

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

RESOLUTION 2019-41

**CONSIDERATION OF KEY-EMPLOYEE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, Article XV, Section 6(C)(4) of the Ohio Constitution created the Ohio Casino Control Commission (“Commission”) to ensure the integrity of casino gaming by, among other things, licensing and regulating all gaming authorized by Article XV, Section 6(C) of the Ohio Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.09(A) prohibits any key employee from conducting or participating in conducting casino gaming without first being licensed by the Commission;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.13(C) and (E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02(A) require any key employee seeking licensure, including a license-renewal applicant, to submit a Key Employee License Application (“Application”);

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.13 and Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 3772-5 authorize the Commission to issue and renew key-employee licenses after the Commission determines that the applicants are eligible for licensure and have paid all applicable fees;

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.10(B) requires key employees seeking licensure under R.C. Chapter 3772 to establish their suitability by clear and convincing evidence;

**WHEREAS**, a key-employee license applicant, including a license-renewal applicant, is eligible for licensure upon meeting the following criteria:

- (A) Being at least 21 years of age, as required by R.C. 3772.13(D);
- (B) Submission of a true and complete Application, as required by R.C. 3772.10(C) and 3772.13(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02(A);
- (C) Submission, on a form provided by the Commission, of 2 sets of the applicant’s fingerprints and a photograph, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.13(F);
- (D) Payment of the nonrefundable application fee of \$2,000, as required by R.C. 3772.13(F) and 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), and all fees necessary to cover the cost of the background investigation in excess of the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), if any, as permitted by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(B);
- (E) Reimbursement of the costs for the background check, including the criminal-records check, as required by R.C. 3772.07 and 3772.13(F);
- (F) Not having been convicted of or pled guilty or no contest to a disqualifying offense, as defined and required by R.C. 3772.07 and R.C. 3772.10(C); and
- (G) Otherwise is suitable for licensure, as required by R.C. 3772.10(B) and (C);

**WHEREAS**, R.C. 3772.15(B) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02(B)-(D) require that key-employee licensees undergo a complete investigation at least once every 3 years to ensure continued eligibility for licensure;

**WHEREAS**, the 7 individuals listed on the attached Exhibit A (“Key Employees”) submitted their Applications to the Commission in accordance with R.C. 3772.13 and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-02;

**WHEREAS**, the Commission’s Division of Licensing and Investigations (“Division”) reviewed the Applications and other materials and information and conducted thorough suitability investigations of the Key Employees;

**WHEREAS**, the Division has prepared a report to the members of the Commission dated November 13, 2019, captioned *Investigative Report of Key-Employee License Applications* (“Report”);

**WHEREAS**, the Report concludes that the Division’s investigations did not uncover any material derogatory information that adversely impacts the suitability of the Key Employees and that they are eligible for licensure;

**WHEREAS**, based on this conclusion, the Report recommends that the Commission grant and renew the key-employee licenses, as applicable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission has reviewed the Report and considered the matter at its public meeting held on November 20, 2019.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Commission that the Key Employees are **SUITABLE** and **ELIGIBLE** for licensure.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the initial Applications are **APPROVED** and the Key Employees are **LICENSED** for a period not to exceed 3 years, subject to continued compliance with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder, including payment of the following fees:

- (A) The cost of any background investigation that exceeded the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), as required by R.C. 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(B); and
- (B) A nonrefundable license fee of \$500 per key-employee license, as required by R.C. 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(C).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the renewal Applications are **APPROVED** and the Key Employees’ licenses are **RENEWED** for a period not to exceed 3 years, effective upon expiration of their previous licenses, subject to continued compliance with R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder, including payment of the following fees:

- (A) The cost of any background investigation that exceeded the application fee set forth by Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(A), as required by R.C. 3772.15(A) and 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(B); and

- (B) A nonrefundable license fee of \$500 per key-employee license, as required by R.C. 3772.17(E) and Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-03(C).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2019-41 does not in any way affect, negate, or otherwise absolve the Key Employees of their duties to update information in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 3772-5-04.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Resolution 2019-41 does not restrict or limit the Commission's future exercise of authority and discretion with respect to imposing additional conditions or taking further action upon the Key Employees under R.C. Chapter 3772 and the rules adopted thereunder.

Adopted: November 20, 2019

**Exhibit A**

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**Initial Key-Employee Licenses**

Peter Boldin – JACK Cincinnati Casino

James Kara – JACK Cleveland Casino

Matthew Spitnale – Penn National Gaming, Inc.

**Renewal Key-Employee Licenses**

Mark Begrin – Hollywood Casino Toledo

Takatomo Imai – JCM American Corporation

Tsuyoshi Takagaki – Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd.

Yasuhiko Yoshimura – Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd.