

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – December 15, 2021  
JO ANN DAVIDSON HEARING ROOM  
100 E. BROAD STREET, 20<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson and Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Commissioner Lynn Slaby had an excused absence. The minutes of the November 17, 2021, meeting was approved following a motion by Chair Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Lucas.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director, providing a budget update. Mr. Anthony reported revenue was above estimates. As the pandemic has ramped down, casino tax revenue has continued to increase. Additionally, casino gaming employee, skill games, and fantasy contest licensing fees were all above estimates. Expenses were below estimations, with operational support expenses being particularly well below projections. There were no expenses or revenue to report for the Enforcement Fund; however, it was noted that revenue is anticipated from future illegal casino raids.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with a sports gaming presentation by Andromeda Morrison, General Counsel & Director of Skill Games and William Cox, Deputy General Counsel. Mr. Cox reported that House Bill 29 (HB 29), legalizing sports betting in Ohio, had recently passed and was awaiting Governor Mike DeWine’s signature. The Ohio Casino Control Commission has been appointed to oversee and regulate sports gaming in Ohio. Mr. Cox provided an overview of HB 29’s specific provisions, including the different types of sports gaming and license types that will be available. The three proprietor license types will be Type A – Online Sports Gaming (Type-A), Type B – Brick-and-Mortar Sportsbooks (Type-B), and Type-C – Sports Gaming Lottery Terminals (Type-C). Other license types include a management service provider license for Type-A and Type-B sports gaming, a gaming host license for Type-C sport gaming, a sports gaming supplier license, and occupational licenses for all license types. The licensing standards for each type of sports gaming were presented, including economic development and suitability factors. Mr. Cox provided an overview of license fees and durations required for each type of license. HB 29 requires compliance measures for sports gaming equipment, integrity monitoring, and provider contracts. Mr. Cox further explained that the Commission must establish specific rules on several topics, including compliance, wagering, facility minimums, and consumer protections.

Next, Ms. Morrison provided an overview of the administrative rule drafting process and statutory rule-filing procedures. Ms. Morrison indicated that Commission staff had already begun drafting administrative rules, and plan to make two rounds of external stakeholder feedback prior to presenting rules for filing. Applications will be drafted alongside the rulemaking process and will be made available

before that process is complete. All stakeholders will be notified when the applications may be submitted, which is currently estimated for Summer/Fall 2022. Sports gaming must start no later than January 1, 2023. Ms. Morrison reported that the Executive Director will be able to grant an applicant a provisional license of not more than three months, which may be renewed once. Provisional licensing will expire on June 30, 2023. Lastly, to stay transparent in its rulemaking process, the Commission will provide sports gaming updates, including regulation drafts, applications, FAQs, and other general information on its website for stakeholders. Additionally, a sports gaming mailing list is available to join to receive email updates from the Commission on sports gaming regulations.

Monica Wilcoxon, Manager of Investigations, 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 2021-47, granting or renewing, as applicable, key-employee licenses to: Vimla Black-Gupta, Penn National Gaming, Inc.; Christopher Clark, Hard Rock Casino Cincinnati; Hideki Hayakawa, Konami Holdings Corporation; Adam Kunkler, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Marcus Miller, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Andre Brunette, IGT; Brian Eby, JACK Cleveland Casino; Maureen Mullarkey-Miller, Everi Holdings, Inc.; Luke Orchard, IGT; Christopher Riley, Hollywood Casino Columbus; and Glen Tomaszewski, JACK Cleveland Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Ms. Morrison presented for consideration 18 new and 26 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 2021-48, 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 Steinhauer and approved.

Aleah Page, Deputy Director of Licensing, presented for consideration the fantasy contest operator license application for SCHLEP Games, Inc. (SCHLEP). The Commission's Licensing & Investigations, Legal, Regulatory Compliance, and Problem Gambling Services Divisions completed a suitability investigation of SCHLEP, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Page recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2021-49, granting SCHLEP a three-year fantasy contest operator license. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Chair Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Next, Ms. Morrison presented to the Commission for their consideration, the certification renewal of Nick Farley & Associates, Inc. dba Eclipse Compliance Testing (Eclipse), as an independent skill-based amusement machine testing laboratory. Commission staff completed an investigation to assess Eclipse's capability to provide information and services to the Commission in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-50. Commission staff concluded Eclipse met the requirements, conditions, and duties for certification and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2021-50, renewing Eclipse's

independent skill-based amusement machine testing laboratory certification for a period of three years. Vice-Chair Davidson made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2021-50. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

Mr. Cox presented for consideration administrative rules for final filing. Mr. Cox explained that the Commission previously approved the rules at its July 21, 2021, 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 new, amended, or rescinded rules became eligible for final filing. Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt proposed Resolution 2021-51, approving the final filing of Ohio Adm.Code 3772-3-01 — 3772-3-04, 3772-3-06, 3772-5-01 — 3772-5-06, 3772-6-01 — 3772-6-05, and 3772-8-01 — 3772-8-06. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Next Ms. Morrison presented to the Commission for consideration two casino gaming final orders:

A final order regarding Matthew Carmody (case #2021-LIC-008). Chair Taylor moved to close the Casino Gaming Employee Renewal License Application for Matthew Carmody. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

A final order regarding Dylan Johnson (case #2021-LIC-006). Chair Taylor moved to approve and adopt the Report & Recommendation without modifications to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License Application for Dylan Johnson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next, Ms. Morrison presented for consideration four skill games final orders:

A final order regarding Tracy Douglas (case #2020-SLIC-243) and Orrville Entertainment (case #2020-SLIC-244). Chair Taylor moved to approve and adopt the Report & Recommendation without modifications to deny the Skill-Based Amusement Machine Key Employee and Type-C Operator License Applications for Tracy Douglas and Orrville Entertainment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

A final order regarding Allam Hafeez (case #2020-SLIC-234) and Magic Amusements, LLC (case #2020-SLIC-235). Chair Taylor moved to approve and adopt the Report & Recommendation without modifications to deny the Skill-Based Amusement Machine Key Employee and Type-C Operator License Applications for Allam Hafeez and Magic Amusements, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

A final order regarding J&J Leasing, Inc. (case #2021-SLIC-058). Chair Taylor moved to close the skill-based amusement machine license application for registered applicant J&J Leasing, Inc. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

A final order regarding William Vega (case #2020-SLIC-118), Cincinnati Amusements, LLC (case #2020-SLIC-119), and Ashok Patel (case #2020-SLIC-120). Chair Taylor moved to approve and adopt the Report

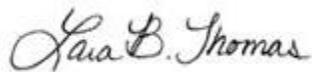
& Recommendation without modifications to deny the Skill-Based Amusement Machine Key Employee and Type-C Operator License Applications for William Vega, Cincinnati Amusements, and Ashok Patel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In other business, Mr. Schuler acknowledged and commemorated Joy Estose and Maria Saliaris, for their service to the Commission and the citizens of the State of Ohio. After a brief retirement, Joy Estose rejoined the Commission working in the Skill Games Division. Ms. Estose assisted with a variety of projects and served as a mentor and friend to many at the agency. Ms. Saliaris joined the Commission's Operations Division working in Human Resources. Ms. Saliaris helped with the hiring of numerous Commission employees and worked to cultivate relationships across all Commission offices and promote a culture that makes all employees feel welcomed and valued.

Vice-Chair Davidson moved to adopt Resolutions 2021-52 and 2021-53 commemorating Ms. Saliaris' and Ms. Estoses' dedication to the Commission and the citizens of the State of Ohio. The motion was seconded by Chair Taylor and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,



Lara B. Thomas

Commission Secretary

Approved: January 19, 2022