OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES

10 A.M. – APRIL 20, 2011
RIFFE CENTER, 77 SOUTH HIGH STREET
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COLUMBUS, OH 43215

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Jo Ann Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Ranjan Manoranjan, Peter Silverman, John Steinhauer and June Taylor were in attendance. The minutes of the April 6 meeting were approved.

Chairman Davidson introduced Jennifer Shatley, Member of the Board of Directors, National Center for Responsible Gaming and VP Responsible Gaming Policies and Compliance for Caesars Entertainment. Ms. Shatley’s presentation entitled “Responsible Gaming in Action” focused on problem gaming and how it can best be addressed in Ohio. She discussed the types of problem gaming, the size of the problem compared to the public’s perception, the declining rates of gaming problems despite the increase in the availability of gaming opportunities and how the problem is currently being addressed by operators, particularly Caesars.

Chairman Davidson clarified that Ohio’s casino implementing legislation requires provisions for a self-exclusion program. She introduced Director Orman Hall of the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) who will be working with the Commission in administering dollars earmarked for problem gambling and addiction services.

Commission members expressed their interest in receiving additional information regarding responsible gambling programs from prospective Ohio casino operators on: 1) number of suicides reported as a result of gambling issues; 2) how the percentage of problem gamblers was calculated (1-2 percent of the US population considered “pathological” and 2-3 percent of the US population considered “problem”); 3) information on what electronic tools are available and whether or not they are used; 4) how beverage server training is used; and 5) how much is spent on a yearly basis on responsible gaming programs. Commissioners also stressed that they would like to have information on informed consent readily available at Ohio casinos.

Staff from the Ohio Attorney General’s office reviewed changes in the proposed rule on Instructions for application for Casino Owners/Operators/Management Company/Holding Company License that were discussed at the April 6 meeting. After reviewing the changes, three minor corrections shown in the attached Resolution 2011-2 were made. A motion to adopt the Resolution was made, seconded and approved with all members voting “aye”. The proposed rule will now move through the filing process with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR).

The Attorney General’s staff then reviewed the Casino Operator/Management Company/Holding Company License Application and changes that have been incorporated into the draft to make the application consistent with Ohio’s statutes. Additional revisions were discussed and a
revised draft will be sent to Commission members prior to the next Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 4.

Chairman Davidson reported that the lease for the office space at the 10 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio location is being negotiated through staff at the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). She has also met with DAS staff to begin the procurement process for necessary furniture for the office.

A motion was made by Chairman Davidson to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel hiring issues. The motion was seconded and a roll call vote was taken with Commissioners Brown, Davidson, Hoke, Manorjan, Silverman, Steinhauer and Taylor voting in the affirmative. After the Executive Session was adjourned, the Commission reconvened. A motion was made, seconded and adopted to adjourn the meeting of the Commission.

The Commission meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.