

PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

HEARING ROOM 1
NORTH OFFICE BUILDING
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006, 10:08 A.M.

BEFORE :

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

HILLARY M. HAZLETT, REPORTER
NOTARY PUBLIC

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1 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Good morning, everyone
2 and Happy New Year. Thank you for coming. This is
3 going to be a very short meeting today.

4 I'm Tad Decker. I'm Chairman of the
5 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to
6 welcome the Board and all of you to this public
7 meeting.

8 Are Commissioners Coy and Marshall on the
9 phone?

10 COMMISSIONER COY: Present, Mr. Chairman.

11 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: I'm here.

12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Oh, great. Thank you,
13 guys.

14 Well, we have a quorum today of the
15 members. Everyone is present. I think Treasurer
16 Casey and Secretary Wolff are unavailable today, but
17 Terry Kostoff is with us from the Treasury Office.

18 Terry, welcome.

19 MR. KOSTOFF: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Let's see. As always, I
21 would ask you to shut off the blackberries and
22 phones, etc. so we can have the usually good sound
23 system we have in this room.

24 Let's start the meeting as we usually do
25 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

2 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you. New business.
3 We're going to start with administration and a quick
4 announcement. The Board, although it did not hold an
5 Executive Session early today, we will be doing some
6 things after the meeting with respect to personnel
7 and real estate matters and specifically candidates
8 for positions with the Board. No business will be
9 conducted during these sessions, and we will not be
10 coming back afterward.

11 Our first action item today for this
12 meeting is to consider personnel matters. Our
13 Director of Administration, Mike Walsh, will present
14 the candidates and then we'll consider them and vote
15 on them.

16 Mike, go ahead.

17 MR. WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. There
18 are 17 candidates that are proposed for consideration
19 today. I will go through each of them now with you.

20 The first two are in the Bureau of
21 Administration. They are to assist Wendy Chan, our
22 new Director of Human Resource in the Office of Human
23 Resources.

24 Joseph Bott would be a human resource
25 analyst and Chelsea Wilson would be an administrative

1 assistant to the Director of Human Resources.

2 In the Bureau of Budget and Financial
3 Management, we would propose David Rhen as a manager
4 of the internal budget. That's the focus on our
5 budget as an agency and he would assist Lynn Stelle,
6 who is working in that area right now.

7 There are three in the Bureau of Gaming
8 Laboratory Operations to work with Richard
9 Williamson. They are Michael Cruz, Heather Dill and
10 Nimish Purohit. They would be all managers.

11 In the Bureau of Investigations and
12 Enforcement, there are ten. In the western regional
13 office, there are three investigators who I will
14 read, Thomas Clinton, Darci Raczkowski, and Gary
15 Tallent.

16 In the central region, two investigators,
17 David Haag and William Sulon; and in the eastern
18 region, Christopher Green, John Meighan, Mark Paluck,
19 Kathleen Colfer, Sonia Velazquez-Elliott. They would
20 all be investigators.

21 Finally, to assist in the Bureau of
22 Licensing, Dorine Bollinger as an administrative
23 assistant. Seventeen proposed hires.

24 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you, Mike.

25 I presume, Richard, you're going to be

1 hiring some more people for the gaming lab in due
2 course; is that correct?

3 MR. WILLIAMSON: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Okay. Thank you.

5 Any questions for Michael or any of the
6 operating department chiefs we have here today on
7 these hires?

8 Hearing none, may I have a motion to
9 approve the list of applicants?

10 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER RIVERS: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Second? Thank you,
13 Sandy.

14 Any opposed?

15 Any other comments?

16 All of those in favor please indicate by
17 saying aye.

18 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Any opposed?

20 Motion carries.

21 Thank you very much.

22 We have one more item today, sort of added
23 to the agenda. That is we're going to vote on
24 Conditional 1 licenses.

25 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: I'm sorry, Tad.

1 You're breaking up.

2 COMMISSIONER COY: Yeah. I can't hear you
3 either.

4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: We'll be doing that six
5 months from now, we hope.

6 Are there any other items to come before
7 the Board?

8 Mary, I think you have one item you wanted
9 to talk about?

10 COMMISSIONER DiGIACOMO COLINS: I want to
11 make a few reminder announcements. The public
12 comment for the draft internal control regulations
13 ends tomorrow, January 6th. So far, we have received
14 one submission.

15 Public comment for the draft hearings and
16 appeals regulations ends Wednesday, January 18th.
17 The public comment period for management company
18 regulations ended on December 30th. We've received
19 two submissions. We're going to be reviewing these
20 and responding at the next meeting.

21 That's it. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you, Mary. We are
23 -- I wanted to comment on one other thing. That is
24 we've gotten all of these applications in last
25 Wednesday.

1 Did any come in on Thursday, Susan?

2 MS. HENSEL: We received one with the
3 correct postmark date but after --

4 CHAIRMAN DECKER: And they probably are all
5 in right now is our guess. I don't think anybody
6 sent this by mail and postmarked it and it's going to
7 come in a week from now. We have, what, 24?

8 MS. HENSEL: Twenty-five.

9 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Twenty-five applications.
10 Thank you. They're massive in amount. What we're
11 trying to get together now for a list, not only to
12 give to the Board members but to give, you know, to
13 publish, if you will, is a list by category, you
14 know, 1s, 2s, and 3s and then by location a list of
15 the entities and also a list of the investors.

16 So we hope to get that out in the next few
17 days, although when I looked at some of the
18 applications last night, the piece of material
19 describing those things, both the organizational
20 charts and also the list of investors, it wasn't as
21 clear as we would like it to be so you can discern it
22 and put it on the list, you know, with sort of a no
23 brainer. It's a lot more difficult than that.

24 Perhaps that's because of the date we
25 picked to send in applications but we'll do the best

1 we can in getting the list. It may not be the most
2 complete list that we will have in subsequent weeks,
3 but we'll get something out as soon as possible
4 because we know people are interested in that. At
5 least we will cover that threshold.

6 As time goes on, we will be able to release
7 other information and if people have requests for
8 certain information, they can certainly file those
9 with, Nick, Nick Hays; and we'll act on them as soon
10 as possible, keeping in mind our confidentiality
11 obligations under the Act, which are substantial.

12 I don't have any other comments on that.

13 Anybody from the Board want to talk about
14 that?

15 Anything else? Anything else that any of
16 the Board members want to bring up today?

17 All right. Thank you. I wanted to ask
18 Commissioners Coy and Marshall, if we could -- if we
19 could possibly get you to call in in a few minutes.
20 We're going to be back over in about 15 minutes, if
21 you have time, if you not don't worry about it.

22 We're going to discuss a couple of things.
23 It would be about a 10 minute or 15 minute phone
24 call, if you can or we can call you. If you call --

25 COMMISSIONER COY: That would be better for

1 me.

2 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: Please call.

3 CHAIRMAN DECKER: We'll call you with
4 numbers. If there's a special number you want us to
5 call, call Diane, my assistant.

6 COMMISSIONER MARSHALL: The office is fine.

7 CHAIRMAN DECKER: We'll call you back in
8 about 15 minutes, 20 minutes. Okay?

9 COMMISSIONER COY: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Thank you.

11 Unless there's something else, we would
12 entertain a motion to adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER DiGIACOMO COLINS: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN DECKER: Second?

15 COMMISSIONER McCABE: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN DECKER: All those in favor?

17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

18 CHAIRMAN DECKER: The ayes have it. Thank
19 you.

20 (The meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.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
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