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## PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD P.O. BOX 69060 HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

17106-9060 **MEETING MINUTES** 

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018 – 10:00 a.m. STRAWBERRY SQUARE COMPLEX, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, HARRISBURG

Commissioners
RICHARD G. JEWELL
OBRA S. KERNODLE IV
SEAN LOGAN
KATHY M. MANDERINO
MERRITT C. REITZEL
DANTE SANTONI, JR.

Ex-Officio Members
C. Daniel Hassell
Russell C. Redding
Joseph M. Torsella

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

#### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

David M. Barasch, Chairman

Richard G. Jewell

Obra S. Kernodle, IV

Sean Logan

Kathy M. Manderino

Merritt C. Reitzel

Dante Santoni, Jr.

#### **EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:**

Fred Strathmeyer, Department of Agriculture

Sue Leighton, Designee, Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Designee, Pennsylvania Treasury

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

Kevin O'Toole – Executive Director's Report

Danette Bixler-George – New Hire(s)

R. Douglas Sherman – Petitions

Stephen Cook – Reports and Recommendations

Susan Hensel – Licensing Matters

Cyrus Pitre – Enforcement Actions

Assistant Enforcement Counsel:

Benjamin Ferrell, Sarah Kolesar, Tamara Haken, Ashley Gabrielle, Dustin Miller and Michael Roland

#### ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Frank C. Sluzis, Esquire, Scaringi Law, Counsel for John Joseph Timar

John Joseph Timar, Report and Recommendation, Gaming Employee Occupation Permit

## HARRAH'S PHILADELPHIA:

William J. Downey, III, Esquire representing Chester Downs and Marina, LLC

Lynne Hughes, Vice President and Chief Counsel

Chris Albrecht, Senior Vice President and General Manager

#### PARX CASINO:

Bryan Schroeder, Esquire, representing Greenwood Gaming & Entertainment

Steve Pfann, Assistant Director of Table Games, Greenwood Gaming & Entertainment

## **HOLLYWOOD CASINO - Public Hearing:**

Michael Fabius, Esquire, Ballard Spahr

John Newman, Vice President of Casino Operations

Dan Ihm, Vice President and General Manager

Alex Hvizda, Compliance Manager

A quorum of the Board being present, Chairman Barasch called the meeting to order.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing was held regarding Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association's Petition to modify its Gaming Floor Plan.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Barasch announced that the Board held an Executive Session yesterday, May 1st, to discuss personnel matters and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters being considered by the Board on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **MINUTES / TRANSCRIPTS**

On a motion by Commissioner Santoni, seconded by Commissioner Jewell, the Board unanimously approved the minutes and transcripts of the February 8 and March 21, 2018 meetings.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director, was pleased to report that the Gaming Control Board has received seven (7) application submissions from Fantasy Sports Contest operators that were received or post-marked on or before April 27, 2018, the due date for filing applications as required by the expanded gaming act.

He also reported that effective Saturday, April 28, 2018, Fantasy Sports Contest operators became obligated to remit a 15% tax on gross Fantasy Contest revenues obtained from entry fees received from players. This tax revenue is remitted to the Department of Revenue monthly and applied to the General Fund.

He informed the Board that the 7 Fantasy Sports Contest operators submitting application packages were: StarStreet, FFPC, FanDuel, DraftKings, Boom Fantasy, FastPick and Sportshub Technologies.

He further stated that Board staff is reviewing internal control procedures submitted by the Fantasy Sports Contest operators to ensure various protections are in place, including;

- 1. age and identity verification of account holders,
- 2. username and password protections for account holders,
- 3. allowing account holders to restrict themselves from playing,
- 4. allowing account holders to restrict the amount of their deposits and the length of time they play, and
- 5. ensuring procedures are in place for recording accurately Fantasy Sports Contest adjusted revenue and taxation.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-162-HR

Motions: 1st\_Board Member Jewell / 2nd\_Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby approved the following new hires:

- 1. Felissa Larocque, Compliance Examiner, Gaming Operations
- 2. Sean Fleming, Investigator, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-163 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Logan / 2nd-Board Member Manderino

The Board hereby approved Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC's Amended and Restated Petition to modify its Gaming Floor Plan, with the nine (9) conditions requested by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. The Board further approved Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC's request for confidentiality.

Docket Number: 6699-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-164 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Manderino / 2nd-Board Member Reitzel

The Board adopted the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals regarding the placement of **Michael Booth** on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List.

Docket Number: 5523-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-165 OCC

Motions: 1st\_Board Member Reitzel / 2nd\_Board Member Santoni

The Board adopted the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals which recommends that

Tuan Dang's suspension shall remain in effect.

Docket Number: 6663-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-166 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Santoni / 2nd-Board Member Jewell

The Board rejected the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals permitting John Joseph

Timar's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit to remain in good standing.

Docket Number: 5233-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-167 OCC

**Motions:** 1st\_Board Member Jewell / 2nd\_Board Member Kernodle

The Board adopted the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals recommending dismissal of the Office of Enforcement Counsel's complaint for revocation. The office of Enforcement Counsel failed to meet it's burden of proof to justify the revocation of **Shawn Reilly's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

Docket Number: 5498-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### **BUREAU OF LICENSING**

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-168 BOL

**Motions:** 1st—Board Member Kernodle / 2nd—Board Member Logan

The Board approved the renewal **KGM Gaming, LLC's** Slot Machine Supplier License with a renewal fee of \$75,000. The following KGM Gaming, LLC principals submitted renewal applications for licensure in conjunction with KGM Gaming, LLC's renewal application and caused payment of the appropriate application fees to the Board:

Howard J. Weiss, Chief Executive Officer and 75.5% owner – Docket #2286-8

Jason M. Peters, President and Chief Financial Officer and 17.1% owner – Docket #15346-6

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## **MOTION NO. 2018-169 BOL**

Motions: 1st-Board Member Logan / 2nd-Board Member Manderino

The Board approved the following 8 Principal, 9 Key Employee Licenses and 1 Gaming Related GSP Qualifier License:

## PRINCIPAL AND KEY EMPLOYEES

#### Chester Downs and Marina, LLC

Key Employee

Initial Licensure

Charles Washington, Cage and Credit Manager – DOR Status: compliant

## Downs Racing, LP

Key Employee

Michael Epps, Vice President of Legal and Compliance – DOR Status: compliant

## Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc.

Principal Employee

Renewal

• Thomas C. Bonner, Director/Group Chief Counsel and Vice President - DOR Status: compliant

Key Employees

Renewal

- Gerald Fretz, Jr., Director of Security DOR Status: compliant
- Matthew W. Hayes, Corporate Controller DOR Status: compliant

#### Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC

Principal Entity

Renewal

GLP Financing II, Inc., Direct subsidiary of GLP Capital, LP ("GLP Capital") and co-issuer of notes associated with property acquisitions involving GLP Capital. GLP Capital is a direct subsidiary of Gaming & Leisure Properties, Inc., which is the real estate asset holding company for Category 1 Slot Machine Licensee, Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association d/b/a Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse – DOR Status: compliant

Principal

Initial Licensure

 John V. Finamore, Senior Vice President of Regional Operations for Penn National Gaming, Inc., the Pennsylvania-based holding company for Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC – DOR Status: compliant

#### Washington Trotting Association, Inc.

Principal Employee

Initial Licensure

Ron Huberman, Director and Audit Committee Member for affiliate licensee Pinnacle Entertainment, Inc., which is the indirect parent company
of slot machine licensee Washington Trotting Association, LLC – DOR Status: compliant

#### Holdings Acquisition Co., L.P.

Key Employees

Renewal

- Andre Joseph Barnabei, Vice President of Slot Operations DOR Status: compliant
- Lorraine Nancy Davis, Director of Compliance DOR Status: compliant

#### Mount Airy #1, LLC

Key Employees

Initial Licensure

- Mary Anne O'Neill, Casino Credit Manager DOR Status: compliant
- Nikolaos Vroulis, Executive Director Information Technology DOR Status: compliant

#### Aristocrat Technologies Australia Pty. Limited

Principal Employee

Initial Licensure

Sylvia Rusia Summers Couder, Director and Audit Committee Member – Docket #100413-1

#### Everi Games, Inc.

Principal Employee

Initial Licensure

Dean Alan Ehrlich, Executive Vice President, Games Business Leader of Everi Payments, Inc. – Docket #84655-2

## Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.

Key Employee

Initial Licensure

Jane Yvonne Crosson, Sales Executive – Docket #99003-1

#### IGT

Principal Employee

Initial Licensure

Heather Jane McGregor, Independent Director for affiliate licensee International Game Technology PLC, which is the indirect parent company
of slot machine and table games manufacturer licensee IGT – Docket #103064-2

#### IGT Global Solutions Corporation f/k/a GTECH Corporation

Principal Employee

Initial Licensure

Heather Jane McGregor, Independent Director for affiliate licensee International Game Technology PLC, which is the indirect parent company
of slot machine manufacturer licensee IGT Global Solutions Corporation – Docket #103064-1

## **GAMING RELATED GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER QUALIFIER**

#### Galaxy Gaming, Inc.

GR-GSP Qualifier

Harry Coleman Hagerty, Chief Financial Officer for Galaxy Gaming, Inc. – Docket 101981-1

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-170 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Manderino / 2nd-Board Member Reitzel

The Board approved the issuance of two (2) **Temporary Principal** and six (6) **Temporary Key** Employee Credentials.

Information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Order.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-171 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Reitzel / 2nd-Board Member Santoni

The Board approved the issuance of 660 (49 G2 full permits, 214 initial, 276 renewal and 121 temporary G2) **Gaming** Employee Occupation Permits and 177 **Non-Gaming** Employee Registrations. *Information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found* 

in the Order.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-172 BOL

Motions: 1st—Board Member Santoni / 2nd—Board Member Jewell

The Board hereby **denied** the following Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as follows:

## **GAMING EMPLOYEE**

105658-1 - James Wetzler

105397-1 – Edsheena Lofton

104106-1 – Mary Hutz-Gwizdowski

86750-2 - Justin Fanny

83536-2 - Joshua Lewis

104976-1 – Hector Echevarria 104656-1 – William Siry

## NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE

103148-1 – Brian Robinson 105778-1 – Brandon Jones 104621-1 – Ryan George

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-173 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Jewell / 2nd-Board Member Logan

The Board approved the withdrawal of 1 Key, 19 Gaming and 7 Non-Gaming Employee Applications. Information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Order.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-174 BOL

Motions: 1st—Board Member Logan / 2nd—Board Member Manderino

The Board approved the Gaming Service Provider Certification for TN Ward Company (PA).

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-175 BOL

Motions: 1st\_Board Member Manderino / 2nd\_Board Member Reitzel

The Board approved the Gaming Service Provider Registrations for Joingo, LLC and Ford Business Machines, Inc.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-176 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Reitzel / 2nd-Board Member Santoni

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **Chester Downs and Marina, LLC** (Harrah's Philadelphia) for self-exclusion violation. Harrah's Philadelphia shall pay, within five (5) days a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 and \$2,500 in administrative fees associated with this matter.

Docket Number: 7705-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-177 OEC

**Motions:** 1st\_Board Member Santoni / 2nd\_Board Member Jewell

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **Greenwood Gaming** and Entertainment, Inc. (Parx Casino) for a card replacement error. Parx Casino shall pay, within five (5) days, a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000 and \$2,500 in administrative fees associated with this matter.

Docket Number: 7801-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-178 OEC

Motions: 1st\_Board Member Jewell / 2nd\_Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Demetrius Davis'** Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

Docket Number: 6685-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-179 OEC

Motions: 1st—Board Member Kernodle / 2nd—Board Member Logan

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Gianna Furia's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration. Ms. Furia's Non-Gaming Employee Registration shall remain suspended until further action of the Board, which either party to this proceeding may commence.

Docket Number: 6671-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-180 OEC

**Motions:** 1st\_Board Member Logan / 2nd\_Board Member Manderino

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Robert Henderson's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit. Mr. Henderson was found to be unsuitable to hold a permit, however, the Board does not find that Mr. Henderson was charged with crimes involving moral turpitude, as the underlying facts leading to Mr. Henderson's criminal charges were not pled.

Docket Number: 6621-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

#### PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-181 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Manderino / 2nd-Board Member Reitzel

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **James Satter's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration. Mr. Satter's Non-Gaming Employee Registration shall remain suspended until further action of the Board, which either party to this proceeding may commence.

Docket Number: 6602-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

## PGCB MOTION NO. 2018-182 OEC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Reitzel / 2nd-Board Member Santoni

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Albert Ramirez's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration. Mr. Ramirez's Non-Gaming Employee Registration shall remain suspended until further action of the Board, which either party to this proceeding may commence.

Docket Number: 5505-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

The Board approved the following placements on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List:

<b>MOTION</b> # 2018-183 OEC	RESPONDENT Thomas Daniels	<b>DOCKET</b> #-2017 6678-2018	<b>FIRST</b> Santoni	<b>SECOND</b> Jewell	BOARD DECISION Unanimous	CAN PETITION TO BE REMOVED
2018-184 OEC	William Gates, Sr.	6680-2018	Jewell	Kernodle	Unanimous	
2018-185 OEC	Kenneth Hamilton	5552	Kernodle	Logan	Unanimous	
2018-186 OEC	Melissa Jo McCloskey	5377	Logan	Manderino	Unanimous	Granted OEC's Petition in Part and Denied in Part. Melissa shall be automatically removed from the list after 2 years
2018-187 OEC	Ishyya Hicks	6629	Manderino	Reitzel	Unanimous	,
2018-188 OEC	Tyrone Wint	6630	Reitzel	Santoni	Unanimous	
2018-189 OEC	Tariq Ibrahim	6580	Santoni	Jewell	Unanimous	
2018-190 OEC	Celestinen Washington a/k/a/Celestine Washington	6579	Jewell	Kernodle	Unanimous	

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Commissioner Kernodle, seconded by Commissioner Logan, the meeting was adjourned.