

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – March 17, 2021  
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 February 17, 2021 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Slaby and seconded by Commissioner Lucas.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report advising the Commissioners that testimony had been presented to the House Finance Subcommittee on Primary & Secondary Education regarding the budget recommendation for the Commission included in House Bill 110, for fiscal years 2022-2023. Mr. Schuler indicated that an overview of the agency's work regulating casino gaming, skill-based amusement machines and fantasy contests, as well as efforts on responsible gambling was provided to committee members. In the near future, the Commission will also present testimony to the Senate.

Next, Mr. Schuler had Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, provide a budget report. Mr. Anthony reported that a tax revenue disbursement is anticipated in April. That disbursement is expected to be a little below estimates due to the recent pandemic curfew. Overall revenue remained on track. Some additional revenue was received from relinquishing a couple of law enforcement vehicles and receiving a salvage value payment.

Mr. Anthony reported expenses remained on track, with wages and benefits being a little below estimates. Personal service purchase estimates were on track at the beginning of the quarter, due to the Commission resuming hearings. However, these expenses are now expected to be below estimates due to a recent pandemic mandate to halt in-person hearings. Once those hearings can be resumed, an up-tick in these expenses is expected. Lastly, equipment expenses were above estimates due to the Commission working to upgrade its current computer equipment.

Next, Mr. Schuler provided a law enforcement case update. Mr. Schuler explained that in October 2020, Gaming Agents joined the Steubenville Police Department in serving search warrants related to a suspected of illegal casino gaming operation. The Commission was initially contacted by Steubenville's city manager for assistance with an investigation involving NUNACC, which was determined to have been operating slot machines and paying out cash prizes in violation of Ohio law. More than 30 illegal slot machines and \$71,000.00 in cash were seized. Mr. Schuler reported that the owner was recently indicted by a grand jury on two felony charges and a misdemeanor, and further updates will be provided as the case proceeds.

Mr. Schuler ended his report highlighting the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference, which is being held throughout the month of March virtually. Over 240 individuals registered for the conference

with training sessions being held every Tuesday and Thursday. Each week has presented a problem gambling training theme: Week 1 – Progress, Week 2 – Collaboration, Week 3 – Innovation, and Week 4 – Support. Attendance of 150 or more individuals has been seen at most sessions. Mr. Schuler indicated that in addition to the casino properties contributing to the event financially, each property has attended the conference, and some have led conference sessions.

Monica Wilcoxon, Investigator Supervisor, presented for consideration, the gaming-related vendor license renewal application for Acres Manufacturing Company (Acres) as well as the initial key employee license application for John Acres. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed suitability investigations of Acres and the associated key employee, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Wilcoxon recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2021-08, granting the gaming-related vendor and key employee licenses. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice-Chair Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Then Ms. Wilcoxon presented for consideration, the gaming-related vendor license renewal application for IGT as well as the key employee license renewal application for James McCann. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed suitability investigations of IGT and the associated key employee, which did not uncover any material derogatory information. Ms. Wilcoxon recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2021-09, renewing the gaming-related vendor and key employee licenses. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Chair Taylor. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

Next, Ms. Wilcoxon presented to the Commission for consideration six 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 2021-10, granting or renewing, as applicable, key-employee licenses to: Marla Kaplowitz, Penn National Gaming, Inc.; Masami Saso, Konami Gaming, Inc.; Daniel Coil, JACK Cleveland Casino; Kyle Kreiger, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Adam Leuschen, JACK Cleveland Casino; and Becky Runevitch, JACK Cleveland 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 and Senior Legal Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration 31 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 2021-11, 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 Steinhauer and approved.

William Cox, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration administrative rules due for review or are otherwise affected by rules due for review. Mr. Cox explained that each

administrative rule must be reviewed prior to its review date, and the Commission must consider, among other things, whether the rule is still necessary, must be amended, or conflicts with other rules. Next, Mr. Cox provided a substantive review of each of the administrative rules being filed as new or amendments. Mr. Cox then requested approval to amendments, rescinded, or new administrative rules for 3772-1-01 – -07, 3772-2-01 – -07, -10, -11, 3772-4-01 – -09, -11, and 3772-10-04, pursuant to the required statutory five-year review. Upon approval, staff will prepare and file a Business Impact Analysis and the rules with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO). After CSIO review and authorization, staff will then proceed with filing the rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). After JCARR’s jurisdiction ends, staff will seek approval for the final filing of the amended rules at a future public meeting. A motion to approve the initial filing of the rule amendments was made by Chair Taylor. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Next, Mr. Cox requested approval of the remaining three no-change administrative rules 3772-2-08, -09, and -12 through proposed Resolution 2021-12. Mr. Cox explained that no-change rules are subject to slightly different JCARR requirements and would not be re-presented for approval. JCARR maintains jurisdiction over no-change rules for 90 days from the date of filing with JCARR, and the no-change rules simply continue in effect without the need for further Commission action once JCARR’s jurisdiction ends. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-12, approving the filing of the three no-change rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

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

A final order regarding the denial of casino gaming license applications (case #2020-LIC-022 & -033). Chair Taylor moved to deny the casino gaming license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

A final order regarding Toneja Motley (case #2020-LIC-043). Chair Taylor moved to revoke the casino gaming license for Toneja Motley. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Ms. Morrison then presented to the Commission for consideration two skill gaming final orders:

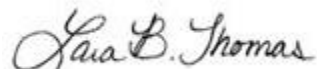
A final order regarding the denial of skill-based amusement machine license applications (case #2020-SLIC-160 – -167, -193, -194, -253 – -256, -263, -264, 2021-SLIC-001, & -004 – -007). Chair Taylor moved to deny the skill-based amusement machine license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

A joint final order regarding James Arcade, LLC (case #2020-SLIC-219) and Amanda James (case #2020-SLIC-220). Chair Taylor moved to approve and adopt the Report and Recommendation without modifications to deny the Skill-Based Amusement Machine Type-C Operator and Key Employee License Applications for James Arcade, LLC and Amanda James. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

Then, Ms. Morrison presented to the Commission for consideration a skill gaming settlement agreement regarding Freeway Lanes Bowling Group, LLC (case #2020-SLIC-139) and Glenn Gable (case #2020-SLIC-140). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve the settlement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown 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: April 21, 2021