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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2005, 4:03 P.M.

BEFORE:

THOMAS DECKER, CHAIRMAN  
MARY DiGIACOMO COLINS  
WILLIAM P. CONABOY  
JEFFREY W. COY  
KENNETH T. McCABE  
JOSEPH W. MARSHALL, III, via telephone  
SANFORD RIVERS  
ROBERT P. CASEY, JR., PA STATE TREASURER

HILLARY M. HAZLETT, REPORTER  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Good afternoon. I'm Tad  
2 Decker, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control  
3 Board. I would like to welcome the Board and all of  
4 you to this meeting today.  
5 A quorum of the voting members of the Board  
6 are present, and so this meeting is now officially  
7 called to order.  
8 Please note that Commissioner Chip Marshall  
9 is joining us by telephone today. Chip, can you hear  
10 us okay?

11 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Yes, I can, Tad.  
12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Great.  
13 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: You sound great.  
14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Good. Thank you. Thank  
15 you. Thanks for the compliment. It's the only one  
16 I've had all day, Chip. Treasurer Casey may be  
17 joining -- by the way, Chip is at a very important --  
18 COMMISSIONER COY: The Treasurer is  
19 present.  
20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: I'm sorry. Treasurer  
21 Casey is here today. Terrific. We're happy to have  
22 you here. He just got in from another very important  
23 meeting.  
24 Revenue Secretary Greg Fajt is being  
25 represented by Steve Niley. Steve is here. Welcome

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1 as always. Agricultural Secretary Wolff is unable to  
2 attend today's meeting.  
3 As always, let me remind everyone,  
4 particularly myself, to shut off your blackberries  
5 and phones, etc., because it interferes with the  
6 sound system.  
7 Okay. Let's begin the meeting with the --  
8 please join me with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
9 (Pledge of Allegiance.)  
10 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. By way of old  
11 business, we have some housekeeping. The Board  
12 earlier had held an Executive Session, in part, to  
13 discuss personnel matters and no business was  
14 conducted during this meeting.  
15 Before we get to our action items, I want  
16 to point out one important personnel note.  
17 Commissioner Colins was recently reappointed to the  
18 Board by Governor Rendell for a three-year term.  
19 Mary has, frankly, done an unbelievable job  
20 on these regulations and on many other matters.  
21 She's always been, along with Sandy and some others,  
22 the primary people running our -- getting our  
23 diversity forums organized.  
24 So she's just been -- Mary, you've just  
25 been terrific the whole time. Your efforts have been

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1 wonderful.  
2 So on behalf of the Board, I want to thank  
3 Mary for her great leadership and hard work. I would  
4 like you to join me in a round of applause for Mary.  
5 (Applause.)  
6 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Our next order of  
7 business this afternoon is to approve and adopt the  
8 transcript of our last meeting. May I have a motion?  
9 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: So moved.  
10 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.  
11 COMMISSIONER CONABOY: Second.  
12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions or comments  
13 about the minutes? Hearing none, all those in favor  
14 please their indicate their approval of the minutes  
15 by saying aye.

16 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed? Motion  
18 carries.

19 Please note, again, that these minutes, as  
20 usual, are available on the PGCB website and that  
21 this meeting is being recorded by a stenographer.  
22 Hello, again.

23 Our next order of business would be to talk  
24 about regulations. As I mentioned a moment ago,  
25 Commissioner Colins has been overseeing the

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1 implementation of our regulations, which have been  
2 moving on at a great pace.

3 Mary, I understand there are some editorial  
4 changes concerning one of the sets of regulations.  
5 Can you give us an update on that and anything else  
6 you want to talk about in terms of regulations would  
7 be appreciated.

8 COMMISSIONER DIGIACOMO COLINS: Right.  
9 Thank you. I'll be brief. There are some changes  
10 that we have arrived at. As we continue to move  
11 forward in the direction of writing regulations, we  
12 also backtrack all the time and review what we've  
13 already written to make sure that everything is in  
14 sync.

15 As a result, we are making -- I'm going to  
16 propose a number of changes. I just want to put them  
17 on the record for purposes of clarity.

18 In Section 407.1(a), Section 423.2(c), the  
19 words have been removed from those sections or the  
20 Bureau and the remaining language is the Board.

21 These adjustments were made in an effort to  
22 make clear the distinction between the Bureau and the  
23 Board for Lyness purposes.

24 Most of these changes were changes that  
25 were recommended by Michael Schwoyer, who had

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1 reviewed the -- has been going back and reviewing the  
2 regulations for us. So I'm going to propose that we  
3 adopt these in my motion at the end of this.

4 Then in Section 423.2(c), we have removed  
5 the sentence all information obtained including  
6 background investigation information and documents  
7 and information from other jurisdictions shall be  
8 served on the applicant.

9 This was an unnecessary provision. Due  
10 process requires that applicants receive copies of  
11 all information anyway and the Board will be  
12 providing those.

13 Then finally, Subsection 423.4(c), the  
14 words the Bureau were added. In this section, the  
15 regulations discussed the consequences of the  
16 applicant's refusal to provide information to the  
17 Board.

18 The Bureau was included in the list of  
19 entities that an applicant is required to provide  
20 information to.

21 So because these have been temporarily  
22 adopted, we have to formally vote on these  
23 amendments. I would like to make a motion in that  
24 regard, if you are prepared to accept it.

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25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: May I have a second?

1 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Are there any questions  
3 or comments of Mary about these proposed changes?

4 Hearing none, all those in favor, please  
5 indicate by saying aye.

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Opposed? Motion passes.

8 COMMISSIONER DiGIACOMO COLINS: I keep  
9 interrupting you. I'm so sorry. This will be  
10 published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin, these  
11 changes. Thank you. That's it.

12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Mary, can you give us  
13 just a very quick update on where we are with the  
14 regs? We finished the regs on manufacturers,  
15 correct?

16 COMMISSIONER DiGIACOMO COLINS:  
17 Manufacturers, the applications are out. The  
18 applications are in -- I mean the complete  
19 applications are in.

20 The Category 1 regulations have been  
21 adopted. The Category 2 and 3s are published and  
22 public comment is -- the public comment period is  
23 open right now for that.

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24 We're just about finishing the regulations  
25 on vendors and that should be done -- those should be

1 done and offered to the Board for publishing at the  
2 next meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: And some of the BIE --

4 COMMISSIONER DiGIACOMO COLINS: The BIE  
5 regulations are also posted with the Categories 2 and  
6 3s for public comment. So please send your comments  
7 in on those.

8 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you, Mary.

9 COMMISSIONER DiGIACOMO COLINS: You're  
10 welcome.

11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: You may recall that at  
12 our last meeting, our Licensing Director Susan Hensel  
13 sat at the table here with a huge box we had received  
14 as a partial, let me repeat, partial submission of  
15 the application for gaming equipment manufacturer's  
16 license.

17 On Monday of this week, the filing period  
18 closed for those applications, as Mary was just  
19 saying. To date, we received a total of nine  
20 applications. Is that correct, Susan?

21 MS. HENSEL: Ten.

22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Oh, another. Ten? Okay.  
23 Nine additional applications so ten total. Most of  
24 us went in the room where these boxes are. It's a  
25 mountain of materials. You have to have eight

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1 copies, the original and seven copies.

2 So what you saw at the last meeting was one  
3 copy, the box for one copy. So there's enormous  
4 amounts of materials to go through.

5 These documents represent just the first  
6 round of applications for manufacturers. Later this  
7 year, we'll be receiving applications for suppliers,  
8 vendors, and we hope even some operators.

9 Then there will be permit applications for  
10 casino employees. It's going to be a lot of work, a  
11 lot of paperwork but a lot of work in addition of  
12 going through these applications. We intend to do it  
13 in the right way.

14 Licensing manufacturers is an extremely  
15 important step on the road to full implementation of  
16 Act 71, because at least 90 days must elapse between  
17 when we issue manufacturer and supplier licenses and  
18 when we begin approving operating licenses.

19 As an aside, we are going to take up the  
20 question of supplier licenses at our next meeting.  
21 That's our intention today.

22 We believe that we have covered the need  
23 for immediate forensic and financial investigatory  
24 help with the first group of applications through the  
25 emergency procurements for which we requested at our

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1 previous meeting.

2 Therefore, I am recommending to the Board  
3 today that we now pursue a competitive procurement  
4 process to select one or more firms to which we will  
5 outsource selected background investigations,  
6 forensic accounting, and financial due diligence  
7 investigation on future applicants; primarily  
8 Category 1, 2s and 3s.

9 This should get us, together with the State  
10 Police, who we have asked to take a look at the  
11 vendor -- spend a lot of time on the supplier license  
12 applications when we get those in and to the extent  
13 they need some help on the forensic accounting side,  
14 we have that through our outsourcing. We don't have  
15 it inside yet, but we have it through the outsourcing  
16 process.

17 These are three excellent firms and they  
18 will be able to help. In the long term, we continue  
19 to believe that we are going to need some forensic  
20 accounting help in particular and maybe some  
21 financial -- depending on how our hiring goes and  
22 training goes, maybe some other people that can do  
23 financial background investigations and due  
24 diligence.

25 So what we're going to implement over the

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1 next few months and we hope it's more like three  
2 months than six months will be a process where we  
3 open the procurement -- start a competitive  
4 procurement process for all firms, including the

5 three we selected to be available to us on a  
6 permanent basis.  
7 Again, we don't know what the workload is  
8 going to be down the road; but we suspect we're going  
9 to have needs in the forensic and financial area in  
10 the mid to permanent long term in any event.  
11 Is there any discussion on this proposal?  
12 Okay. May I have a motion to begin a  
13 procurement process to select one or more firms to  
14 perform these investigatory services as I just  
15 outlined.  
16 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: So moved.  
17 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Do I have a second?  
18 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Second.  
19 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions or comments  
20 on it?  
21 COMMISSIONER COY: Mr. Chairman, just to be  
22 clear then, we're going to continue utilizing those  
23 found under the emergency procurement for the  
24 manufacturers?  
25 CHAIRMAN DECKER: That's right.

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1 COMMISSIONER COY: And then these would be  
2 used for other future applicants, whatever they are?  
3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Right. Right. And we  
4 would expect that even the three we are using on a  
5 temporary basis will submit, you know, proposals on  
6 the more permanent process.  
7 Any other comments? Ken?  
8 COMMISSIONER McCABE: I just wanted to  
9 comment that I know we've been asking for companies  
10 to give us proposals. I know since the Pittsburgh  
11 meeting, we publicly came out and asked people at  
12 that time when we first started studying, going to  
13 outsourcing, that we wanted people to compete for  
14 this.  
15 Then you also even at the last meeting  
16 emphasized that we would be taking other additional  
17 bids under consideration. So it's been ongoing.  
18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Right. Any other  
19 questions about this?  
20 Okay. All those in favor of the motion  
21 that I just made, please indicate by saying aye.  
22 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.  
23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed? Motion  
24 carries unanimously.  
25 New business, diversity forums, as you know

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1 the Board has been planning to hold forums in  
2 Philadelphia and Pittsburgh this fall on diversity in  
3 gaming and providing opportunities.  
4 These forums will be designed to help bring  
5 the women-owned and minority-owned and disadvantaged  
6 businesses into the Pennsylvania gaming industry at  
7 all levels, but especially as the licensed suppliers  
8 and vendors.  
9 The first forum, as we announced at the

10 last meeting, is scheduled for Thursday, September  
11 29th, this year. The site is the Fox Gites Room at  
12 the Liacouras Center at the Temple University. I  
13 want to thank Temple for making this room available  
14 to us. The address is 1776 North Broad Street.

15 We will let you know more about the  
16 Pittsburgh forum, but it is scheduled for Thursday,  
17 October 27th at Duquesne University, and we'll give  
18 you more details about the times, etc., when it's  
19 available and probably by the next meeting.

20 I have asked LaMonte Williams, our Deputy  
21 Chief Counsel for Administration and the organizer of  
22 the forums, to update us on the Philadelphia forum.  
23 I presume that the format for this will be pretty  
24 much the same as Pittsburgh. Is that correct,  
25 LaMonte?

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1 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.

3 MR. WILLIAMS: Good afternoon, Mr.  
4 Chairman, Commissioners and members of the Board.  
5 Thank you for this opportunity to speak today about  
6 the diversity initiatives of the Pennsylvania Gaming  
7 Control Board.

8 As you know, Section 1212(a) of the  
9 Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act  
10 states that the Board shall promote and ensure  
11 diversity in all aspects of the gaming activities  
12 authorized under this part.

13 The Board shall work to enhance the  
14 reputation of diverse groups in the ownership,  
15 participation, and operation of the licensed  
16 entities, licensed facilities in this Commonwealth  
17 and through the ownership and participation and  
18 ownership of the business enterprises associated with  
19 or utilized by licensed entities at the licensed  
20 facilities through the provisions, goods, and  
21 services utilized by the slot machine licenses under  
22 this part.

23 On June 16th, Mr. Chairman, you mentioned  
24 that the Board would host a gaming diversity forum  
25 aimed at encouraging as a diverse group of people as

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1 possible to be involved in becoming involved in  
2 gaming.

3 It is with the spirit of your vision and in  
4 the spirit of Section 1212(a) that we have organized  
5 the Pennsylvania Gaming Enterprise Diversity Forum.

6 On several occasions, you had mentioned the  
7 dates and locations of the forums; but today, I would  
8 like to focus on the opportunities and the strategic  
9 objectives and the substantive content of the forums.

10 However, I would like to reiterate your  
11 previous message that the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh  
12 forums will cover the same topics with some regional  
13 variation in the panel members.

14 Details of the Pittsburgh forum will be

15 presented at a future meeting. Also, we have set the  
16 forum registration fee at \$75. We base this  
17 registration fee on market research analysis, which  
18 was prepared by Price WaterhouseCoopers. We  
19 encourage participants to register early.

20 Our objectives in hosting this forum are  
21 to, one, provide education for those who are  
22 interested in becoming vendors or suppliers in the  
23 gaming industry and, two, to provide network  
24 opportunities for potential suppliers and vendors and  
25 potential manufacturers and operators.

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1 In essence, we would like to afford the  
2 potential players in the gaming industry an  
3 opportunity to meet and get to know each other.  
4 Specifically, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board  
5 will host a reception that will immediately follow  
6 the forum, which will give the forum attendees a  
7 chance to network with fellow attendees, as well as  
8 forum participants.

9 The forum will consist of three sessions.  
10 Each session will include a discussion with panelists  
11 who have expertise in the area of the respective  
12 session topic.

13 Session I, gaming in Pennsylvania will  
14 provide an overview of how gaming is expected to  
15 operate in Pennsylvania. Specifically, topics will  
16 include Act 71, its accompanying regulations,  
17 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board operations, and  
18 diversity plan requirements under Act 71.

19 The panelists will include Commissioner  
20 Colins, Commissioner McCabe, Commissioner Conaboy,  
21 Susan Hensel, the acting Director of Licensing,  
22 Audrey Powell, the Policy Director for Representative  
23 H. William DeWeese, and myself.

24 Session II, advancing diversity among  
25 manufacturers will include such topics as enterprise

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1 opportunities within the Pennsylvania gaming industry  
2 and performing effective outreach to women and  
3 minority-owned businesses.

4 The panelists will include Commissioner  
5 Coy, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Gaming  
6 Control Board, Ann Need, Darlene Jenkins, President  
7 of the Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware Chapter of  
8 the National Minority Supplier Development Council,  
9 Dr. Louis Overstreet, the Executive Director of the  
10 Las Vegas Urban Chamber of Commerce and Phyllis  
11 James, the Senior Vice President and Senior Counsel  
12 of the MGM Mirage.

13 Session III, preparing to do business will  
14 provide attendees with practical advice for getting  
15 prepared to do business in the gaming industry, if  
16 you will, a toolbox for those who are interested in  
17 doing business in the gaming industry.

18 In this session, we will discuss licensing  
19 and certification requirements and issues regarding

20 starting a small business.

21 The panelists will include Commissioner  
22 Marshall, Peter Speaks, who is the Deputy Secretary  
23 of Administration for the Department of General  
24 Services, Thomas Wren, who is the Director of Special  
25 Projects for the Pennsylvania Small Business

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1 Development Center, Irene Hannan, who is the Senior  
2 Vice President of Citizens Bank, Leslie Stiles, the  
3 Executive Director of the Governor's Commission on  
4 Women, and Lori Reniner, who is a CPA and partner  
5 with Goldenberg Rosenthal, LLP.

6 As you can see, we have a very  
7 distinguished list of panel participants; and  
8 speaking of which, I would be remiss if I did not  
9 mention that the forums were being moderated by the  
10 distinguished Commissioner Sanford Rivers.

11 In closing, I would like to mention that  
12 more details regarding the forum can be found on the  
13 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board website at  
14 [www.pgcb.state.pa.us](http://www.pgcb.state.pa.us) or contacting the Board's  
15 Director of Communication, Nick Hays, or me.

16 The Philadelphia forum agenda is now on the  
17 website and the registration form, and the Pittsburgh  
18 agenda will be on the website very soon.

19 Again, Mr. Chairman and Commissioners and  
20 members of the Board, thank you for your time. At  
21 this time, I will be happy to answer any questions  
22 that you may have.

23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any questions for LaMonte  
24 about the program?

25 LaMonte, let me just say something, you

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1 raised a good point that I want to amplify. The main  
2 reason for having these events, in our mind, is put  
3 -- in addition to the information they are going to  
4 get is to put potential suppliers and vendors in the  
5 same room with potential manufacturers and casino  
6 operators.

7 The people who want to be suppliers and  
8 vendors need to know the players in the industry, who  
9 they will be working with and how to get in touch  
10 with them, how to get on the list, how to be  
11 considered. I think that's the point of it.

12 In addition to the panels we're having,  
13 we're also going to have a reception after each  
14 program so that these groups can get together and  
15 mingle, find out who is out there, talk, whatever.

16 We would like to have the panel  
17 manufacturers -- I want to say it again -- we want  
18 the potential manufacturers and operators to attend  
19 these events also. We hope they will do that. We  
20 would be disappointed if they don't.

21 Are there any other comments or questions  
22 from the Board before we move on?

23 LaMonte, thank you very much.

24 Next item is the administrative area.

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25 Today, we have 17 personnel decisions, including 16

1 full-time staff and 1 intern. Six of the full-time  
2 positions are in the Bureau of Investigations  
3 Enforcement, five are in the counsel's office, two  
4 are in the Bureau of Licensing, two are in the Bureau  
5 of Hearings and Appeals, and one is the  
6 administrative assistant to me as Chairman, which I  
7 will share with the HR function.

8 The hiring decisions we are making today  
9 are of particular importance to BIE. So I have asked  
10 David Kwait, our Director of Bureau of Investigations  
11 and Enforcement, to give us some background on these  
12 people and what their duties will be in the agency.

13 MR. KWAIT: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman,  
14 fellow commissioners. I'm very pleased to be here.  
15 As you know, I've been charged with the  
16 responsibility of staffing BIE with very competent  
17 people.

18 I recommend the following: First is Thomas  
19 K. Sturgeon to be Deputy Director of Investigation.  
20 Tom will come to us with 37 years of law enforcement  
21 experience rising in the ranks from a patrolman to a  
22 chief of police, to Deputy to the Superintendent of  
23 the Allegheny County Police Department.

24 Tom is currently serving as the regional  
25 director in the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement in

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1 the Office of Attorney General.

2 Tom is going to bring executive experience  
3 to our agency. He's also going to bring his many  
4 contacts since he served as Executive Director of the  
5 Chiefs of Police Association.

6 Next, I'm going to recommend Phil J. Rending  
7 as Western Regional Field Office Manager in  
8 Pittsburgh. Mr. Rending comes to us with 32 years of  
9 FBI experience rising in the ranks from an agent to  
10 executive management.

11 He's an expert in forensic science, and  
12 he'll bring that FBI experience including organized  
13 crime experience to the Board.

14 Next, I would like to recommend Gregory  
15 Arthur Sharpe as applicant intake manager, which is a  
16 very important position since he will be responsible  
17 for reviewing every applicant investigation as it  
18 comes in and correlating that application, setting  
19 out the appropriate assignments.

20 Mr. Sharpe has 31 years law enforcement  
21 experience primarily with the Office of Attorney  
22 General. His last assignment was Assistant Deputy  
23 Chief. He's an expert as a trainer. He formulated  
24 policy, and he will bring his many cerebral abilities  
25 to the Board as he sits down to write the many

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1 manuals that we have in order to make our agency more  
2 efficient.

3 My next recommendation is William Ronald

4 Smeel. He comes to us with 38 law enforcement years.  
5 We're going to consider him as Training Manager,  
6 another very important position.

7 Ron has had multiple experiences in law  
8 enforcement to include patrolman rising to the ranks  
9 of a chief. He also served as Executive Director for  
10 the Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police Association and is  
11 a recognized law enforcement professional.

12 He has had much experience teaching law  
13 enforcement subjects to include teaching at the  
14 Pennsylvania State University at State College, IUP,  
15 Lock Haven State College, Harrisburg Community  
16 College, and York College.

17 Next, I would like to recommend Roger  
18 Greenbank as the supervisory agent in the Eastern  
19 Regional Office in Conshohocken.

20 Roger comes to us with 27 years FBI  
21 experience, primarily in the Pittsburgh area. Roger  
22 is a well-recognized law enforcement professional,  
23 who managed many very successful organized crime  
24 investigations to include the 1995 La Cosa Nostra  
25 case that decimated the Pittsburgh LCN family.

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1 He also was case manager of the case  
2 involving corruption at the Rincon Indian Reservation  
3 in San Diego, California.

4 Lastly, I would like to welcome Bill Wells  
5 as supervisor of the Western Regional Office. Bill  
6 has 36 years law enforcement to include managing as  
7 executive manager of the Internal Revenue Service  
8 Criminal Investigation Division in Pittsburgh.

9 He currently served with the Attorney  
10 General's Office as manager of the Bureau of Criminal  
11 Investigations in North Huntingdon.

12 Among his many successes was being  
13 Supervisor of and Case Agent of the Allegheny Health  
14 and Research Foundation Case that was so public and  
15 prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office.

16 Commissioners, I recommend these  
17 individuals collectively. They have close to 200  
18 years law enforcement experience. As practitioners  
19 and as executive managers, I think you'll find them  
20 all highly qualified. I think they'll serve to make  
21 our staff more effective, more efficient as we move  
22 to the future. Thank you very much.

23 CHAIRMAN DECKER: David, thank you.

24 Does anybody have any questions of David of  
25 these candidates?

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1 Thank you, David. That's terrific  
2 recruitment in a short period of time.

3 David had listed the people in the Bureau  
4 of Investigations. Now let me read the names of the  
5 rest, if I might.

6 In the counsel's office, Don Shiffer,  
7 assistant counsel, James Dohery, assistant counsel,  
8 Joe Grad, staff attorney, Kevin Hayes, staff attorney

9 and Kelly Creed, as an administrative assistant.  
10 In hearings and appeals, Michael Edminston,  
11 office of hearings and appeals. Michael has been  
12 asked to be the Chief Administrator of that group.

13 Dale Miller is the second person in that  
14 group to be a Hearing Officer. By the way, Michael  
15 has extensive experience in administration and in  
16 government. Dale Miller has extensive experience in  
17 setting up programs around the world in terms of  
18 mediation and arbitration.

19 In licensing, Jane Grove as an analyst and  
20 Jacqueline Atterbury-Minor as another analyst. The  
21 Chairman's office as I mentioned also should be in  
22 the HR function to some extent in training in  
23 particular, Diane Domanski and our intern Allison  
24 Hicks, who is there just for the summer and maybe  
25 part time afterward.

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1 As always, each of these hires is  
2 contingent on the candidates passing a background  
3 investigation. May I have a motion to approve the  
4 above-mentioned 17 people --

5 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: So moved.

6 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. -- for the  
7 positions listed? Is there a second?

8 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Is there any comments or  
10 questions about these individuals from any of the  
11 Board members?

12 Hearing none, all of those in favor of  
13 hiring these individuals for the positions we  
14 discussed, please indicate by saying aye.

15 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed? Motion  
17 carries unanimously.

18 Is there any other new business to come  
19 before the Board today?

20 I do not believe -- I was going to announce  
21 we are going to an Executive Session. Well, I'll  
22 announce that we'll have an Executive Session to  
23 consider personnel matters. It will be very brief.  
24 We will not be returning afterward. It will be  
25 closed to the public and the media.

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1 Our next meeting is scheduled for 10:00  
2 a.m. on September 8th in the North Office Building in  
3 Hearing Room 1 in Harrisburg.

4 Any other questions or comments here?  
5 There being none, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn  
6 the meeting.

7 COMMISSIONER McCABE: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER COY: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All in favor, aye?

10 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you very much.

12 (The meeting concluded at 4:30 p.m.)  
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1 I hereby certify that the proceedings and  
2 evidence are contained fully and accurately in the  
3 notes taken by me on the within proceedings and that  
4 this is a correct transcript of the same.

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Hillary M. Hazlett, Reporter  
Notary Public

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