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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.
STRAWBERRY SQUARE COMPLEX, 2ND FLOOR, HARRISBURG

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board held its meeting via teleconference. The meeting was available to the public via a “live” link on the PGCB Meeting Videos section on the home page of the Board’s website. Persons unable to access the meeting via the website were able to listen to the meeting by dialing a predetermined telephone number and conference ID. This information was provided to the public via advertisement as required by the Sunshine Act.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

David Barasch, Chairman
Obra S. Kernodle, IV
Sean Logan
T. Mark Mustio
Merritt C. Reitzel
Dante Santoni, Jr.
Denise J. Smyler

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Christin Heidingsfelder, Designee, Department of Revenue
Jennifer Langan, Designee, Pennsylvania Treasury
Fred Strathmeyer, Designee, Department of Agriculture

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

Kevin O’Toole, Executive Director – Reopening of Land Based Casinos and VGT Establishments
Danette Bixler-George, Director, Human Resources – Personnel Matter
R. Douglas Sherman, Chief Counsel – Petitions
Steve Cook, Deputy Chief Counsel – Withdrawals/Surrenders and Report and Recommendations
Susan Hensel, Director, Bureau of Licensing - Applications, Licenses, Registrations and Certifications
Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel – Revocations, Suspensions, Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List and Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Barasch announced that the Board held an Executive Session telephonically on April 28th to discuss personnel matters and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters coming before the Board on April 29th.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Kevin O’Toole reported to the Board that on March 16, 2020 all land-based casinos in Pennsylvania were closed as a precaution associated with the spread of the COVID – 19 Virus. For over 6 weeks now, many of our employees have been teleworking from their homes with laptop computers.

He stated that although much work has been accomplished, there is an anxiousness among all of our staff to assist in the reopening of land-based casinos as well as the VGT gaming at approved truck stop establishments. Mr. O'Toole commented that we do not know when the casinos will be given the OK to reopen, however, we hope that day will come fairly soon.

He further commented that we are definitely confident that the reopening of land-based casinos and VGT rooms at approved truck stops will coincide with responsible initiatives taken by casino licensees and VGT Terminal Operators. Initiatives that will insure appropriate social distancing throughout the gaming floor along with other protections that will insure the cleanliness of gaming equipment, furniture, restrooms, counters, POS locations and any other areas that patrons or employees access.

In closing, he stated that our team of experienced casino regulators, both those teleworking and those non-teleworking, are looking forward to rejoining each other to assist in the task of re-opening all gaming activity under PGCB's jurisdiction.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-131 HR

Motions: 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby granted the temporary delegated hiring authority to the Executive Director.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-132 OCC

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

The Board hereby granted, with conditions, **RUSH STREET INTERACTIVE PA, LLC's** Petition for Approval of Restructuring Transactions. All executed documents (financing, transaction and agreements) are to be provided to the Bureau of Licensing and Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement within five (5) business days. Petitioner's Motion to Maintain Confidentiality was granted. *The conditions are outlined in the Board's Order.*

Docket Number: 9002-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-133 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby granted, with conditions, **RUSH STREET GAMING, LLC's** Petition Seeking Approval of Certain Transfers. Petitioner's Motion to Maintain Confidentiality was granted. In addition, the Board also granted the Office of Enforcement Counsel's Answer and New Matter to the Petition be maintained as Confidential. *The conditions are outlined in the Board's Order.*

Docket Number: 9007-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-134 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board hereby granted, with conditions, **THE STARS GROUP, INC., TSG INTERACTIVE US SERVICES LTD, FLUTTER ENTERTAINMENT PLC and BETFAIR INTERACTIVE US LLC's** Joint Petition for Change of Control. *The conditions are outlined in the Board's Order.*

Docket Number: 9110-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-135 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board hereby granted, with conditions, **GAN PLC's** Petition for Approval of Change of Control. *The conditions are outlined in the Board's Order.*

Docket Number: 9111-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-136 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board hereby granted **RONALD COOK's** Petition to Lift the Suspension of his Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and he may now seek employment with any licensed facility in the Commonwealth. As a condition of the suspension termination, Ronald Cook must maintain compliance with the terms of his probation. In addition, he is to notify the Bureau of Licensing upon the termination of his sentence.

Docket Number: 8802-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-137 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby granted **SHANNON DAVIS'** Petition to Lift the Emergency Suspension of her Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 8773-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-138 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board hereby granted **ILAN COHEN's** Petition for Removal from the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List. Removal from the list shall be effective within five (5) business days from the date (April 29, 2020) of the Board's Order. In addition, Mr. Cohen's removal from the List does not permit him to enter any licensed facility in which he may have been excluded him. Mr. Cohen would need to seek independent relief from the licensed facility.

Docket Number: 3812-2014

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-139 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby denied **RAHSHEEDAH FAVOR's** Petition for Removal from the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List. Ms. Fabor may petition for removal after June 7, 2022.

Docket Number: 5080-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-140 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board hereby approved, without prejudice, the following **WITHDRAWALS AND SURRENDERS** as follows:

- Angel Playing Cards Mfg. Kyoto Co., Ltd. – Withdraw Table Game Manu. License Application and Surrender Condition Table Game Manu. License; **No. 9070-2020** and Withdraw Principal License Applications and Surrender Conditional Principal Licenses of Naoki Terasawa, Naoya Takine and Takeshi Morifuji; **Nos. 9071-9073-2020**

- Angel Playing Cards U.S.A. Inc. – Withdraw Table Game Manu. Designee License Application and Surrender Conditional Table Game Manufacturer Designee License **and** Withdraw Principal License Application and Surrender Conditional Principal License of Naoki Terasawa; **No. 9069-2020**
- Mark F. Brown - Surrender Principal License; **No. 9145-2020**
- Frank T. Donaghue – Surrender Principal License; **No. 9094-2020**
- Ronald Ellis – Surrender Principal License; **No. 9077-2020**
- Alberto Fornaro – Surrender Principal License; **No. 9076-2020**
- John J. Dougherty & Sons, Inc. – Withdraw Gaming Service Provider Certification Application; **No. 9084-2020**
- Brian R. Pierce – Surrender Principal License; **No. 9086-2020**
- Brian Reid Shultz – Withdraw Principal License Application; **No. 9146-2020**
- Speedy Meedy’s Inc. – Withdraw Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License Application; **No. 9085-2020**
- James Stern – Withdraw Principal License Application; **No. 9066-2020**

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-141 OCC

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

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals recommending that the suspension of **JOHN BIK’s** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect. It is further ordered that exhibit outlined in the Board’s Order contains confidential information and should be redacted of any such information.

Docket Number: 8332-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-142 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board hereby rejected the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals recommending **SUZI SMITH** be placed on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List. In addition, the Board denied the Office of Enforcement Counsel’s Petition to place her on the List due to insufficient evidence. It is further ordered that exhibits outlined in the Board’s Order contains confidential information and should be redacted of any such information.

Docket Number: 8736-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-143 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals recommending that **G.K.’s** Petition for removal from the PGCB Voluntary Self-Exclusion List be denied. It is further ordered that exhibits, outlined in the Board’s Order, contain confidential information and are to be redacted or sealed from public view.

Docket Number: 8789-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

BUREAU OF LICENSING

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-144 BOL

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

The Board granted **CROWN PA GAMING, INC. d/b/a DRAFTKINGS’** Interactive Gaming Operator License.

Docket Number: 117645-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-145 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board granted **CROWN PA GAMING, INC. d/b/a DRAFTKINGS'** Sports Wagering Operator License. License.

Docket Number: 117645-2

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-146 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board granted **MAJIME SERVICES OU's** Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License. Majime OU shall pay any outstanding fees as determined by the Board and agrees to the Statement of Conditions evidenced by its signature within ten (10) business days.

The following Principal has satisfied the requirements for licensure in connection with this License.

- Einar Roosileht- Docket #110355-2

Docket Number: 112020-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-147 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board granted **DITRONICS FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC's** Slot Machine Manufacturer License Renewal. Ditronics Financial Services shall pay a \$150,000 renewal license fee and any outstanding fees as determined by the Board and agrees to the Statement of Conditions evidenced by its signature within ten (10) business days.

The following Principals and Key Employee have satisfied the requirements for licensure in connection with this License.

- The George J. and Virginia F. Vasilakos Family Trust - Docket #76686-4
- Steve and Gina Vasilakos Family Trust-Docket #114600-1
- DFS Holding Trust-Docket #114614-1
- Margaret A. Vasilakos Living Trust-Docket #114612-1
- George J. Vasilakos - Docket #63902-4
- Virginia Vasilakos -Docket #76687-3
- George Steven Vasilakos - Docket# 63902-4
- Gina Vasilakos - Docket # 114615-1
- Margaret A. Vasilakos - Docket# 63906-4
- William Lejeune - Docket #39431-3

Docket Number: 63901

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-148 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board granted **EXTENSIONS** for the following Conditional Licenses:

- Pala Interactive, LLC-Conditional Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License (114878-1)
- SBTech Malta LTD-Conditional Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License (113599-2)
- Accel Entertainment Gaming PA, LLC-Conditional Terminal Operator License (112591)
- Geneva Truck Stop, Inc.-Conditional Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License (114031-1)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-149 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board approved the following **PRINCIPAL AND KEY** Employee Licenses as follows:

Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc., Docket #1239, Addendum #5

Principals

Initial

- Kooringal Holdings Limited - Docket #118304-1
- City Op Holding Co. - Docket #116508-1
- City Turf Club Op Co. - Docket #114542-1

Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, Docket #1315, Addendum #5

Principal

Initial

- Jonathan Ross Kaplowitz – Docket #115496-1

Key Employee

Initial

- Marc Gerard Guastella – Docket #117543-1

PID, LLC, Docket #107697, Addendum #5

Principal

Initial

- Daniel Patrick Simms – Docket #115288-1

Key Employees

Initial

- Jeremy Wiczorek – Docket #70788-4
- Stephanie Machowski – Docket #46159-4

Stadium Casino RE, LLC, Docket #105232, Addendum #1

Key Employee

Initial

- Joseph Larry Billhimer – Docket #66312-2

Valley Forge Convention Center Partners, L.P., Docket #19421, Addendum #5

Principal

Initial

- Gregg Allen Lowe - Docket #115675-1

Washington Trotting Association, Inc., Docket #1316, Addendum #5

Key Employee

Initial

- Nicholas Ray Tabb – Docket #117927-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-150 BOL

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

The Board approved the issuance of **TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL (3) VGT KEY (1) AND TEMPORARY KEY (21)** Employee Credentials. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Order.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-151 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board approved the issuance of **GAMING EMPLOYEE OCCUPATION PERMITS** and **NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE REGISTRATIONS** as listed below. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Order.)

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| SLOTSlink Gaming Level 2 Permits | 79 |
| SLOTSlink Permits | 180 |
| SLOTSlink Permit Renewals | 112 |
| SLOTSlink Registrations | 101 |
| SLOTSlink Temporary Gaming Level 2 Permits | 80 |
| SLOTSlink Total | 552 |

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-152 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board **DENIED** the applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits as follows:

- LaTroya Johnson – 122302-1
- Jasmine Kennedy – 121952-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-153 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board approved the **WITHDRAWAL** of the 89 Applications. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

- 1 – Key Employee (Kevin Whalen)
- 13 – Gaming Level 2 Withdrawal Applications
- 64 – Gaming Withdrawal Applications
- 9 – Non-Gaming Withdrawal Applications
- 1 – VGT Gaming
- 1 – Sports Wagering-Gaming

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-154 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board approved the applications for **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATION** as follows:

Somerville Construction Services, Inc.

- Joseph D. Lipinski, 50.5% Owner, Vice President and Chief Executive Officer
- Paul Somerville, 48.5% Owner and President
- Joseph M. Lipinski, 1% Owner and Secretary

Roma Steel Erection, Inc.

- Susan Viloti, President, Director and 50% Owner
- Maria Iannelli, Secretary, Director, Treasurer and 50% Owner

Philadelphia D&M, Inc.

- Craig Melograno, President and 100% Owner
- Sheree Ross, Controller

Flatiron Collective, Inc.

- Ryan Faber, Chief Executive Officer and 100% Owner

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL**PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-155 OEC****Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **JASMINE DOWELL's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration. Ms. Dowell's Non-Gaming Employee Registration shall remain suspended until further action of the Board, which either party may commence upon completion of her probation sentence.

Docket Number: 8795-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-156 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **ZHI Y. LAI's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 9039-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-157 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **PAUL SABASH's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

Docket Number: 8961-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-158 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member LoganThe Board hereby approved the revocation of **TREY DARNELL's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

Docket Number: 8836-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

The Board **APPROVED** the following addition to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List:

| MOTION # | RESPONDENT | DOCKET #-2019 | FIRST | SECOND | UNANIMOUS BOARD DECISION | SPECIAL CONDITIONS |
|--------------|------------|------------------|---------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2020-159 OEC | LENG BUN | 8946 | Reitzel | Santoni | Placed on List | Grants, in part, |

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-160 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member SmylerThe Board hereby approved the revocation of **CLEARVIEW LANDSCAPING AND DESIGN, INC.'s** Gaming Service Provider Registration. The Board also approved the placement of Clearview Landscaping and Design, Inc. on the Prohibited Gaming Service Provider List.

Docket Number: 9000-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Board Member Smyler, seconded by Board Member Kernodle, the meeting was adjourned.