The regular meeting of the Ohio Casino Control Commission (Commission) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair June Taylor. Commissioners McKinley Brown, Will Lucas, Ranjan Manorjan, Lynn Slaby, and John Steinhauer were also in attendance. The minutes of the March 16, 2022, meeting was approved following a motion by Commissioner Lucas and seconded by Commissioner Slaby.

Executive Director Matthew Schuler provided a sports gaming update. Mr. Schuler explained that the batch of rules that are being brought before the Commissioners for consideration contain rules for Type C proprietors and sports gaming host licensing. Mr. Schuler explained that the Commission will have a limited role with respect to Type C licenses and will only be conducting suitability background investigations for Type C Proprietor applicants and licensing investigations for sports gaming host applicants. Type C sports gaming will be a lottery product and will be regulated by the Ohio Lottery Commission. Type C proprietors may operate and place sports gaming kiosks at an unlimited amount of Type C sports gaming hosts (Type C hosts). There will be limits on the type of bets, number of kiosks at an establishment, and money a person may bet per week for Type C sports gaming. To qualify for a Type C proprietor license, applicants will be evaluated based on suitability factors, which include criminal history, bankruptcy history, reputation, experience, and financial integrity, tax compliance, business practice litigation history, insurance and surety bonds, compliance with gaming-related laws and regulations, and public confidence. A maximum of 20 Type C proprietor licenses may be issued.

Unlike Type C proprietors, Type C hosts are exempted from suitability standards. To qualify for a Type C host license, an entity must meet four requirements. An entity must: 1) hold a D-1, D-2, or D-5 liquor permit; 2) be an Ohio Lottery Retail Sales Agent; 3) be recommended for licensure by the Ohio Lottery; and 4) be a for-profit entity. Mr. Schuler ended his update reporting that an overview of proprietor responsibilities would be presented at next month’s sports gaming update.

William Cox, Deputy General Counsel, reported that the first batch of rules were filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Review (JCARR) after the March meeting. Mr. Cox indicated the second batch of rules were recently filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO) and have received one comment. The third batch of rules is now ready to be initially approved and filed. The fourth batch of rules ended its second round of public comment on March 25th and are expected to be brought before the Commissioners for initial approval at the April 20th meeting. Lastly, the fifth batch of rules was recently released on March 28th for a second round of public comment. Mr. Cox provided an overview of how stakeholders are informed of the rule filing process and how comments are made. Mr. Cox expressed his appreciation of the collaborative efforts between the Commission and the stakeholders in the rule-making process for sports gaming.
Then, Mr. Cox presented for consideration the third batch of new or amended administrative rules to regulate sports gaming for initial filing. Mr. Cox explained that the third batch of rules are related to the sports gaming involuntary exclusion list, type C sports gaming proprietor and sports gaming host licensure, the voluntary exclusion program, and independent integrity monitoring. The rules use the procedural regulatory framework the Commission is accustomed to, combined with the substantive requirements of HB 29 and those that other jurisdictions have used to ensure the integrity of sports gaming. Next, Mr. Cox provided an overview of the administrative rules and requested approval to initially file the following new or amended rules: Ohio Adm.Code 3772-12-01 — -07, 3775-1-09, 3775-4-04, 3775-4-07, 3775-12-01, and 3775-14-01 — -04. In so doing, Mr. Cox reminded the Commissioners that upon this approval, the rules and a Business Impact Analysis will be filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO). After CSIO review and authorization, the rules will then be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). After JCARR’s jurisdiction ends, the rules will be brought before the Commissioners again at a public meeting for final-filing approval. A motion to approve the initial filing was made by Commissioner Brown. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lucas and approved.

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

Signed,

Lara B. Thomas
Commission Secretary
Approved: April 20, 2022