The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Chair Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, and June Taylor were also in attendance. Commissioners Hoke and Steinhauer had excused absences. The minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commission Taylor. The minutes of the November 4, 2016 special meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with an update on the budget. He noted casino revenue was down 1.7% below estimates, but the revenue for key employee and vendor license fees was up. Mr. Schuler also noted that OCCC staff had been providing annual ethics training to the staff at all properties and the central office.

Matt Oyster, Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration Key Employee Licenses for six individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2016-29, granting three-year key employee licenses to Roy Kelcey Allison, Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc., Alisha Ray, Interblock USA, L.C., Jamie Brown, JACK Entertainment, LLC, Takatomo Imai, Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd., Tsuyoshi Takagaki, Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd., and Yasuhiro Yoshimura, Japan Cash Machine Co., Ltd. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Lucas. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Will Cox, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration one rule amendment for final filing. Mr. Cox explained that the Commission approved amendments to Ohio Admin Code: 3772-9-02 at the March 16, 2016 public meeting. After receiving initial approval of the Amendment, Commission staff prepared the Amendment and filed a Business Impact Analysis with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO). The CSIO was noted to have reviewed and subsequently authorized the Commission to proceed with filing the Amendment with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). Commissioner Brown made a motion to adopt Commission Resolution 2016-30, approving final filing of the rule amendment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Mr. Cox also reviewed for the Commission proposed amendments to existing rules 3772-10-01, -02, -04, -10, -11, -12, -14, -19, -24, -25, -26, -27, -28, and 3772-19-09 pursuant to the required statutory five-year review. A motion to adopt the amendments was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skilled Games, presented to the Commission three new rules for consideration of initial filing. The following are the three new rules: 3772-50-26 Skill-based amusement machine tournaments, 3772-50-27 Hearings, and 3772-50-28 Sanctions. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve initial filing of the rules. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
Patrick Martin, Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration, amendments to Internal Controls being requested by Hollywood Casino Columbus (HCO), Hollywood Casino Toledo (HCT), JACK Cincinnati (JCI), and JACK Cleveland (JCL). All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- HCO sought amendments to its plans for Player Services, IT, RG, Security, Slots, Surveillance, Table Games, and Standards for Contractors. The majority of changes were in response to the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) revisions that became effective October 1. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

- HCT sought a waiver, as well as control changes. The waiver would allow HCT’s Security to have a monitor at the employee entrance, allowing officers to see who is approaching. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed waiver. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved. The control changes sought by HCT were similar to HCO, mainly making the OAC changes that were effective on October 1. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

- JCI sought amendments to several sections including table game updates and implementing the recent OAC changes. A few amendments to note were the removal of some Vice President-level positions in divisions that also have Director-level ones, inspections controls around roulette and big six wheel, the addition of a line in Tri-lux blackjack wager, and updated Poker House Rules. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

- JCL also sought the same amendments as JCI with one notable personnel change. The personnel change involves re-titling to a “regional” surveillance technician who can work on both JCL and Thistledown’s surveillance systems. Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

John Barron, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel, then presented two final orders to the Commission for consideration:

In re: Brian Pennington (case #2016-LIC-012). Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Brian Pennington. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Anthony Smith (case #2016-LIC-022). Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Anthony Smith. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Manoranjan and approved.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

Signed,  

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Acting Commission Secretary