

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – January 20, 2021
Meeting Held Virtually – Microsoft Teams Live Event

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. Chair June Taylor had an excused absence. The minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby and seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with a review of public health protocols the casinos have diligently continued to implement during the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Schuler described in detail the health measures being taken by the casinos, which include daily deep cleaning, frequent disinfecting of high-touch point areas, social distancing, reduced guest capacity, best practices signage, self-service sanitation stations, outside air intake maximization and regular HVAC system cleaning, and providing special hours for the at-risk population. Additionally, amenities such as valet, coat check, Poker, live events and concerts, and conferences remain unavailable. Mr. Schuler expressed that it is only with the casino staffs' strict adherence to these measures, that have allowed Ohio's casinos to remain a safe environment during the pandemic.

Similarly, Commission staff remains vigilant in adhering to all state-required health measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. All employees are required to perform daily symptom assessments and wear face coverings when in any Commission office or common areas of casino property. Protocols have been put into place requiring staff to clean all general and shared workspace areas and post a log showing dates and times of each cleaning. Additionally, staff is required to clean any and all work surfaces used during interactions with guests before and after they leave.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget report for the first six months of the fiscal year. Mr. Anthony reported that tax revenue for the third quarter was up 14% from estimates. It was noted that in the past six months the casinos had demonstrated a strong comeback after re-opening. The tax revenue distribution received in January for the current quarter was down slightly by 1.7%, which was most likely contributed to the pandemic curfew. Mr. Anthony indicated the Commission would continue to track how the curfew may affect revenue. The next casino tax revenue distribution will be made in April. Casino gaming employee fees was the only area below estimates, which can be attributed to the shut-down of the casinos from March through June. A rebound in this figure was seen in December; but with the continued curfew mandate, it is anticipated that casino gaming employee fees will remain below estimates for the fiscal year. Vendor and key employee fees remain strong, which should more than off-set the decrease in casino gaming employee fees going forward. For the enforcement fund, a \$50,000 payment was received from Lorain County, for a joint investigation regarding illegal casinos.

Mr. Anthony reported that expenses were again below estimates. Salaries and benefits continue to be below estimates due to combining positions and choosing to not backfill some positions. Purchased personal services will be above estimates in the third quarter due to the Commission resuming the scheduling of administrative hearings. Supplies and maintenance expenses continue to be below estimates, largely resulting from the Commission's paperless initiative. Enforcement expenses were reported to also have been below estimates. Mr. Anthony indicated an uptick in equipment expenses will be seen in the current quarter due to computer equipment being purchased for staff who are working from home.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented for consideration, the gaming-related vendor license renewal applications for Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc. (AGT Inc.) and Ainsworth Game Technology Limited (AGT Ltd.). The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed a suitability investigation of Ainsworth Inc. and Ainsworth Limited, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Mr. Oyster recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2021-01, renewing the gaming-related vendor licenses. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Next, Mr. Oyster presented to the Commission for consideration two 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 2021-02, renewing key-employee licenses to: Guido Corbetta, B&D Holding S.p.A. and Alyse Martinelli, JACK Cleveland Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games and Senior Legal Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration 21 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 2021-03, granting 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 Slaby and approved.

Mr. Oyster then presented to the Commission for consideration updates to the Fantasy Contest Operator and Management Company License Application (Application) and the Duty to Update Information Form (DTU). Mr. Oyster explained that staff proposed the inclusion of an additional question on the Application to acquire more information of a company's product offerings, to ensure compliance with the detailed statutory definition of *fantasy contest*. Requesting this information during the application phase ensures that any fantasy sports offerings are truly fantasy sports and not sports betting or any other type of gambling masquerading as fantasy sports at the outset. Second, staff proposed a minor update to Application Question 14 to include an Appendix providing applicants and licensees with a

template to submit or update their internal procedures. Finally, Mr. Oyster indicated that the requested updates had been incorporated into the DTU, to ensure applicants and licensees inform the Commission of any changes to either a company's product offerings or to its internal procedures. Staff recommended approval of the updated Application and DTU. Commissioner Slaby made a motion to approve the proposed updates, which was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

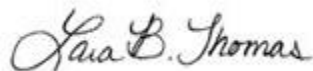
Mr. Oyster then presented to the Commission for consideration one casino gaming final order:

A final order regarding Michael Granata (case #2020-LIC-016). Vice-Chair Davidson moved to deny the Casino Gaming License Application for Michael Granata. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Ms. Morrison then presented to the Commission for consideration one skill gaming final order regarding the denial of skill-based amusement machine license applications (case #2020-SLIC-170, -217, -218, -226, -227, -229 —231, -245, & -246). Vice-Chair Davidson moved to deny 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: February 17, 2021