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## PA Gaming Control Board Renews License for Rivers Casino Philadelphia

**HARRISBURG:** The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board") today unanimously voted to renew the Category 2 stand-alone casino license of Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP, operator of Rivers Casino Philadelphia.

In making the decision, the Board determined that Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP had fulfilled the obligations under its previously approved casino operator's license and therefore qualified to have its license renewed for an additional five-year period.

The decision to renew the license was based on a process utilized by the Board that enables both the operator and the public to provide information relevant to the renewal decision. A public input hearing was held in 2022 in the casino's host municipality, the City of Philadelphia, where personnel of Rivers Casino Philadelphia submitted exhibits and presented testimony on various aspects of the facility's operation since its last license renewal was granted. The public was also permitted to provide testimony about the casino and its impact in the community.

In reaching its decision, the Board also received information from local government officials, community groups and the PA State Police, along with the Gaming Control Board's Office of Enforcement Counsel, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement, Office of Compulsive and Problem Gaming, and Bureau of Casino Compliance.

Additionally, a public hearing was held in Harrisburg today to permit Board members to further question Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP representatives about any remaining issues prior to voting on the renewal.

Since its opening in September 2010 through September 2023, Rivers Casino Philadelphia has generated \$4.467,382,903 in gross revenue from the play of retail slot machines and table games, sports wagering and iGaming, and has returned to the Commonwealth a total of \$1,941,044,345 from tax revenue, assessments and fees. Rivers Casino Philadelphia currently operates 1,522 slot machines and 136 table games while employing 1,138 persons.

A PowerPoint presentation provided at the meeting which includes more details on Rivers Casino Philadelphia is available on the Board's website, www.gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov, under the Board Meetings tab and calendar date October 18, 2023.

## **About the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board**

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board is tasked to oversee all aspects of gambling involving 17 casinos, online casino games, retail and online sports wagering, and Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs) at qualified truck stops, along with the regulation of online fantasy sports contests.

The land-based casino industry in Pennsylvania consists of six racetrack (Category 1) casinos, five stand-alone (Category 2) casinos, two resort (Category 3) casinos and four mini-casinos (Category 4). A significant job generator in the Commonwealth, casinos and the other types of Board-regulated gaming generated over \$2.3 billion in tax revenue during the 2022/2023 State Fiscal Year.

Additional information about both the PGCB's gaming regulatory efforts and Pennsylvania's gaming industry can be found at **gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov**. You can also follow the agency on X (formerly Twitter) by choosing **@PAGamingControl**.

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