

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
10:00 A.M. – February 15, 2017  
OHIO STATEHOUSE, STATE ROOM  
1 Capitol Square  
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by Chair Davidson. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Martin Hoke, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, John Steinhauer, and June Taylor were also in attendance. The minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

Executive Director Schuler began his report with news that State Representative Bill Seitz has reintroduced legislation that would allow casino employees to participate in casino gaming except at a facility where they are employed or an affiliated property. House Bill 32 aims to bring Ohio into alignment with neighboring jurisdictions, where a similar approach has proven fair and maintains the integrity of casino gaming.

Mr. Schuler provided an update regarding the Child Support Intercept Program, which withholds casino winnings from casino patrons with past due child and spousal support. Since the program's inception, the amount withheld from casino, racino, and lottery winnings totals more than \$5 million dollars. The Commission's Division of Regulatory Compliance conducts regular audits of the casinos' Intercept protocols to ensure the properties are following the law.

The National Council on Problem Gambling announced that it will hold the 2018 National Conference in Cleveland, and the Commission and its partners in Ohio for Responsible Gambling (ORG) will be hosting the event. Through ORG, Ohio has become a national leader in problem gambling education, prevention, and treatment.

Mr. Schuler ended his report with a budget update. Taxes were below the third quarter estimate, by 10.2%. Revenue for the state was up for January. If this trend continues, the Commission will be above estimates for the fourth quarter. While there was no vendor fee revenue for January, the amount received to date already exceeds the estimate for the year. Key employee fees may be leveling out after the spike during the first six months of the fiscal year. Based on January revenue and the amount of revenue anticipated for February, the quarterly estimate for gaming employee fees should be met. Expenses were noted to be below projections.

Matt Oyster, Director of Licensing and Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration Key Employee Licenses for eight individuals. The OCCC Division of Licensing and Investigations completed background investigations of the applicants and recommended approval of Commission Resolution 2017-05, granting three-year key employee licenses to Vincent Barile, JACK Cincinnati Casino (JCI), Mark Begrin, Hollywood Casino Toledo (HCT), Ryan Comstock, Ainsworth Game Technology, Inc., Patrick Ramsey, Aristocrat Leisure Limited (Aristocrat), Kevin Sheehan, Scientific Games Corporation, Sylvia Summers Couder, Aristocrat, Joseph Watkins, JCI, and Aaron Williams, Hollywood Casino Columbus (HCO). A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

Patrick Martin, OCCC Director of Regulatory Compliance, presented to the Commission for their consideration, amendments to Internal Controls being requested by HCO, HCT, JCI, and JACK Cleveland (JCL). All of the proposed changes had been reviewed and recommended by the OCCC staff.

- HCO sought to amend its IT, Marketing, Table Games, and Standards for Contractors plans. The most important change was the new requirement for HCO to perform a “reasonable means of investigation” on companies that will do more than \$100,000 in annual business, in an effort to eliminate un-certifiable companies. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.
- HCT sought changes to its Security, Table Games, and Standards for Contractors plans, as well as some minor changes to a few table game rules. HCT echoes the same new step for investigating larger contractors that HCO established. Additionally, HCT added details in the Security Plan regarding weather closures, and added better descriptions of job functions in the Table Games plan. Commissioner Lucas made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.
- JCI sought changes to its Accounting, Cage, Credit, Responsible Gaming, Slots, Table Games, Promotions, and Poker plans. JCI has reconciled the Cage and Accounting organization so that the casino’s required positions and reporting structure are clear. This change was made in response to a recent issue where the casino’s Cage Manager left and the property needed an interim person who did not have any conflicts. The changes made to many of these plans were due to the new use of promotional chips. Both JACK properties would like to begin using promotional chips rather than match-play coupons, so details on their use are being added to plans. Commissioner Taylor made a motion to approve the proposed changes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.
- JCL echoed the changes that JCI submitted. One difference is in the table game rules, JCL is adding a Commission Free Pai Gow Poker game. This game is new in the state, so the casino provided a testing laboratory letter to support the game’s play and outcomes. Commissioner Taylor 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 seven final orders to the Commission for consideration:

In re: Corey Adams (case #2016-LIC-033). Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Corey Adams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

In re: Antell Bouier (case #2016-LIC-031). Chair Davidson made a motion to revoke the CGE License for Antell Bouier. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: John Contonio (case #2016-LIC-036). Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for John Contonio. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hoke and approved.

In re: Shi-re Fairbanks (case #2016-LIC-030). Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Shi-re Fairbanks. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor and approved.

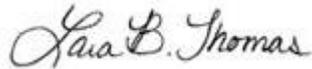
In re: Paul Mason (case #2016-LIC-034). Chair Davidson made a motion to deny the CGE License Application for Paul Mason. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

In re: Kelly Starr (case #2016-LIC-015). Chair Davidson made a motion to approve and adopt the Report and Recommendation without modification to deny licensure for Kelly Starr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

In re: DeJuan White (case #2016-LIC-017). Chair Davidson made a motion to approved and adopt the Report and Recommendation without modification to deny licensure for DeJuan White. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Taylor 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: March 15, 2017