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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. STRAWBERRY SQUARE COMPLEX, 2ND FLOOR, HARRISBURG

Ex-Officio Members
PAT BROWNE
STACY GARRITY
RUSSELL C. REDDING

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was held at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Office of Hearings and Appeals, Strawberry Square Complex, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Denise J. Smyler, Chair Frank Dermody Shawn Dillon David S. Hickernell Sara Manzano-Díaz Nedia Ralston Frances J. Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Langan, Designee, Pennsylvania Treasury Alyssa Meuler, Designee, Department of Revenue

PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD EXECUTIVE STAFF WHO APPEARED BEFORE THE BOARD:

Steve Cook, Chief Counsel – Confidential Joint Motion, and Petitions
Claire Yantis, Administrative Director – Resolution 2024-1-CPG
Elizabeth Lanza, Director of Compulsive and Problem Gambling – Resolution 2024-1-CPG
Danette Bixler-George, Human Resources Director – New Hires

Robert Wood, Assistant Chief Counsel III – Regulations

Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel – Withdrawals/Surrenders and Reports and Recommendations, Sean Hannon, Director of Bureau of Licensing – Licenses and Renewals, Principal, Key Employee & Qualifier Licenses, Credentials, Permits and Registrations, Denials, Withdrawals and Certifications

Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel – Licenses and Renewals, Credentials, Permits and Registrations, Denials, Withdrawals, Certifications, Consent Agreements, Revocations and Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List

Michael Roland, Senior Enforcement Counsel – Consent Agreement

John Crohe, Senior Enforcement Counsel – Consent Agreement and Placement on Involuntary Exclusion List

Juan Sanchez, Assistant Enforcement Counsel I – Consent Agreement, Revocations and Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List

Kelci Scirrotto, Assistant Enforcement Counsel – Revocation and Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List

Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Enforcement Counsel II – Revocation and Placement on Involuntary Exclusion List

OTHER ATTENDEES FOR CONSENT AGREEMENTS:

Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP d/b/a Rivers Casino Philadelphia

John Donnelly, Esquire, Sugarhouse HSP Gaming Glenn McClain, Security Manager, Rivers Casino Philadelphia

Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino at Penn National

Adam Kates, Senior Director of Compliance, Hollywood Casino at Penn National Adrian King, Esquire, Ballard Spahr Law Firm Michael Fabius, Esquire, Ballard Spahr Law Firm

Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino York

Alex Hvizda, Director of Compliance, Hollywood Casino York

A quorum of the Board being present, Chair Smyler called the meeting to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smyler announced that the Board held an Executive Session on February 20th to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters coming before the Board on February 21st.

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-36 OCC

Motions: 1st_Board Member Dermody / 2nd_Board Member Dillon

Chair Smyler also announced that, during yesterday's closed executive session, the Board heard from Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association and the Office of Enforcement Counsel regarding the parties' pending consent agreement involving interactive gaming know your customer/criminal fraud scheme violations. As a result, the Board granted, nunc pro tunc, Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association's and the Office of Enforcement Counsel's Joint Motion to Protect Confidential Security Information and to present confidential security information during executive session.

MINUTES/TRANSCRIPT

On a motion by Commissioner Dillon, seconded by Commissioner Hickernell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes and transcripts of the November 15, 2023, meeting.

OFFICE OF COMPULSIVE AND PROBLEM GAMBLING

PGCB RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1 CPG

On a motion by Commissioner Regan, seconded by Commissioner Dermody, the Board unanimously approved a resolution proclaiming March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month as described by the Director of Compulsive and Problem Gambling.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-037 HR

Motions: 1st_Board Member Hickernell / 2nd_Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby approved the following applicants for hire:

- Kenyon Kelley, Electronics Engineer, Bureau of Administration, Office of Gaming Laboratory Operations
- Jaykob Cowden, Technical Field Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance, The Meadows Casino
- Victor Rosas-Granda, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance, Wind Creek Casino
- Endrias Gebreab, Sports Wagering Compliance Representative, Office of Sports Wagering Operations

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-038 OCC

Motions: 1st_Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd_Board Member Ralston

The Board hereby adopted the **Temporary Regulation** - #125-248 regarding Temporary Table Games, Side

Wagers and Variations as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-039 OCC

Motions: 1st_Board Member Dermody / 2nd_Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby adopted the **Statement of Policy** - #125-249 regarding Direct Bet Coupons as described

by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-040 OCC

Motions: 1st_Board Member Ralston / 2nd_Board Member Regan

The Board hereby granted Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.'s Petition as described by the Office of Chief

Counsel.

Docket Number: 11394-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-041 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Regan / 2nd-Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby granted **NeoGames Solutions, LLC, Pariplay US Limited, Aristocrat Technology Gaming Systems Pty Ltd. and Anaxi Investments Limited's** Joint Petition as described by the Office of Chief Counsel. Commissioner Regan further moved that the Office of Enforcement Counsel's request for confidentiality be denied.

Docket Number: 11402-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-042 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Dermody / 2nd-Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby granted **Tejas Ajmeri's** Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List as

described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 4826-2016

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-043 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell

The Board hereby granted **Ly Nguyen's** Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 7771-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-044 OCC

Motions: 1st_Board Member Hickernell / 2nd_Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby approved, without prejudice, the following **WITHDRAWALS AND SURRENDERS** as described by the Office of Chief Counsel:

Richard Brown – Surrender Principal License; No. 11432-2023

Lars Erik Stugemo – Surrender Principal License; No. 11443-2023

Jette Nygaard-Andersen – Surrender Principal License; No. 11446-2023

David Karran – Surrender Principal License; No. 11459-2024

Moira McHarrie - Surrender Principal License; No. 11460-2024

Anne C. Woods - Surrender Principal License; No. 11461-2024

John M. Collins – Surrender Principal License; No. 11462-2024

Ben Werner Johansen – Withdraw Principal License Application; No. 11448-2023

Gordon Scerri – Withdraw Principal License Application; No. 11469-2024

Joseph Simon – Surrender Principal License; No. 11451-2024 Ifor Evans – Surrender Principal License; No. 11467-2024

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-045 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd–Board Member Ralston

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **Target Media Ads LTD's** application for a Gaming Service Provider Registration be denied, and Target Media Ads LTD be placed on the Prohibited Gaming Service Provider's List.

Docket Number: 11197-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-046 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Ralston / 2nd-Board Member Regan

The Board hereby rejected the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel, and that **Venture Gaming, LLC's** Petition for Approval of a Proposed Gaming Employee Cash Incentive Program be granted, subject to the conditions that will be outlined in the Board's Order. Commissioner Ralston further moved that the Petitioner's request for confidentiality be granted.

Docket Number: 10827-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-047 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Regan / 2nd-Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that the emergency suspension of **Bradford Blakeney's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration remain in effect.

Docket Number: 11362-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-048 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dermody / 2nd–Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **B.J.'s** Petition be granted in part, and that \$17.10 be returned to him.

Docket Number: 11112-2023

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-049 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Dillon / 2nd-Board Member Hickernell

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **S.G.'s** Petition be granted in part, and that \$83.98 be returned to her.

Docket Number: 11019-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-050 OCC

Motions: 1st_Board Member Hickernell / 2nd_Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **Celestinen Washington's** Petition be granted in part, and that \$219.40 be returned to her.

Docket Number: 10848-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

BUREAU OF LICENSING

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-051 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd–Board Member Ralston

The Board granted **ROXOR GAMING LIMITED's** Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-052 BOL

Motions: 1st_Board Member Ralston / 2nd_Board Member Regan

The Board granted **KONAMI GAMING, INC.'s** Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License Renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-053 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Regan / 2nd-Board Member Dermody

The Board granted C H R CORP. D/B/A RUTTER'S STORE #82's Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-054 BOL

Motions: 1st_Board Member Dermody / 2nd_Board Member Dillon

The Board approved the following **PRINCIPAL**, **KEY EMPLOYEE AND QUALIFIER LICENSES** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:

<u>Chester Downs and Marina, LLC d/b/a Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack. Category 1 Slot Machine Licensee, GID #1368</u>

Principals

Initial

• Cheryl Thomas – GID #156249-2

Initial

Rajendran Anbalagan – GID #160713-1

Renewal

• Sarah Catherin Petrosh - GID #27151-4

Key Employee

Initial

• Salvatore Forgione - GID #68801-4

<u>Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Parx Casino, Category 1 Slot Machine Licensee, GID #1239</u>

Key Employee

Renewal

Matthew William Hayes – GID #3921-6

GW Cumberland Op Co., Category 4 Slot Machine Licensee, GID #112451

Key Employees

Initial

• Matthew Morlock - GID #72647-5

Initial

• Ryan Arthur Leonard – GID #154029-2

Holdings Acquisition Co, L.P. d/b/a Rivers Casino Pittsburgh, Category 2 Slot Machine Licensee, GID # 1361

Key Employee

Initial

• Max Joseph Schmerin - GID #88343-4

Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Course, Category 1 Slot Machine Licensee, GID #1315

Principal Entity

Initial

SDSV (Gibraltar) Limited – GID #154072-1

Principal

Renewal

• Desiree Ann Burke - GID #44162-9

Key Employees

Initial

Andrew Bartoldson – GID #133115-2

Initial

Hecham Issam Ghazal – GID #154307

BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital, LLC, Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator Licensee, GID #115293

Principal

Initial

Rahul Welde – GID #157852-1

Crown PA Gaming, Inc. d/b/a DraftKings, Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator Licensee, GID #117645

Key Employee

Initial

Gregory Brian Karamitis – GID #157756-1

Evolution US, LLC, Interactive Gamign Manufacturer Licensee, GID #112437

Key Employee

Initial

Asnate Lokmene – GID #155692-1

Greentube GmbH, Interactive Gaming Manufacturer Licensee, GID #146480

Principal

Initial

• Zachary Todd Present - GID #157330-1

IDology, Inc. d/b/a IDology, Certified Gaming Service Provider, GID #117895

GSP Qualifier

Initial

• Jeffrey Andrew Blaszyk – GID #156808-1

Incredible Technologies, Inc., Slot Machine and Interactive Gaming Manufacturer Licensee, GID #99043

Key Employee

Initial

• Paul Allen Luquet - GID #160423-1

J&J Ventures Gaming of Pennsylvania, LLC d/b/a J&J Ventures Gaming PA, Video Gaming Terminal Operator Licensee, GID #110506

VGT Principal Entity

Initial

• J&J Ventures Gaming, LLC - GID #155474-1

Novomatic America Sales, LLC, Slot Machine and Table Game Manufacturer Designee, Video Gaming Terminal and Sports Wagering Supplier Licensee, GID #90253

Key Employee

Renewal

Miguel Angel Gonzalez – GID #90357-3

NYX Digital Gaming (USA), LLC, Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Manufacturer Licensee, GID #110312

Principal

Initial

William Kenneth Fullerton – GID #159503-1

Pala Interactive, LLC, Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator Licensee, GID #114878

Key Employee

Initial

• Andrea Christine Pustivuk - GID #155882-1

Pariplay USA Limited d/b/a Pariplay, Interactive Gaming Manufacturer Licensee, GID #128758

Principal

Initial

• Bogdan Barbacaru - GID #158818-1

PT Services (Delaware), LLC, Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Manufacturer Licensee, GID #135152

Principal Entity

Initial

• SIA Euro Live Technologies - GID #158070-1

Principals

Initial

Anna Gaponov – GID #158069

Initial

Grigory Gornizky – GID #158829

TA Operating, LLC (Site #003), Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Licensee, GID #112945

VGT Principal Qualifier

Initial

• Jason Eric Alvarado – GID #158869-1

TSG Interactive US Services Limited, Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator Licensee, GID #109344

Principal

Initial

• Severin Rasset - GID #150700-1

Venture Gaming, LLC, Video Gaming Terminal Operator Licensee, GID #108945

Principal

Initial

Frank Cunningham – GID #161412-1

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-055 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell

The Board approved the issuance of **TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL** (7) and **KEY** (18) Employee Credentials as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-056 BOL

Motions: 1st_Board Member Hickernell / 2nd_Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board approved the issuance of 858 **GAMING EMPLOYEE OCCUPATION PERMITS** and 307 **NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE REGISTRATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Order.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-057 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd–Board Member Ralston

The Board approved the **DENIAL** of (1) Gaming and (1) Non-Gaming Employees Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-058 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Ralston / 2nd-Board Member Regan

The Board approved the **WITHDRAWAL** of the 94 Applications. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

• 54 – Gaming Employee Applications

40 – Non-Gaming Employee Applications

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-059 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Regan / 2nd-Board Member Dermody

The Board approved the following applications for **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:

GID# 4019-5

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Global Surveillance Associates, Inc. FACILITY: Wind Creek Bethlehem, LLC

PRODUCT/SERVICE: Designs, sells, installs, and maintains surveillance systems & access controls

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-060 BOL

Motions: 1st_Board Member Dermody / 2nd_Board Member Dillon

The Board approved the following applications for **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:

GID# 163271-1

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: 2749612 Ontario, Inc., DBA: Cashew Tech

FACILITY: Toronto, Canada PRODUCT/SERVICE: Affiliate services

GID# 132320-2

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: BC Ventures PA, LLC FACILITY: Palm Springs, California PRODUCT/SERVICE: Affiliate Marketing

GID# 162967-1

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Caxy Consulting, LLC, DBA: Caxy Interactive

FACILITY: Chicago, Illinois

PRODUCT/SERVICE: Creating web software for internal use

GID# 18280-5

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Pavilion Payments Gaming Services, Inc.

FACILITY: Las Vegas, Nevada

PRODUCT/SERVICE: Cash access solutions including traditional and electronic check cashing, payroll check cashing,

and credit and debit card cash advance services

GID# 112441-2

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Paysafe Merchant Services Corp. DBA: Paysafe

FACILITY: Montreal, Canada

PRODUCT/SERVICE: Online payment processing service provider

GID# 125194-1

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: POSabilites POS, Inc. DBA: POSabilites

FACILITY: Fort Myers, Florida

PRODUCT/SERVICE: Installation, training, and support for foodservice points of sale system

GID# 164622-1

GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: WeWinGames, LLC FACILITY: Denver, Colorado

PRODUCT/SERVICE: Marketing & promotion for online gaming

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-061 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Dillon / 2nd-Board Member Hickernell

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **SugarHouse HSP Gaming, LP d/b/a Rivers Casino Philadelphia** as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-062 OEC

Motions: 1st – Board Member Regan / 2nd – Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino at Penn National** as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-063 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd-Board Member Ralston

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino York** as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-064 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Ralston / 2nd-Board Member Regan

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Doug Hohman's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-065 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Regan / 2nd-Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Owen Kiggans'** Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-066 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Dermody / 2nd-Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Felicity Cole's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-067 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Dillon / 2nd-Board Member Hickernell

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Bobby Ros'** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

The Board APPROVED the following additions to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel:

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MOTION #	RESPONDENT	DOCKET	FIRST	SECOND	BOARD DECISION
2024-068 OEC	RUSSELL HENDERSON	11258-2023	Hickernell	Manzano-Díaz	Placed on List
2024-069 OEC	DIANESE CONNER	11230-2023	Manzano-Díaz	Ralston	Placed on List
2024-070 OEC	THERESA JOHNSON	11356-2023	Ralston	Regan	Placed on List
2024-071 OEC	DEVON MELCHOR	11349-2023	Regan	Dermody	Placed on List
2024-072 OEC	STARONNA MOORE-MCGRIFF	11271-2023	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List
2024-073 OEC	RONDELL DRAPER	11270-2023	Dillon	Hickernell	Placed on List
2024-074 OEC	BENJAMIN RODRIGUEZ	11196-2023	Hickernell	Manzano-Díaz	Placed on List

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion	by Board	Member	Manzano-Díaz,	seconded by	Board	Member	Ralston	the mee	ting w	as
adjourned.										