## BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD

:

In the Matter of the Petition of Betfair Interactive US, LLC for Leave to Surrender the Principal License of Niall Connell:

Docket No. GID No. -114130-1 March 7, 2024 11619-2024

Board Clerk PGCB

# <u>PETITION OF BETFAIR INTERACTIVE US, LLC FOR LEAVE TO SURRENDER</u> <u>THE PRINCIPAL LICENSE OF NIALL CONNELL</u>

Betfair Interactive US, LLC ("BIU") ("Petitioners"), through its undersigned counsel, respectfully petition the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board ("Board") for leave to surrender the Principal License of Niall Connell ("Mr. Connell") and respectfully represent as follows:

- BIU holds an Interactive Gaming Operator License (GID # 111487-2) issued by the Board in February 2021.
- Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Race Horse Development and Gaming Act (the "Act") and 58 Pa. Code § 433a.2, Petitioner filed applications for certain Principals, including Mr. Connell, in association with his role as General Manager. Mr. Connell was approved for Principal License in association with BIU's operations on February 10, 2021.
- 3. Mr. Connell has left his position as General Manager FanDuel Group as of July 1, 2023 and he does not hold any other position or interest requiring licensure under the Board's definition of a Principal. Accordingly, Mr. Connell is no longer a qualifier in connection with the Interactive Gaming Operator of BIU pursuant to 58 Pa. Code § 433a.2(b).
- 4. 4 Pa.C.S. § 1202 grants the Board the general regulatory authority over the conduct of gaming in Pennsylvania, which includes the grant or surrender of licenses that the

Board issued to Principals.<sup>1</sup> Petitioner requests that the Board permit the surrender of the Principal License of Mr. Connell pursuant to the Board's general regulatory authority under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1202, without prejudice and without condition.

5. Petitioner respectfully requests that, if the Board grants the Petition, the surrender of Mr. Connell's Principal License be without prejudice. Granting the surrender without prejudice is appropriate because it is not being sought as a result of any negative or adverse information regarding Mr. Connell, and a withdrawal with prejudice would substantially interfere with his ability to seek licensure in the future should a change in circumstances render that necessary or appropriate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> While no regulations directly govern a petition for surrender of a license, 58 Pa. Code § 423a.5 governs a petition to withdraw an application of a person or entity required to be qualified under the Act. 58 Pa. Code § 423a.5 requires that the petition set forth the reason for the withdrawal. Therefore, this petition sets forth the reason for the surrender of the license of Niall Connell.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board:

- a. Permit the surrender of the conditional Principal License of Niall Connell without prejudice and without condition, and
- b. Grant such other relief as it may deem appropriate.

Dated: 03/06/2024

Respectfully Submitted:

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### VERIFICATION

I, Frank A DiGiacomo, verify that I am outside regulatory Counsel of Betfair Interactive (US) LLC. I hereby state that I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of Betfair Interactive US LLC, and I state that the facts in the foregoing Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. I understand that the statements made herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Dated: March 6, 2024

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In the Matter of the Petition of Betfair Interactive : US, LLC for Leave to Surrender the Principal License of Niall Connell :

: Docket No. GID Nos.

# ORDER

AND NOW, this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, upon consideration of the

Petition of Betfair Interactive US, LLC to Surrender the Principal License of Niall Connell, and

any response thereto, it is hereby **ORDERED** and **DECREED** that the Petition be, and hereby

is, GRANTED, and the Principal Licenses are deemed SURRENDERED WITHOUT

PREJUDICE.

BY THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD:

Denise J. Smyler, Chairman

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on March 6, 2024, I caused a copy of the attached Petition for Leave to

Surrender the Principal Licenses of Niall Connell to be filed and served upon the following by

the indicated methods:

<u>Via Email:</u> Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Clerk, Office of Hearings and Appeals Office of the Clerk P.O. Box 69060 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9060 <u>boardclerk@pa.gov</u>

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