing the app.

Upon completion of these public remarks, the Commissioners had certain questions that were confidential in nature relating to trade-secret information. Due to the confidential nature of the materials being discussed, Chair Taylor made the following motion: "Aspects of Penn National Gaming, Inc.'s contactless gaming presentation contain matters required to be kept confidential by state law. In particular, discussion of these aspects requires consideration of trade-secret information that is deemed confidential under R.C. 3772.16(A)(12) and the Uniform Trades Secrets Act. Accordingly, I move to go into executive session pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(5)." The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and adopted by a roll call vote of 7-0.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. The regular meeting of the Commission went back on the record at 11:17 a.m.

Monica Wilcoxon, Investigator Supervisor, presented for consideration the Licensing and Investigations Division's renewal investigation of Central Ohio Gaming Ventures, LLC's (d/b/a Hollywood Casino Columbus) casino operator license. During this presentation, Jason Birney, Hollywood Casino Columbus' General Manager, provided a brief overview of the casino's major property improvements, financial performance, its influence on the local economy, team member data and focuses, and community partner efforts. Afterward, Ms. Wilcoxon indicated that the probity investigation did not uncover any material derogatory information and thus the Division recommended renewal of the casino's license through adoption of proposed Resolution 2021-29. Chair Taylor made a motion to adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and adopted by a roll call vote 7-0.

Then Ms. Wilcoxon presented for consideration the gaming-related vendor license renewal applications for JCM American Corporation and Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd. (JCM and Japan Cash Machine) as well as the key employee license renewal application for Yojiro Kamihigashi. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed suitability investigations of JCM and Japan Cash Machine and the associated key employee, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. The Division recommended

approval of proposed Resolution 2021-30, renewing the gaming-related vendor and key employee licenses. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Next, Ms. Wilcoxon presented to the Commission for consideration eight 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 2021-31, granting or renewing, as applicable, key-employee licenses to: Michael Emery, JACK Cleveland Casino; Lydia Frederick, JACK Cleveland Casino; Adam Rosenberg, GameCo, LLC; Mark Andrews, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Claudio Demolli, IGT; Robert Kosier, Penn National Gaming, Inc.; David Sambur, PlayAGS, Inc.; and Tristan Sjoberg, Pata Pata AB. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Slaby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games and Senior Legal Counsel, presented for consideration 44 new and 8 renewal 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 2021-32, granting or renewing, as applicable, skill-based amusement machine-related licenses upon receipt of the required licensing fees. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Aleah Page, Deputy Director of Licensing, presented to the Commission for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for Yahoo Fantasy Sports LLC (Yahoo). Ms. Page explained that due to a majority change in or transfer of control of Yahoo's corporate ownership, a new license is required under Ohio Adm.Code 3772-74-06(H). 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 2020-33, granting Yahoo a new three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Chief Ethics Officer, presented to the Commission for consideration one casino gaming final order regarding Angela Reyes (case #2020-LIC-044). Chair Taylor moved to deny the casino gaming employee license for Angela Reyes. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

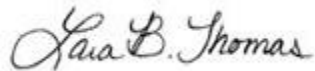
Ms. Morrison then presented for consideration a skill games final order regarding the denial of skill-based amusement machine license applications (case #2021-SLIC-043, -044, -046 & -047). Chair Taylor moved to deny the skill-based amusement machine license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Under other business, Chair Taylor invited Adam Burstein, a member of the public, to address the Commission per his request under Ohio Adm.Code 3772-2-04. After announcing the agenda item, Chair Taylor was notified that Mr. Burstein was not present at the meeting.

Chair Taylor then moved to the last agenda item before adjournment, proposed Resolution 2021-34 to commend and commemorate Executive Director Schuler for his leadership during and the staff's resiliency and agility in dealing with the COVID-19 state of emergency. Commissioner Steinhauer presented the Resolution in its entirety, which the members initiated the creation of at the July 21, 2021 public meeting. After the presentation, the members acknowledged the Resolution as being consistent with the previously approved motion and assented to its adoption at this meeting. Mr. Schuler graciously accepted the Resolution on behalf of the staff and recognized their efforts and work during the pandemic to keep the Commission running efficiently and effectively.

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: September 15, 2021