

OHIO CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
10:00 A.M. – APRIL 17, 2019
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 10:02 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Vice-Chair Jo Ann Davidson and Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manoranjan, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting were approved following a motion by Commissioner Steinhauer and seconded by Commissioner Lucas.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler began his report with Rick Anthony, Deputy Executive Director and Director of Operations, providing a budget update. Mr. Anthony reported that the Commission's cash flow for fiscal year 2019 is very positive. It was noted tax revenue is 3% above estimates. Mr. Anthony also noted Skill Games fees have been slightly higher than estimated. Overall, expenses are well below estimates.

Next, Mr. Schuler provided a legislative update and brief comparison of Senate Bill 111 and House Bill 194. Mr. Schuler highlighted that the biggest difference between the two bills is the House Bill would task the Ohio Lottery Commission with oversight of sports wagering, while the Senate Bill would task the Commission with that oversight.

Then, Mr. Schuler provided an update from the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services on the amount of money intercepted from jackpots and prize winnings. To date, ODJFS announced it has intercepted over \$10 million in unpaid child support from jackpot winners at Ohio's casinos, racinos and Lottery prize winners since 2014.

Lastly, Mr. Schuler ended his report by inviting Sam Porter, Regional Compliance Director for Penn National Gaming, Inc., to give a business perspective of Hollywood's role as the host of the Heartland Poker Tournament. Mr. Schuler reminded the Commission that a Gaming-Related Vendor License was issued to PNK Development 7, LLC, which operates under the trade name "Heartland Poker Tour," at last month's meeting. Mr. Porter explained that PNK operates a full-service mobile poker production and provides everything needed to run a poker tournament and will be operating the Heartland Poker Tournament at the Hollywood Columbus Casino April 18, 2019 through April 29, 2019.

Matthew Oyster, General Counsel and Director of Licensing & Investigations, presented to the Commission for consideration the gaming-related vendor and key employee license applications for Gaming Partners International USA, Inc. (GPI USA) and Yasushi Shigeta. The Division of Licensing & Investigations completed suitability background investigations of GPI USA, its holding companies, and Mr. Shigeta, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2019-11, granting a three-year gaming-related vendor license to GPI USA and a three-year key-employee license to Mr. Shigeta. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Vice-Chair Davidson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

Mr. Oyster then presented to the Commission for consideration, key-employee license applications for nine individuals. The Licensing & Investigations Division completed background investigations of the

applicants, which did not uncover any material derogatory information, and recommended approval of proposed Resolution 2019-12, granting three-year key-employee licenses to: Frederick Baltz, JACK Entertainment, LLC; Eric Delsaer, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Gabriel Estilette, JACK Cincinnati Casino; Brian Jeffries, Hollywood Casino Columbus; Nicholas Khin, IGT; Angela Matthews-Santos, JACK Entertainment, LLC; Darlene Monzo, JACK Entertainment, LLC; Matthew Smith, JACK Entertainment, LLC; and Abuhassanali Young, JACK Entertainment, LLC. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Andromeda Morrison, Director of Skill Games, presented to the Commission for their consideration of seventy 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 2019-13, granting three-year skill-based amusement machine-related licenses upon receipt of the required licensing fees. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Commissioner Steinhauer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

Christian Scott, Regulatory Compliance Auditor, presented to the Commission for consideration, the approval of Ernst & Young LLP as JACK Ohio's required external auditor for both the JACK Cleveland and JACK Cincinnati casino operators. A motion to approve Ernst & Young LLP as the external auditor for JACK Ohio was made by Commissioner Manoranjan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and approved.

Rachel Kasper, Assistant General Counsel, presented to the Commission for consideration of three final orders:

In re: Roberto Guzman, Jr. (case #2018-LIC-033). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation with modifications to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License for Roberto Guzman, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Slaby and approved.

In re: Teresa Rubin (case #2018-LIC-034). Chair Taylor made a motion to approve and adopt the report and recommendation without modifications to deny the Casino Gaming Employee License for Teresa Rubin. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved.

In re: Joseph Williams, Jr. (case #2019-LIC-003). Chair Taylor made a motion to deny the Casino Employee License Application for Joseph Williams, Jr. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Steinhauer and approved.

In other business, Mr. Schuler acknowledged Kaile Sepnafski, Legal Intern, for her service to the Commission. Mr. Oyster noted Ms. Sepnafski had worked primarily with the Commission's Legal Division for the last two years and will be leaving the Commission to prepare for the bar exam.

Next, Mr. Oyster was invited to give a litigation update on the currently pending case of *Sims, Inc. dba Sully's Skill Games, et al. v. OCCC*. Because this concerned a pending court action, Chair Taylor made the following motion: "Discussion of this matter concerns a pending court action against the Commission. Accordingly, I move to go into executive session to conference with the agency's legal counsel about it, pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(3)." The motion was seconded by Vice-Chair Davidson and approved by a roll call vote of 7-0.

The Commission moved into Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

The regular meeting of the Commission resumed at 11:21 a.m.

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

Signed,



Catharine Abbott
Acting Commission Secretary
Approved: May 15, 2019