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GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: DAVID M. BARASCH, CHAIRMAN
Richard G. Jewell, Kathy M. Manderino,
Merritt C. Reitzel, Dante Santoni, Jr.,
Sean Logan (via phone), Members; Michael
Smith, representing, Russell C. Redding,
Secretary of Agriculture; Jennifer Langan,
representing Joseph M. Torsella, State
Treasurer; Bob Coyne representing C. Daniel
Hassell, Secretary of Revenue

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CHAIRMAN: We will commence our public meeting right at this time. Good morning, everyone. Having completed our Third Category 4 auction, we're going to now proceed to our regularly-scheduled meeting.

I'm David Barasch, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. And as always I'm asking people to put their electronic devices on silent, so they don't disturb the proceedings.

With us today, Michael Smith, representing Russell Redding from the Department of Agriculture; Jennifer Langan, representing Joe Torsella, State Treasurer, and Bob Coyne representing Dan Hassell, Secretary Department of Revenue.

Thank you all for being here. Due to the rescheduling of this meeting because of weather conditions, Commissioner Kernodle will not be participating today. And Commissioner Logan is back in Pittsburgh, joining us by telephone. Good morning, Sean.

MR. LOGAN: Good morning, everybody.

CHAIRMAN: Okay.

A quorum of the Board being present,

1 I'll call these proceedings to order.

2 First order of business, Pledge of
3 Allegiance.

4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

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6 (WHEREUPON, A HEARING WAS HELD.)

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8 CHAIRMAN: By way of announcements,
9 the Board held an executive session on Tuesday,
10 February 6th to discuss personnel matters and to
11 discuss quasi-judicial deliberations relating to
12 matters that are going to be considered by the Board
13 today.

14 Additionally I'd like to announce the
15 next Category 4 Casino License auction will be held on
16 February 21st at 10:00 a.m. in this room. As was the
17 case today, Board staff will conduct that auction.

18 Next we have consideration of a motion
19 to approve the minutes and transcripts of the December
20 13th meeting. May I have a motion?

21 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
22 that the Board approve the minutes and transcript of
23 the December 13, 2017 meeting.

24 MR. SANTONI: Second

25 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

3 The motion's adopted. Under new
4 business we'll hear from Administrative Director
5 Claire Yantis at this point.

6 Morning, Claire.

7 MS. YANTIS: Good morning, Chairman,
8 Board members. The Office of Human Resources has one
9 motion for your consideration today relative to the
10 hiring of two individuals.

11 First, Ms. La-Che James has been
12 selected as a Casino Compliance Representative in the
13 Bureau of Casino Compliance assigned to the Sands
14 Casino, and is recommended for hire by Bureau
15 Director, Jerry Stoll.

16 Second, as the Administrative
17 Director, I recommend Ms. Danette Bixler George be
18 hired as the agency's Director of Human Resources.

19 Both individuals have completed the
20 PGCB interview process, background investigation and
21 drug screening. Unless you have any questions, I ask
22 the Board to consider a motion to hire Ms. James and
23 Ms. Bixler-George as indicated.

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any questions
25 or comments from Board in this matter?

1 Hearing none may I have a motion?

2 MR. SANTONI: Mr. - excuse me. Mr.
3 Chairman, I move that the Board approve the applicants
4 as proposed by the Administrative Director.

5 MR. JEWELL: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

7 AYES

8 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
9 adopted.

10 MS. YANTIS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Claire. Doug
12 Sherman, Chief Counsel.

13 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Good morning,
14 Chairman, members of the Board. Our first two agenda
15 items relate to temporary regulation packages.
16 Assistant Chief Counsel Laura Burd is here to present
17 the first of those.

18 ATTORNEY BURD: Good morning. The
19 Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) presents for the Board's
20 consideration Temporary Regulation #125-210. This
21 temporary rulemaking consists of licensing provisions
22 covering interactive gaming manufacturers, interactive
23 gaming suppliers, interactor - interactive gaming
24 service providers and all category of individuals
25 seeking to participate in interactive gaming in the

1 Commonwealth.

2 I'd be happy to answer any questions
3 you may have on this packet of regulatory material.
4 If not, I'd ask for a motion to approve this temporary
5 regulation.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any questions
7 or comments on the Board - from the Board? Hearing
8 none, may I have a motion?

9 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
10 the Board adopt Temporary Regulation #125-210, as
11 described by the OCC.

12 MS. REITZEL: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

16 The motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: The next matter
18 before the Board is Temporary Regulation #125-211.
19 This temporary rulemaking will provide the regulatory
20 oversight structure for the conduct of video gaming at
21 licensed truck stop establishments in the
22 Commonwealth.

23 The rulemaking implements part three
24 of Act 42 of 2017 and provides truck stops which meet
25 certain eligibility criteria the option of providing

1 up to five video gaming terminals operated by a
2 terminal operator within a designated area of the
3 truck stop establishment.

4 The regulation package provides for
5 the licensing of persons and entities who may have
6 responsibilities for video gaming as well as
7 establishes the Board's rules and requirements for the
8 testing and possession of video gaming terminals, the
9 accounting and internal control standards,
10 restrictions on Licensees, addresses compulsive and
11 problem gambling, self-exclusion and Board-imposed
12 mandatory exclusion.

13 I'd be happy to answer any questions
14 about the regulatory package, otherwise I'd request a
15 motion to adopt it.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Questions or
17 comments from the Board?

18 MS. MANDERINO: Thank you. I would
19 just ask Chief Counsel to elaborate a little bit in
20 terms for - for the public to understand where we are
21 with temporary regulations, what happens between then
22 and - and proposed regulations.

23 And then also if both this one and
24 when the other one which was recent - just approved,
25 where those will be publicized after the Board?

1 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Sure. I -. I'll
2 try to say with that order. The General Assembly has
3 the ability to provide temporary rulemaking authority
4 to an agency generally in connection with a new
5 legislation, where the intent is to get the program up
6 and running in an expeditious manner. Much like we've
7 seen since 2004 on with respect to new gaming
8 offerings.

9 What this does is it allows us to come
10 out with the rulemakings, put them into effect without
11 going through the full independent regulatory review
12 process in the first instance.

13 So, what happens is the Board has
14 adopted, for instance, the package on video gaming
15 terminals now, those will be submitted to the
16 legislative Reference Bureau, who will publish the
17 regulations in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. And they
18 become effective upon publication.

19 I -. We also will accept public
20 comment during this period that these regulations are
21 in effect. And you know, proceed to operate under the
22 regulations, with the understanding that this package
23 is good for two years.

24 We then will reintroduce the
25 regulations as proposed regulations. They'll go to

1 the Attorney General for review. They'll go to the
2 standing committees of the legislature for review,
3 they'll again be published, and again, for public
4 comment.

5 What it allows us to do really is to
6 get this industry up and running. And it gives us a
7 little bit of time to see how the experience is before
8 we actually go into the final rulemaking process. And
9 if we need to tweak the regs a certain way, we can.

10 If we find they're working perfectly
11 the way we expected, then they'll move forward in that
12 vein. But again, the regs get published in the
13 Pennsylvania Bulletin. We'll also publish them on our
14 website and we send them out to the interested
15 stakeholders.

16 MS. MANDERINO: Thank you. Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN: Just one comment. I just
19 want to express my appreciation on behalf of the Board
20 of the work that's been done by staff here to get us -
21 given the time constraints we operate, to get us up to
22 speed.

23 And it appears we're on track to be
24 able to fully implement the will of the General
25 Assembly. And let's do the hard work of a lot of

1 other people in this room. And I - on behalf of the
2 Board, I just want to express our appreciation for the
3 hard work being done here.

4 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN: Having said that, may I
6 have a motion?

7 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
8 that the Board adopt Temporary Regulation #125-211, as
9 described by the OCC.

10 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

14 The motion's adopted.

15 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Today the Board has
16 one petition before it for consideration. And that
17 petition is Sands Bethworks Gaming's, LLC's request
18 for Approval of a Reconfiguration of the Gaming Floor
19 as described in Operating Plan 23. This is the matter
20 that you just heard a very short time ago during the
21 public hearing. And it will have the result, among
22 other things, of increase in the number of table games
23 at the Sands' facility from 247 to 265.

24 If the Board's inclined to grant the
25 relief, it is requested that the approval be subject

1 to the majority of the conditions outlined in OEC's
2 Answer.

3 Additionally Sands has requested that
4 the exhibits to their petition be maintained as
5 confidential and OEC does not object. The OCC concurs
6 in the request and, therefore, suggests it would be
7 appropriate to have a motion to approve the
8 reconfiguration.

9 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
10 from the Board? May I have a motion?

11 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 the Board approve Sands Bethworks Gaming LLC's
13 Petition to seek a Reconfiguration of the Gaming
14 Floor, as well as its request that certain documents
15 be maintained as confidential with conditions
16 requested by the OEC.

17 MS. REITZEL: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

21 Motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next presenting
23 Withdrawals, and Reports and Recommendations is Deputy
24 Chief Counsel Steve Cook.

25 ATTORNEY COOK: Morning.

1 CHAIRMAN: Morning.

2 ATTORNEY COOK: The Board has received
3 several unopposed petitions to withdraw the
4 applications or surrender the credentials of the
5 following individuals, or in one case an entity,
6 Jerome J. Hanley, Tech Art, Inc.; Arthur Miller; Bruce
7 Kusens; Ronald Miller; Russell Isaacs; Joseph Miller;
8 Gary Miller; Marsha Miller; Robert Del Rossi; Zelletta
9 Wyatt; Alan LeFevre; Anthony Watson and Michael
10 Chambrello.

11 The OEC has no objections to any of
12 these Withdrawals or Surrenders. And as a result, if
13 the Board were inclined to grant these requests,
14 they'd be doing so without prejudice to each of the
15 requesters. And the matter is now ripe for the
16 Board's consideration.

17 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
18 the Board? May I have a motion?

19 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
20 that the Board issue orders to approve the Withdrawals
21 and Surrenders as described by the OCC.

22 MR. SANTONI: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's

1 adopted.

2 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
3 for consideration are four Reports and Recommendations
4 received from the Office of Hearings and Appeals.
5 These Reports and Recommendations, as well as the
6 complete evidentiary record, have been provided to the
7 Board prior to today's meeting.

8 Additionally, in each case the person
9 that is subject to the Report and Recommendation have
10 been advised that the matter would be taken up by the
11 Board today, and that they could come forward and
12 briefly address the Board. If any of these persons
13 are present and wish to address the Board, they should
14 come forward when their matter is called.

15 The first Report and Recommendation
16 pertains to Kimberly Hadley. In May of 2017 Ms.
17 Hadley submitted a Gaming Employee Permit Application,
18 seeking work as a security guard at the SugarHouse
19 Casino. On July 20th, 2017 the OEC issued them -
20 issued a notice recommending denial of Ms. Hadley's
21 application, based upon numerous criminal convictions
22 and her arrearage to the Commonwealth for fines and
23 costs related to those convictions.

24 Ms. Hadley's criminal record spans
25 from 1992 through 2000, and included felony

1 convictions for burglary, forgery, access device
2 fraud, as well as several misdemeanor thefts. A
3 hearing in this matter was held, as requested by Ms.
4 Hadley on October 11th, 2017.

5 Ms. Hadley did not attend that
6 hearing, and as a result the only evidence put into
7 the record was that put in by Enforcement Counsel,
8 showing the convictions in the prior criminal history.
9 And as a result the recommendation of the Hearing
10 Officer before the Board today is that Ms. Hadley's
11 application be denied.

12 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
13 the Board?

14 May I have a motion?

15 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
16 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation
17 issued by the OHA regarding Kimberly Hadley's Gaming
18 Employee Occupation Permit, as described by the OCC.

19 MR. JEWELL: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
23 adopted.

24 ATTORNEY COOK: The next matter before
25 the Board pertains to Ghassan Makdsi's petition to be

1 removed from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.
2 By way of background, in January of 2013 the OEC filed
3 a petition to place Mr. Makdsi on the Exclusion List
4 for cheating.

5 Specifically while playing table games
6 at Sands he added additional chips to his existing
7 wagers after the dealer had signaled that no
8 additional wagers would be permitted.

9 As a result of these actions, on June
10 26th, 2013 the Board placed Mr. Makdsi on the
11 Involuntary Exclusion List. He was also charged
12 criminally and pled guilty to misdemeanor disorderly
13 conduct.

14 In August of 2017, four years after
15 placement on the list, Mr. Makdsi filed his request
16 for removal from the list. A hearing in this matter
17 was held on October 18th, 2017. Mr. Makdsi appeared
18 at the hearing and testified in his own behalf through
19 an interpreter, as he is a native of Syria, who
20 immigrated to the United States in 2012 and does not
21 speak English.

22 The OEC appeared at the hearing
23 offering testimony, documentary evidence. The
24 testimony presented included evidence that during
25 December of 2015, while on the Board's Exclusion List,

1 Mr. Makdsi was on the gaming floor of Mount Airy. He
2 was charged with defiant trespass for that conduct and
3 pled guilty to that offense.

4 At the hearing Mr. Makdsi testified
5 that he added to his bets as alleged in the original
6 action that placed him on the Exclusion List, but only
7 because he didn't understand the rules of the game and
8 the dealer didn't indicate to him that he was doing
9 anything wrong

10 He also admitted to visiting Mount
11 Airy in December of 2015, stating that he was unsure
12 if he was on the Exclusion List from all Pennsylvania
13 casinos or only Sands.

14 And he additionally testified that he
15 has applied for numerous jobs and has been unable to
16 secure employment as several temporary agencies for
17 which he sought employment through have told him that
18 his placement on the list was identified as a problem
19 in his obtaining employment.

20 After hearing all the evidence
21 presented the Hearing Officer recommend - the Hearing
22 Officer's recommendation is that Mr. Makdsi, having
23 served four-and-a-half years on the list, and the
24 evidence of his misunderstanding and his employment
25 issues amount to extreme circumstances, which would

1 allow the Board to remove him from the list. And
2 that's the recommendation before the Board.

3 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
4 from the Board?

5 May I have a motion?

6 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
7 the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued
8 by the OHA regarding Ghassan Makdsi's Petition for
9 Removal from the PGCB's Involuntary Exclusion List, as
10 described by the OCC.

11 MR. SANTONI: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

15 The motion's adopted.

16 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
17 is Denise Nirka's Report and Recommendation
18 recommending approval of her Non-Gaming Employee
19 Registration Application. In May of 2017 Ms. Nirka
20 submitted her application seeking work as a
21 housekeeper at the hotel at Mohegan Sun Pocono
22 property.

23 On July 11th, 2017 the OEC issued a
24 Notice of Recommendation of Denial of this
25 application, based upon Ms. Nirka's criminal record,

1 and her arrearage in restitution and costs owed in
2 related to that record.

3 Specifically the evidence showed that
4 in December of 2004 Ms. Nirka was charged with 22
5 felony counts of theft by unlawful taking and 22
6 felony counts of forgery after she wrote 22 checks
7 belonging to her prior employer, making them payable
8 to herself or cash. The total amount at issue was
9 over \$22,000.

10 She ultimately pled guilty to one
11 count of theft by unlawful taking and served 12 months
12 of probation. A hearing in this matter was held on
13 September 27th, 2017. The OEC appeared, offering
14 testimony and documentary evidence.

15 Ms. Nirka also appeared and testified
16 on her own behalf, putting into evidence that since
17 her release from probation she's become involved in
18 church, her daughter's basketball program and adopted
19 one of her grandchildren, was in the process of
20 adopting a second child and served as a kinship
21 caregiver at the Luzerne County Children and Youth
22 Services Department.

23 After taking all the evidence into
24 consideration, it is our recommendation, issued by the
25 Hearing Officer was that given - was that Ms. Nirka's

1 application be approved, given the amount of time that
2 has passed and a positive step she has taken in her
3 life. And that is the recommendation before the
4 Board.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board?

7 May I have a motion?

8 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation
10 issued by the Office of Hearing and Appeals regarding
11 Denise Nirka's Non-Gaming Employee Registration as
12 described by the OCC.

13 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

17 Motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Report and
19 Recommendation before the Board pertains to Bikash
20 Subba's Petition for early reapplication for a Gaming
21 Employee Occupation Permit. In March of 2016 Mr.
22 Subba filed a Renewal Application for a Gaming -
23 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as he was currently
24 holding one and was working as a table games dealer at
25 Presque Isle.

1 On August 24th, 2016 the OEC issued a
2 Notice of Recommendation of Denial of this renewal
3 application based on Mr. Subba's failure to comply
4 with numerous requests to provide his 2014 federal
5 income tax return as part of his renewal application.

6 In November of 2016, based on this
7 noncompliance, the Board denied Mr. Subba's renewal
8 application. Eight months later, July - on July 31st
9 of 2017, Mr. Subba filed a request for early
10 reapplication of his Gaming Employee Occupation
11 Permit.

12 The Bureau of Investigations and
13 Enforcement (BIE), again, attempted to work with Mr.
14 Subba to have him submit the missing tax return. He
15 failed to comply and as a result the OEC filed an
16 objection to his request for early reapplication. Mr.
17 Subba requested a hearing, which was held on
18 October 17th, 2017. He did not appear at that
19 hearing. As a result, he put on no evidence. The tax
20 return requested was never put into - given to the BIE
21 and ultimately the Hearing Officer recommends that
22 because of that the application be denied.

23 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
24 the Board?

25 May I have a motion?

1 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
2 the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued
3 by the OHA regarding Bikash Subba's petition for early
4 reapplication for a Gaming Employee Occupational
5 Permit, as described by the OCC.

6 MS. REITZEL: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

10 The motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: And that concludes
12 the matters of OCC.

13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Sean
14 Hannon, Manager of the Bureau of Licensing.

15 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Chairman,
16 members of the Board. Before the Board today will be
17 one slot machine and table game manufacturer renewal,
18 one slot machine and table game manufacturer designee
19 renewal, and 812 Principal and Key, Gaming and
20 Non-Gaming Employee applicants.

21 In addition there will be the
22 consideration of two Gaming Service Provider
23 applicants. The first matter for your consideration
24 is the renewal of the Slot Machine and Table Game
25 Manufacturer License for Novomatic Gaming Industries

1 GmbH, which is an Austrian-based company that
2 manufactures slot machines and electronic table games.

3 The BIE has completed its
4 investigation of this company and the Bureau of
5 Licensing has provided you with the background
6 investigation and suitability reports for the
7 applicant. I have provided you with a draft order for
8 this entity and ask the Board consider the Order to
9 renew the Slot Machine and Table Game Manufacturer
10 Licenses.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
12 has no objection.

13 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
14 the Board? May I have a motion?

15 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
16 that the Board grant Novomatic Gaming Industries GmbH
17 Slot Machine Approval and Table Games Manufacturing
18 License Renewal, as described by the Bureau of
19 Licensing.

20 MR. SANTONI: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

24 Motion's adopted.

25 MR. HANNON: The next matter for your

1 consideration is the renewal of the Slot Machine and
2 Table Games Manufacturer Designee Licenses for
3 Novomatic Americas Sales, LLC. Novomatic Americas
4 Sales, LLC is an Illinois-based company that sells and
5 services gaming equipment for their parent company,
6 Novomatic Gaming Industries GmbH.

7 The BIE has completed its
8 investigation of this company, and the Bureau of
9 Licensing has provided you with a background
10 investigation and suitability report for the
11 Applicant. I have provided you with a draft order for
12 this entity and ask the Board to consider the Order to
13 renew the Slot Machine and Table Game Manufacture
14 Designee Licenses.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
16 has no objection.

17 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
18 the Board?

19 May I have a motion?

20 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
21 that the Board grant Novomatic Americas Sales, LLC's
22 Slot Machine and Table Games Manufacturer Designee
23 License Renewal, as described by the Bureau of
24 Licensing.

25 MR. JEWELL: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

4 The motion's adopted.

5 MR. HANNON: Next is the approval of
6 Principal and Key Employee Licenses. Prior to this
7 meeting the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a
8 proposed order for 18 Principals and 7 Key Employee
9 Licenses. I ask that the Board consider the Order
10 approving these licenses.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
12 has no objection.

13 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
14 the Board?

15 May I have a motion?

16 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
17 the Board approve the issuance of Principal and Key
18 Employee Licenses, as described by the Bureau of
19 Licensing.

20 MS. REITZEL: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's
24 adopted.

25 MR. HANNON: Next are Temporary

1 Principal and Key Employee Licenses. Prior to this
2 meeting the Bureau of Licensing provided you with an
3 Order regarding the issuance of the Temporary Licenses
4 for three Principals and seven Key Employees. I ask
5 that the Board consider the Order approving these
6 licenses.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
8 has no objection.

9 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
10 the Board?

11 May I have a motion?

12 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that the Board approve the issuance of Temporary
14 Principal and Key Employee credentials, as described
15 by the Bureau of Licensing.

16 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
20 adopted.

21 MR. HANNON: In addition, there are
22 Gaming Permits and Non-Gaming Registrations. Prior to
23 this meeting the Bureau of Licensing provided you with
24 a list of 534 individuals to whom the Bureau has
25 granted Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 197

1 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
2 registrations under the authority delegated to the
3 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a
4 motion approving this order.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
6 has no objection.

7 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
8 the Board?

9 May I have a motion?

10 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman - Mr.
11 Chairman, I'll make that motion. I move that the
12 Board approve the issuance of the Gaming Employee
13 Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming Employee
14 Registrations, as described by the Bureau of
15 Licensing.

16 MS. REITZEL: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

20 Motion's adopted.

21 MR. HANNON: Next there are
22 recommendations of denial for three Gaming Employee
23 Applicants and one Non-Gaming Employee Applicant. In
24 each case the applicant was notified he or she was un
25 - was - was being recommended for denial and failed to

1 request a hearing within the - the specified time
2 frame.

3 The Bureau of Licensing has provided
4 you with Orders addressing the applicants who the OEC
5 has recommended for denial. I ask that the Board
6 consider a motion approving the denials.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
8 continues to request denial in each instance.

9 CHAIRMAN: One moment, please. May I
10 have a motion?

11 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 that the Board deny the Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee
13 Applications, as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

14 MR. SANTONI: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's
18 adopted.

19 MR. HANNON: Next for your
20 consideration are withdrawal requests for Gaming and
21 Non-Gaming Employees. In each case the permit or
22 registration is no longer required.

23 For today's meeting I've provided the
24 Board with a list of 40 Gaming employees and two Key
25 Employee withdrawals for approval. I ask that the

1 Board consider the Orders approving the list of
2 withdrawals.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
4 has no objection.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board?

7 May I have a motion?

8 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board approve the withdrawal of Key Employee
10 and Gaming Employee Applications, as described by the
11 Bureau of Licensing.

12 MR. JEWELL: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
16 adopted.

17 MR. HANNON: Finally for your
18 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
19 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
20 with an Order and an attached list of two Registered
21 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the
22 Board consider the Order registering these Gaming
23 Service Providers.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
25 has no objection.

1 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
2 the Board?

3 May I have a motion?

4 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
5 the Board approve the applications for Gaming Service
6 Provider Registration, as described by the Bureau of
7 Licensing.

8 MR. SANTONI: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 The motion's adopted. Thank you,
13 Sean.

14 MR. HANNON: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN: Next up, OEC.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC will present 21
17 matters today for the Board's consideration,
18 consisting of 1 Consent Agreement, 6 revocations, 2
19 suspensions and 12 Involuntary Exclusions.

20 The first matter on the agenda for the
21 OEC is for the Board's consideration of a Consent
22 Agreement between the OEC and Category 1 Licensee
23 Downs Racing, LP, doing business as Mohegan Sun
24 Pocono. The Consent Agreement will be presented by
25 Assistant Enforcement Counsel John Crohe.

1 The next matter on the agenda for the
2 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement reached
3 between Mohegan Sun Pocono and the OEC regarding a
4 self-excluded patron violation. On August 5th, 2017 a
5 self-excluded person successfully obtained a cash
6 advance from Mohegan Sun Pocono in the amount of \$400.

7 This individual requested voluntary
8 self-exclusion from gaming activities on July 15, 2012
9 for a period of one year and since then has never
10 requested to be removed from the Self-Exclusion List.

11 The cash advance that he received was
12 processed at the Mohegan Sun Pocono by a Player's Club
13 Supervisor. After receiving the cash advance, the
14 self-excluded person gamed a Spanish 21 - at a Spanish
15 21 table game for approximately 23 minutes before
16 attempting to obtain a second cash advance.

17 During the process of requesting the
18 second cash advance, Mohegan Sun Pocono personnel
19 discovered that the individual was on the Self-
20 Exclusion List and as a result the individual was
21 escorted to the onsite Pennsylvania State Police
22 Office.

23 The self-excluded individual was
24 charged with criminal trespass by the Pennsylvania
25 State Police, however, this charge was later

1 dismissed. The self-excluded individual did not
2 possess any winnings from gaming. As a result, no
3 funds were confiscated.

4 The OEC and Mohegan Sun Pocono
5 respectfully request that this Board approve the
6 Consent Agreement and stipulations of settlement that
7 Mohegan Sun pay a civil penalty of \$7,500, as well as
8 a - as well as \$2,500 for costs incurred by the Board
9 staff in connection with their investigations into
10 this matter.

11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any comments
12 from Downs?

13 ATTORNEY EPPS: If I can, just that
14 even since this incident happened our new Vice
15 President of Marketing has come on board and this is
16 all part of the transition to - to right size and
17 correct our - our - get our ship in line and - and get
18 on the right course.

19 And our Vice President of Marketing,
20 Erica Tessier, has done a tremendous job of changing
21 her staff, reinforcing the policies and procedures,
22 the standard operating procedures and making certain
23 that everybody is aware and - and keeping in
24 compliance with those things.

25 So, again, I don't think that you will

1 be seeing us for these things very often. I'm not -.
2 I don't want - don't want to jinx it, but -.

3 CHAIRMAN: No offense. We are happy
4 not to see you.

5 Fine. Any questions or comments from
6 the Board?

7 Hearing none, may I have a motion?

8 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board approve the Consent Agreement between
10 the OEC and Downs Racing, LP, as described by the OEC.

11 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

15 Motion's adopted. Thank you for
16 coming.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: Next eight matters on
18 the agenda consists of enforcement actions in which
19 the OEC filed complaints seeking the revocation of six
20 Gaming Employee Occupation Permits, and the suspension
21 of one Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and one Non-
22 Gaming Registration, which were issued by the Board.

23 Each complaint has been filed with the
24 Board's OHA and properly served upon the person named
25 in each complaint. The person named in each complaint

1 failed to respond within 90 - 30 days, as required by
2 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a
3 request to default judgment and properly served the
4 same upon each named person.

5 Therefore, the facts in each complaint
6 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
7 provided to the Board. And the matters are presently
8 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each instance
9 we will provide a brief summary of the facts and
10 request the appropriate Board action.

11 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning,
12 Chairman Barasch, members of the Board. Sarah
13 Kolesar, K-O-L-E-S-A-R, with the OEC.

14 The next matter on the agenda for the
15 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Gaming
16 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Chem Dahal, for
17 being arrested and criminally charged with two
18 misdemeanor offenses that stem from cheating while
19 playing poker at the Meadows Casino.

20 Mr. Dahal was employed at the Rivers
21 Casino at the time this incident occurred and was
22 terminated as a result of this incident. At this time
23 the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Gaming
24 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Chem Dahal.

25 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from

1 the Board?

2 Hearing none, may I have a motion?

3 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 the Board approve the revocation of Chem Dahal's
5 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as described by the
6 OEC.

7 MS. REITZEL: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

11 The motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning,
13 Chairman Barasch, members of the Board. Dustin
14 Miller, on behalf of the OEC.

15 The next matter today is a request for
16 revocation involving Jason Whitley. Mr. Whitley was
17 employed as a table games dealer at Parx Casino and
18 permitted as a Gaming Employee. The OEC filed an
19 enforcement complaint on September 29th, 2017 to
20 revoke Mr. Whitley's Gaming Employee Permit after he
21 was caught stealing chips from poker players and also
22 the casino, while working at Parx Casino.

23 Mr. Whitley was criminally charged
24 with theft and receiving stolen property for his
25 actions. The OEC asks the Board to revoke Jason

1 Whitley's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit at this
2 time.

3 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
4 the Board?

5 May I have a motion?

6 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
7 that the Board approve the revocation of Jason
8 Whitley's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as
9 described by the OEC.

10 MR. SANTONI: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
14 adopted.

15 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Good morning,
16 Chairman Barasch, members of the Board. David Tepper,
17 T-E-P-P-E-R, with the OEC.

18 Next on the agenda for the Board's
19 consideration is the revocation of the Gaming Employee
20 Permit issued to Steven Margeson. Mr. Margeson
21 colluded with a patron to steal money from Mount Airy
22 by paying out wagers to losing hands, not collecting
23 losing wagers and overpaying winning wagers.

24 Mr. Margeson also paid patrons who
25 were sitting at the table on losing hands in hopes

1 that they would not report his illegal activity.
2 Through his illegal activity, Mr. Margeson caused a
3 total loss to Mount Airy and the Commonwealth of
4 approximately \$16,575.

5 At this time the OEC requests that the
6 Board revoke the Gaming Employee Permit of Steven
7 Margeson.

8 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
9 the Board?

10 May I have a motion?

11 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 that the Board approve the revocation of Steven
13 Margeson's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as
14 described by the OEC.

15 MR. JEWELL: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

19 The Motion's adopted.

20 ATTORNEY TEPPER: Next on the agenda
21 for the Board's consideration is the suspension of the
22 Gaming Employee Permit issued to Alex Deng. While
23 employed as a dealer at Mount Airy, Mr. Deng
24 physically assaulted his supervisor while at an
25 employee-only area.

1 At this time the OEC requests that the
2 Board issue an order suspending the Gaming Employee
3 Permit of Alex Deng for at least one year.

4 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
5 the Board?

6 May I have a motion?

7 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
8 the Board approve the suspension of Alex Deng's Gaming
9 Employee Occupation Permit for the remainder of the
10 term of his permit.

11 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

15 Motion's adopted.

16 ATTORNEY FERRELL: Good morning,
17 Chairman, members of the Board. Benjamin Ferrell,
18 F-E-R-R-E-L-L.

19 Next matter for your consideration is
20 a complaint for revocation of the Gaming Employee
21 Permit issued to Hamid Karim. On June 14th, 2017 Mr.
22 Karim - Karim (changes pronunciation), while on duty
23 as a security officer, received a cellphone from
24 another Harrah's security officer, which was to be
25 placed in the lost and found.

1 Mr. Karim kept the cellphone rather
2 than place in the lost and found, as required by his
3 job duties as a security officer. Mr. Karim did not
4 return the cellphone until being questioned by the
5 Pennsylvania State Police. No charges were filed
6 against Mr. Karim.

7 At this time OEC request that the
8 Board issue an order revoking the Gaming Employee
9 Permit issued to Hamid Karim.

10 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
11 the Board?

12 May I have a motion?

13 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
14 that the Board approve the revocation of Hamid Karim's
15 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as described by the
16 OEC.

17 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

21 The motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY FERRELL: The next matter for
23 your consideration is a complaint for revocation of
24 the Gaming Employee Permit issued to Remond Wannie.
25 Between July 9th, 2017 and August 8th, 2017 Mr. Wannie

1 stole \$2,305 from Harrah's Philadelphia, while
2 performing his job duties as a cage cashier.

3 On August 9th, 2017 the Pennsylvania
4 State Police arrested Mr. Wannie and charged him with
5 one felony count and two misdemeanor counts of theft
6 by unlawful taking and three misdemeanor counts of
7 receiving stolen property.

8 On August 22nd, 2017 the three counts
9 of receiving stolen property were withdrawn. The
10 remaining charges remain pending.

11 At this time OEC requests that the
12 Board issue an order revoking the Gaming Employee
13 Permit issued to Remond Wannie.

14 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
15 the Board?

16 May I have a motion?

17 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
18 the Board approve the revocation of Remond Wannie's
19 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as described by the
20 OEC.

21 MS. REITZEL: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

25 The motion's adopted.

1 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, again,
2 Mr. Chairman and members of the Board. Michael
3 Roland, with the OEC.

4 The next matter is a request to revoke
5 the Non-Gaming Employee Registration of Damian Allen.
6 Mr. Allen held the position of warehouse supervisor at
7 Sands Casino.

8 In November of 2017 the Pennsylvania
9 Office of Attorney General and the Bethlehem City
10 Police Department executed a search warrant at Mr.
11 Allen's residence. At least one computer and one
12 external - external storage device containing child
13 pornography were seized from his residence.

14 Mr. Allen confirmed to the police that
15 he resided in the residence alone, and that the
16 computer and external storage device seized were his
17 property. He was charged with 100 counts of
18 possession of child pornography and one count of
19 criminal use of a communication facility. The charges
20 are pending.

21 Mr. Allen is currently not employed
22 by any casino or licensee in the Commonwealth. And
23 the matter is now before the Board to consider the
24 revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration of
25 Damian Allen.

1 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
2 the Board?

3 May I have a motion?

4 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 that the Board approve the revocation of Damian
6 Allen's Non-Gaming Employee Registration, as described
7 by the OEC.

8 MR. SANTONI: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 The motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY ROLAND: The next matter is a
14 request to revoke the Gaming Employee Occupation
15 Permit of Yi Huang. Ms. Huang held the position of
16 dealer at Sands Casino. Over the course of several
17 days, in July of 2017, while performing her duties as
18 a dealer, Ms. Huang assisted several patrons with
19 cheating while they played mini Baccarat. It was
20 determined that there were at least 32 events
21 involving Ms. Huang and patrons, with Sands losing an
22 approximate total of \$8,400.

23 Ms. Huang admitted to assisting the
24 patrons and offered to pay whatever restitution was
25 owed. Therefore, no criminal charges were filed.

1 Ms. Huang is currently not employed by
2 any casino or any licensee in the Commonwealth. And
3 the matter is now before the Board to consider the
4 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit of
5 Yi Huang.

6 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
7 the Board?

8 May I have a motion?

9 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
10 that the Board approve the revocation of Yi Huang's
11 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the
12 OEC.

13 MR. JEWELL: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
17 adopted.

18 ATTORNEY PITRE: In an effort to
19 correct the record, there were seven revocations and
20 one suspension, as opposed to what was previously
21 stated.

22 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

23 Thank you.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Moving on. The
25 remaining matters in the agenda consist of enforcement

1 actions in which the OEC filed petitions seeking the
2 involuntary exclusion of individuals whose presence in
3 a licensed facility are inimical to the interest of
4 the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein.

5 In each instance the petition for
6 exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and
7 properly served upon the individual named in the
8 petition.

9 The individual named in the petition
10 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by Board
11 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a request for
12 default judgment in each instance, and properly served
13 the same upon each named individual.

14 Therefore, all the facts in each
15 petition are deemed admitted. All documents have been
16 provided to the Board and the matters are presently
17 ripe for the Board's consideration.

18 In each instance of the Board orders
19 the proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,
20 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical
21 conduct will be placed on the Board's public website.

22 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
23 place Yi Huang on the Involuntary Exclusion List, Mr.
24 Chairman. The request to place Ms. Huang is based on
25 the same fact pattern that was just given to the Board

1 considering her revocation.

2 Unless you have any questions or the
3 members of the Board have any questions, we just ask
4 that the matter is now before the Board to consider
5 the placement of Yi Huang on the Board's Involuntary
6 Exclusion List.

7 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
8 from the Board?

9 May I have a motion?

10 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
11 the Board approve the addition of Yi Huang to the PGCB
12 Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by the OEC.

13 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

17 The motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
19 place Jin Di Chen on the Involuntary Exclusion List.
20 Ms. Chen, in collusion with dealer Yi Huang, created -
21 cheated multiple times at Sands Casino while playing
22 mini Baccarat. Ms. Chen profited \$2,815 from her
23 illegal activities.

24 Ms. Chen paid full restitution and was
25 permitted to exit the casino without being criminally

1 charged. The matter is now before the Board to
2 consider the placement of Jin Di Chen on the Board's
3 Involuntary Exclusion List.

4 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
5 the Board?

6 May I have a motion?

7 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
8 that the Board approve the addition of Jin Di Chen to
9 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
10 the OEC.

11 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's
15 adopted.

16 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
17 place Jorge Lopez on the Involuntary Exclusion List.
18 In August of 2017 Mr. Lopez copped and pinched his
19 bets a total of 19 times while playing Texas Hold 'Em
20 at Sands Casino. He benefited \$250 from his illegal
21 activity. \$75 in restitution was recovered and Mr.
22 Lopez was not criminally charged.

23 The matter is now before the Board to
24 consider the placement of Jorge Lopez on the Board's
25 Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
2 the Board? May I have a motion?

3 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
4 the Board approve the addition of Jorge Lopez to the
5 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by the
6 OEC.

7 MS. REITZEL: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
11 adopted.

12 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
13 place Jose Ortega on the Involuntary Exclusion List.
14 In October of 2017 Mr. Ortega physically struck and
15 knocked unconscious another patron while on the gaming
16 floor at Sands Casino.

17 Mr. Ortega was charged by the
18 Pennsylvania State Police with simple assault and
19 harassment.

20 The matter is now before the Board to
21 consider the placement of Jose Ortega on the Board's
22 Involuntary Exclusion List.

23 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
24 the Board?

25 May I have a motion?

1 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
2 that the Board approve the addition of Jose Ortega to
3 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for a period of
4 one year, at which time his name shall be removed from
5 the list.

6 MR. SANTONI: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

10 The motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
12 place Sergio Luis Sanchez-Roman on the Involuntary
13 Exclusion List. Mr. Sanchez-Roman, while performing
14 his duties as a dealer, assisted several patrons with
15 cheating at Sands Casino while they played Blackjack.
16 Additionally he incorrectly acted on dealer toke bets.
17 There were 21 events involving Mr. Sanchez-Roman with
18 three patrons, causing Sands to lose a total of
19 \$2,275.

20 Mr. Sanchez-Roman admitted to
21 assisting the patrons. He was charged by the
22 Pennsylvania State Police with prohibited acts under
23 our Gaming Act and theft by unlawful taking or
24 disposition. The disposition is unreported.

25 The matter is now before the Board to

1 consider the placement of Sergio Luis Sanchez-Roman on
2 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

3 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
4 the Board?

5 May I have a motion?

6 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
7 that the Board approve the addition of Sergio Luis
8 Sanchez-Roman to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List,
9 as described by the OEC.

10 MR. JEWELL: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

14 The motion's adopted.

15 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
16 place Shatari Winston on the Involuntary Exclusion
17 List. Ms. Winston left her three children unattended
18 in her vehicle, which was parked in Sands' parking
19 garage for approximately one hour and 11 minutes while
20 she gamed. The children were ages ten and
21 one-year-old twins. Ms. Winston was charged by the
22 Bethlehem City Police Department with three counts of
23 endangering the welfare of children.

24 She entered a negotiated guilty plea
25 to one count of endangering the welfare of children.

1 And the remaining two were withdrawn. The matter is
2 now before the Board to consider the placement of
3 Shatari Winston on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
4 List.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board?

7 May I have a motion?

8 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
9 the Board approve the addition of Shatari Winston to
10 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
11 the OEC.

12 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

16 The motion's adopted.

17 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

19 MR. LOGAN: I'm sorry. I was trying
20 to -. I had it on mute. Can somebody just tell me
21 the length that she'll be on the Exclusion List?

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: It'll be five years
23 or until she petitions for - unless she petitions for
24 early removal.

25 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: And then after that
4 five-year period, she still has to petition to come
5 off also.

6 MR. LOGAN: Gotcha. Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY MILLER: Dustin Miller, on
8 behalf of -.

9 CHAIRMAN: Pardon me. Before we
10 proceed, can we just stand at ease for a minute? Be
11 right back.

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13 (WHEREUPON, A SHORT BREAK WAS TAKEN.)

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15 CHAIRMAN: Sorry for the delay. Let's
16 proceed, please.

17 ATTORNEY MILLER: Thank you. Dustin
18 Miller, on behalf of OEC. The next matter today is
19 request for placement on the Board's Excluded Persons
20 List involving John R. Tardino.

21 The OEC filed a petition to place Mr.
22 Tardino on the Exclusion List on October 6th, 2017
23 after he was cited for defiant trespass at Parx Casino
24 on May 10th, 2017. Mr. Tardino had previously been
25 permanently evicted from Parx Casino.

1 The May 7th, 2017 incident at Parx
2 Casino was Mr. Tardino's 11th incident at Pennsylvania
3 casinos.

4 Mr. Tardino pleaded guilty to the
5 charge on June 5th, 2017. Based upon the foregoing,
6 the OEC asks that the Board place John R. Tardino on
7 the Board's Excluded Persons List.

8 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
9 the Board?

10 May I have a motion?

11 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
12 that the Board approve the addition of John R. Tardino
13 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
14 the OEC.

15 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
19 adopted.

20 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter
21 today is request for placement on the Board's
22 Exclusion Persons List involving Gabriel A. Williams.
23 The OEC filed a petition to place Mr. Williams on the
24 Exclusion List on September 28th, 2017, due to an
25 incident whereby Mr. Williams was found in possession

1 of methamphetamine at Parx Casino.

2 Mr. Williams was criminally charged
3 with intentional possession of a controlled substance
4 by a person not registered by Pennsylvania State
5 Police for his actions.

6 Based upon the foregoing, the OEC asks
7 that the Board place Gabriel A. Williams on the
8 Board's Excluded Persons List.

9 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
10 the Board?

11 May I have a motion?

12 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 the Board approve the addition of Gabriel A. Williams
14 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described
15 by the OEC.

16 CHAIRMAN: Can I have -

17 MS. REITZEL: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN: - a second? All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

21 The motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next two items
23 on the agenda consist of one fact pattern. So if it
24 pleases the Board, I will address both instances as
25 one.

1 As previously mentioned, Steven
2 Margeson, while working as a dealer at Mount Airy,
3 colluded with a patron, Deon Lister, to steal money
4 from Mount Airy by paying out wagers to losing hands,
5 not collecting losing wagers and overpaying winning
6 hands to Mr. Lister.

7 As a result of their illegal activity,
8 both individuals were criminally charged by the
9 Pennsylvania State Police. At this time the OEC
10 requests that the Board add Steven Margeson to the
11 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

12 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
13 the Board?

14 May I have a motion?

15 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
16 that the Board approve the addition of Steven Margeson
17 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described
18 by the OEC.

19 MR. SANTONI: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

23 The motion's adopted.

24 ATTORNEY MILLER: At this time the OEC
25 requests that the Board add Deon Lister to the Board's

1 Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
3 the Board?

4 May I have a motion?

5 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that the Board approve the addition of Deon Lister to
7 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
8 the OEC.

9 MR. JEWELL: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's
13 adopted.

14 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter for
15 your consideration is a petition to place Ronisha Lee
16 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. On
17 September 28th, 2017 Ms. Lee left her 12-year-old son
18 unattended in her vehicle while she gamed at Harrah's
19 Philadelphia.

20 Ms. Lee's son was discovered when he
21 left Ms. Lee's vehicle, entered Harrah's and proceeded
22 to the security podium located near the main entrance
23 of the gaming floor.

24 Ms. Lee left her son unattended for
25 approximately 1 hour and 41 minutes. No charges were

1 filed against Ms. Lee.

2 At this time OEC requests that the
3 Board issue an order placing Ms. Lee on the Board's
4 Involuntary Exclusion List.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board?

7 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I do.

8 CHAIRMAN: Proceed.

9 MR. LOGAN: So this is on the list for
10 one year?

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Well, the petition is
12 to place her on the Exclusion List. The term would be
13 up to the Board.

14 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

15 Is the term one year?

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: That would be left to
17 the discretion of the Board.

18 CHAIRMAN: Well, let me just ask.

19 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

20 But - so -.

21 CHAIRMAN: Let me -. Let me see if I
22 can help.

23 Who has this motion?

24 MR. SANTONI: I do.

25 CHAIRMAN: What is the proposed

1 motion?

2 MR. JEWELL: Proposed motion would be
3 for a period of one year, for the consideration of the
4 Board and its vote.

5 CHAIRMAN: I see.

6 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

7 And then she's removed. Does she
8 automatically get removed or petition?

9 ATTORNEY PITRE: That would be up to
10 the discretion of the Board.

11 MR. JEWELL: And the proposed to be
12 adopted by the Board would indicate that she would be
13 removed from the list at that time.

14 MR. LOGAN: She doesn't have to
15 petition?

16 MR. JEWELL: That is correct.

17 MR. LOGAN: So, what's the difference
18 between Ms. Lee and Ms. Winston, where she left three
19 children for roughly the same period of time, she's
20 five years and gets automatically removed. Ms. Lee -?

21 MR. JEWELL: I believe the
22 different -.

23 MR. LOGAN: I mean, whether you leave
24 one kid or three kids. I mean, I can't get my -. I
25 can't get my head around this. I mean, I have kids

1 and wouldn't leave them in a car unattended
2 anywhere, -

3 MR. JEWELL: Yeah.

4 MR. LOGAN: - let alone a casino, no
5 offense to -

6 MR. JEWELL: Yeah. Well, -.

7 MR. LOGAN: - being a parking lot. I
8 just don't understand the difference. It doesn't seem
9 like -.

10 MR. JEWELL: If I -. If I could, I
11 can only tell you what the discussion was, the
12 discussion was in the first instance. There were -.
13 In this instance, there were no charges filed. The
14 other instance there were

15 And secondly I -. I mean, perhaps you
16 can get some clarification. The - the age of the
17 child involved in this case was what?

18 ATTORNEY MILLER: Twelve (12) years
19 old.

20 MR. LOGAN: Twelve (12).

21 MR. JEWELL: That's the difference,
22 Sean.

23 MR. SANTONI: In the previous you said
24 twins -.

25 ATTORNEY MILLER: One-year-old twins.

1 MR. LOGAN: I understand, I
2 understand, but I -.

3 Okay.

4 MR. JEWELL: Okay?

5 Those are the facts.

6 MR. LOGAN: No, I - I -.

7 MR. JEWELL: Okay.

8 MR. LOGAN: I'm saying okay as to
9 proceed. I'm not okay with it. I'll - I'll -

10 CHAIRMAN: No, that's fine.

11 MR. LOGAN: - record it as a no.

12 CHAIRMAN: That's fine, that's fine.

13 Any other comments from the Board?

14 If not, may I have a motion?

15 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
16 the Board approve the addition of Ronisha Lee to the
17 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for a period of one
18 year, at which time she shall be removed from the
19 list.

20 MR. SANTONI: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

24 MR. LOGAN: I'm opposed, strongly
25 opposed. It's asinine behavior.

1 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

2 Hold on a second. Just so we're
3 clear, with that vote, the motion would fail, but that
4 would mean she's not on the list at all.

5 MS. MANDERINO: Can we agree to
6 another motion?

7 MS. REITZEL: Can we do another
8 motion?

9 CHAIRMAN: I'd entertain another
10 motion, if somebody has an idea.

11 MR. LOGAN: I would just like some
12 consistency. I mean, if -. If - if Ms. Winston was
13 five years, I think Ms. Lee should be five years.

14 CHAIRMAN: Let -. Let me make a
15 suggestion and see what - how about we table this -

16 MR. SANTONI: And we revisit?

17 CHAIRMAN: - and revisit it at our
18 next public meeting?

19 MR. LOGAN: I'm fine with that.

20 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

21 I have a motion -

22 MS. MANDERINO: To withdraw?

23 CHAIRMAN: - to withdraw our previous
24 decision, the decision we just made.

25 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, move - oh,

1 go ahead.

2 MR. JEWELL: I will make that. Mr.
3 Chairman, I request for the Board's consideration a
4 withdrawal of the previous motion and the tabling
5 thereto until the next meeting.

6 MR. SANTONI: I'll second it.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIRMAN: Fine. Very well. The
10 motion will be -. This matter is going to be tabled
11 until our next public session. Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter for
13 your consideration is a petition to place Jamear Seals
14 on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

15 On August 28th of 2017 Mr. Seals stole
16 \$280 in gaming chips from another patron while playing
17 Baccarat at Parx Casino. Afterwards Mr. Seals fled
18 the property with the chips.

19 The Pennsylvania State Police charged
20 Mr. Seals with unlawful taking and receiving stolen
21 property. Mr. Seals was arrested subsequent to this
22 incident. The charges against Mr. Seals remain
23 pending.

24 At this time OEC requests the Board
25 issue an Order placing Mr. Seals in the Board's

1 Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
3 the Board? May I have a motion?

4 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that
5 the Board approve the addition of Jamear Seals to the
6 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by the
7 OEC.

8 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 The motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
14 concludes our business.

15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. And that
16 concludes today's meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming
17 Control Board. As I mentioned earlier, our next
18 scheduled Category 4 auction will be held on
19 February 21st, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in this room. And
20 the next public meeting will be held on Wednesday,
21 March 7th at 10:00 a.m. in this room.

22 May I have a motion to adjourn the
23 meeting?

24 MS. MANDERINO: Moved that we adjourn.

25 MS. REITZEL: Second.

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CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

AYES RESPOND

CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's adopted. The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

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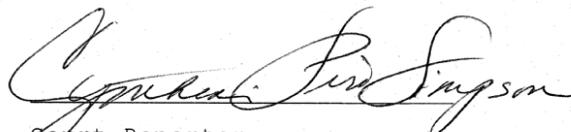
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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Chairman Barasch was reported by me on 02/08/2018 and that I, Cynthia Piro Simpson, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.



Court Reporter

Cynthia Piro Simpson