

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – October 19, 2022
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 10:04 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Vice-Chair John Steinhauer and Commissioners Sheetal Bajoria, Will Lucas, and Lynn Slaby were also in attendance. Commissioner McKinley Brown had an excused absence. The minutes of the October 5, 2022, meeting were approved following a motion by Chair Taylor and seconded by Commissioner Slaby.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report reminding sports gaming applicants and stakeholders that November 2nd is the compliance document deadline for all final responsible gaming plans, facility plans, geolocation procedures, house rules, and required procedures. November 2nd also marks the deadline for all standard sports gaming employee applications to be submitted.

Next, Mr. Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director, provided a budget report update. Mr. Anthony reported that overall revenue will be over estimate and expenses will be under estimate for the first quarter. It was noted that casino tax revenue continues to come in over estimate and will be over estimate for the next quarter as well. Tax revenue was expected to decrease from last year by 5%, but current trends indicate this will not happen. Operator fees were \$1.5 million above estimates. The Licensing & Investigations Division completed probity investigations on two operators and both operators were licensed by the Commission. Originally, the plan was to do one during each of the first two quarters of the year. Because of the influx of sports gaming applications, both were done during the first quarter. Therefore, next quarter will be \$1.5 million below estimate but the estimate will be correct for the year. Supplies and maintenance costs include payments for the new VEP system and upgrades to the eLicensing program. Not all bills have been received for this work resulting in being under estimate by a relatively large amount. Wages and benefits were right on track. Mr. Anthony indicated that revenue for the Enforcement fund is anticipated from participation in recent investigations, but he has not been notified when the Commission should receive that revenue. Enforcement fund costs included contractual allowance uniform costs and training.

Then, Mr. Schuler reported that the Cuyahoga Court of Common Pleas has launched Ohio's first problem gambling addiction court program. This program is one of only two gambling addiction court programs established in the United States and is the largest of its kind in the country. The court will be working closely with Ohio for Responsible Gambling partners and treatment professionals. This program will be referred at the discretion of judges and will be led by special gambling recovery officers to aid in breaking the cycle of problem gambling. Mr. Schuler thanked Amanda Blackford, Director of Operations and Problem Gambling Services, Scott Anderson, Problem Gambling Specialist with Ohio Mental Health and

Addiction Services (OMHAS), and Stacey Frohnapfel-Hasson, MPA, OCPC, Bureau Chief with OMHAS, for their support on this project. Mr. Schuler gave special thanks to Karen Russo, former Director of Responsible Gambling for the Ohio Lottery Commission who was truly instrumental in making this a reality. Mr. Schuler also thanked Chair Taylor for her support at the announcement of this groundbreaking program.

Mr. Schuler ended his report providing an Enforcement Division update. The Commission persistently endeavors to end illegal casino activity. Mr. Schuler noted that the Commission's Agents are continually investigating suspected illegal casinos. Recently, warrants were executed on five businesses in Hillsboro and Greenfield in connection with an illegal gambling investigation. More than 300 gaming machines were seized or disabled, along with cash. Some of the gaming machines had postings informing patrons that cash prizes would only be paid up to \$10,000, a clear violation of Ohio law. Mr. Schuler reported that, to date, search warrants have been executed at 132, over 5,400 gaming machines have been seized or disabled, and 6.6 million in cash has been seized on site. Mr. Schuler noted that the Commission is leading from the front to eradicate these unlawful establishments, and team efforts with other enforcement agencies have been vital to make a dent in Ohio's illegal casinos.

Monica Wilcoxon, Manager of Investigations, 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 2022-68, granting or renewing, as applicable, key-employee licenses to: Kyle Coleman, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Encrico Drago, De Agostini S.p.A.; Marvin Fox, Hollywood Casino Toledo; Timothy Throsby, Light & Wonder, Inc.; Erich Zimny, Hollywood Casino Columbus; and Scott Lokke, JACK Cleveland Casino. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice-Chair Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bajoria and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, General Counsel and Director of Skill Games, presented for consideration 6 new and 20 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 2022-69, 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 Slaby and approved.

Then Ms. Morrison, presented for consideration 29 new Type-C sports gaming host license applications. The Skill Games Division conducted a review for eligibility for licensure, and found the applicants met all eligibility requirements, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2022-70, granting the Type-C sports gaming host licenses effective January 1, 2023. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Bajoria. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Anna Marin Russell, Director of Licensing & Investigations and Senior Legal Counsel, presented for consideration five sports gaming supplier license applications. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed an investigation to determine that each person in control of the applicants has met the qualifications of licensure, which did not uncover any material derogatory information that would render the entities or their persons in control unsuitable or unqualified. Therefore, the Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2022-71, granting the sports gaming supplier licenses to: IGT; Simplebet, Inc.; IMG Arena US, LLC; Skybox Sports Network Inc.; and Aristotle International Inc., effective January 1, 2023. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice-Chair Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Then, Ms. Russell, presented to the Commission for consideration two sports gaming services provider license applications. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed an investigation to determine that each person in control of the applicants has met the qualifications of licensure, which did not uncover any material derogatory information that would render the entities or their persons in control unsuitable or unqualified. Therefore, the Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2022-72, granting sports gaming mobile management services provider (MMSP) and management services provider (MSP) licenses to: Penn Sports Interactive, LLC dba Barstool (1MMSP, 4 MSPs) and Betfair Interactive US, LLC dba FanDuel (1 MMSP, 1 MSP), effective January 1, 2023. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Slaby. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Next, Ms. Russell, presented to the Commission for consideration four Type-C sports gaming proprietor license applications. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed an investigation to determine that each person in control of the applicants has met the qualifications of licensure, which did not uncover any material derogatory information that would render the entities or their persons in control unsuitable or unqualified. Therefore, the Division recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2022-73, granting conditional five-year sports gaming licenses to: Green Bear Development, LLC dba UBetOhio; Intralot Inc.; Iron Gate Gaming, LLC dba betIGG; and Skybox Sports Network Inc. dba BetSkybox, effective January 1, 2023. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice-Chair Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Ms. Morrison, presented to the Commission for consideration one casino gaming final order:

A final order regarding the denial of casino gaming employee license applications (case nos. #2022-LIC-027, -033 & -058). Chair Taylor moved to deny the casino gaming employee license applications for the cases listed in the final order. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

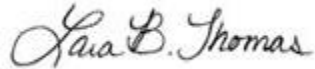
Next, Ms. Morrison presented for consideration of one skill games final order:

A final order regarding the closure of the skill-based amusement machine license application for Better Games, LLC (case nos. # 2022-SLIC-039). Chair Taylor moved to close the skill-based amusement machine

license application for Better Games, LLC. 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:

November 2, 2022