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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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 – Casino Revenue Update and Re-opening of 5 Poker Rooms
David Rhen, Director – Office of Financial Management – 2021-22 Fiscal Year Budget Request
R. Douglas Sherman, Chief Counsel – Petitions
Steve Cook, Deputy Chief Counsel – Withdrawals/Surrenders and Report and Recommendations
Chad Zimmermann, Assistant Chief Counsel – Regulation and Statement of Policy
Susan Hensel, Director, Bureau of Licensing – Applications, Licenses, Registrations and Certifications
Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel – Consent Agreements, Revocations, Suspensions, and Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List

Office of Enforcement Counsel – Also presenting:

Dustin Miller, Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel
James Armstrong, Senior Enforcement Counsel
David Tepper, Senior Enforcement Counsel

OTHER ATTENDEES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORAL ARGUMENT AND/OR MEETING:

Nick Rodriguez-Cayro, Esquire – Mount Airy #1 LLC
John Donnelly, Esquire – SUGARHOUSE HSP GAMING, LP d/b/a RIVERS CASINO PHILADELPHIA
Angela Hardesty – Director of Compliance for RIVERS CASINO PHILADELPHIA

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 October 27th to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters coming before the Board on October 28th.

MINUTES/TRANSCRIPT

On a motion by Commissioner Smyler, seconded by Commissioner Santoni, the Board unanimously approved the transcript of the September 2, 2020 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kevin O'Toole reported to the Board on the performance of the casinos in Pennsylvania almost 5 months after the 12 casinos began the process to reopen following the 3-month closure due to the COVID-19 virus.

Stating that interactive gaming and sports wagering are both continuing to attract customers and generate gaming revenue. When October is over, the revenue from those two expanded forms of gambling should set new highs or come very close. What is very encouraging is that Pennsylvania's 12 land-based casinos are also performing very well at the same time that online gaming and sports wagering continue to grow. Both slot machine revenue and table game revenue at the land-based casinos continue to be strong when compared to last year at this time. For the first 3 weeks of October, preliminary figures show that slot machine revenue reached approximately 85% of the figures for the same period last year.

Mr. O'Toole further commented that for the week of October 18, 2020, table game revenue had its best week since re-opening in early June. Overall, table game revenue has reached approximately 80% of the figures for the same period last year.

In closing he stated that during the past 2 weeks, Board Staff has assisted in the re-opening of 5 Poker Rooms at the land-based casinos and that the re-opening of the Poker Rooms will further add to the positive performance of table games.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-287 OFM

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

The Board hereby approved the **FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget Request** as described by Dave Rhen, Director of Financial Management.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-288 OCC

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

The Board hereby adopted the **Statement of Policy #125-235** regarding Jackpot Party Progressive Blackjack Wager – Match the Dealer Progressive wagers as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-289 OCC

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

The Board hereby adopted **Temporary Regulation #125-236** regarding Dreamcatcher Table Game Rules of Play as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-290 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby granted the motion for **Pro Hac Vice admission** of attorneys **Kim R. Walberg** and **Richard Y. Hu** in the matter of **Lendell Gaming, LLC and Richard Teitelbaum** as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Numbers: 9082-2020 and 9083-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-291 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board hereby granted the Motion for **Pro Hac Vice admission** of attorneys **Kim R. Walberg** and **Richard Y. Hu** in the matter of **Venture Gaming, LLC and Brent Mayes** as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Numbers: 9239-2020 and 9240-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-292 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board hereby granted **CHESTER RADNOR'S** Petition to Lift the Suspension of his Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 8742-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-293 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

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

- Bernard Lucking Zuroff – Surrender Principal License; **No. 9392-2020**
- Garvis Sells - Surrender Principal License; **No. 9377-2020**
- Johan Andreas Soneby - Surrender Principal License; **No. 9416-2020**
- Raceway Management Company, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Express-Duncannon - Withdrawal video gaming terminal establishment license and surrender the conditional video gaming terminal establishment license; **No. 9395-2020**
- Matthew Restivo – Withdrawal the Gaming Service Provider Certification Application; **No. 9375-2020**
- Tobias Palmborg - Surrender Principal License; **No. 9415-2020**
- Werner Becher - Withdrawal the Sports Wagering Gaming Service Provider Certification Application; **No. 9414-2020**
- MDL Holdings, LLC – Withdrawal Principal License; **No. 9369-2020**
- Pratt Street Management, LLC – Withdrawal Principal License; **No. 9368-2020**

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-294 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals recommending that **David Graham's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit Renewal Application be dismissed as moot as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 8788-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-295 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals recommending that **Joseph Simmons’** Non-Gaming Employee Registration be granted as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 9236-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-296 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals regarding the suspension of **Franklin Hoang’s** G2 Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 8852-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-297 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals regarding **Joshua Smith’s** Petition for Early Reapplication for a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that the Petition be Denied.

Docket Number: 7955-2018

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

BUREAU OF LICENSING**PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-298 BOL****Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board granted **BETMGM LLC, d/b/a ROAR DIGITAL, LLC’S** Interactive Gaming Operator License.

Docket Number: 115293-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-299 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board granted **BETMGM LLC, d/b/a ROAR DIGITAL, LLC’S** Sports Wagering Operator License.

Docket Number: 115293-2

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-300 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board granted **TSG INTERACTIVE US SERVICES LIMITED’S** Interactive Gaming Operator License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

Docket Number: 109344-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-301 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member ReitzelThe Board granted **TSG INTERACTIVE US SERVICES LIMITED** Sports Wagering Operator License.

Docket Number: 109344-2

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-302 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member SantoniThe Board granted **RACEWAY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY TRAVEL PLAZA - DUNCANNON** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License.

Docket Number: 127522-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-303 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member ReitzelThe Board granted **RACEWAY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY TRAVEL PLAZA - GIBSON** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License.

Docket Number: 127511-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-304 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member MustioThe Board granted **RACEWAY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY TRAVEL PLAZA - GOULDSBORO** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License.

Docket Number: 127508-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-305 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member LoganThe Board granted **RACEWAY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY TRAVEL PLAZA - MIFFLINTOWN** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License.

Docket Number: 127530-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-306 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member KernodleThe Board granted **RACEWAY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY TRAVEL PLAZA - MIFFLINVILLE** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License.

Docket Number: 127523-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-307 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member SmylerThe Board granted **D & C FUEL SALES, INC. and PJ TRAVEL PLAZA, LLC** Conditional Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Licenses.

Docket Number: 128568-1 and 128942-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-308 BOL

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

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

Chester Downs and Marina, LLC, Docket #1368, Addendum #11

Principal

Initial

- VICI Note Co., Inc. – Docket #125374-1

Downs Racing, LP, Docket #1267, Addendum #12

Principal

Initial

- Patricia Ann LaPierre – Docket #123004-1

Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc., Docket #1239, Addendum #11

Key Employees

Initial

- John Corbett Worthington, Jr. – Docket #112155-2

Renewal

- Michelle Marie Tirendi – Docket #29497-5

Holdings Acquisition Co., L.P., Docket #1361, Addendum #12

Key Employees

Renewal

- Thomas Quigley – Docket #39139-3
- Uriah Joseph Leddy – Docket #40256-4

Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC, Docket #1315, Addendum #12

Principal

Initial

- Christopher Bryon Rogers – Docket #126210-1
- Carl Sottosanti – Docket #81734-5

Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP, Docket #1356, Addendum #11

Principal

Renewal

- Hudson Jonah Bluhm – Docket #3648-8

Key Employee

Initial

- Peter Nicholas Longi – Docket #126540-1

Valley Forge Convention Center Partners, L.P., Docket #19421, Addendum #12

Principal

Initial

- Blake Rampmaier – Docket #115384-1

Wind Creek Bethlehem, LLC, Docket #1353, Addendum #12

Key Employee

Renewal

- Denise M. Galloway – Docket #20481-4

Crown PA Gaming, Inc. Docket #117645

Principal

Initial

- RPII DK LLC – Docket #118299-1

Evolution New Jersey, LLC, Docket #112437**Affiliate**

Initial

- Evolution Pennsylvania, LLC – Docket #127642-1

NRT Technology Corp., Docket #1163**Principal**

Initial

- Michael John Dominelli – Docket #123424-1

Novomatic Americas Sales, LLC, Docket #90253**Key Employee**

Initial

- James Andrew LaPorte – Docket #114171-1

Rush Street Interactive PA, LLC, Docket #110298**Principal**

Initial

- Luis Alberto Pinedo – Docket #125460-1

Sports Information Services Limited, Docket #111766**Principal**

Initial

- Johanna Marlene Christersdotter Forsell – Docket #121399-1

The United States Playing Card Company, Docket #46552**Principal**

Initial

- Frederic Christian Jean Marie De Somer – Docket #121448-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-309 BOL

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

The Board approved the issuance of **TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL (3) AND TEMPORARY KEY (23) 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. 2020-310 BOL

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

The Board approved the issuance of 449 **GAMING EMPLOYEE OCCUPATION PERMITS** and 114 **NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE REGISTRATIONS.** (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. 2020-311 BOL

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

The Board approved the **WITHDRAWAL** of the 71 Applications. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

- 3 – Key Employee
- 48 – Gaming Withdrawal Applications
- 20 – Non-Gaming Withdrawal Applications

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-312 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member SmylerThe Board approved the applications for **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATION** as follows:

- Catena Operations Ltd. (Malta) – Docket # 109711-1
- Swish Analytics Pennsylvania, Inc. (DE) – Docket # 121659-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-313 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member SantoniThe Board approved the applications for 6 **GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATIONS** as follows:

GID#	123084-1
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	DFS Media, LLC
FACILITY:	N/A
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Marketing affiliate to sports betting sites
GID #	114151-2
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	PG Graphics, LLC
FACILITY:	N/A
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Photography
GID #	127445-1
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	Loadstar Media AB, DBA: Loadstar Media
FACILITY:	N/A
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Affiliate Services
GID #	65707-3
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	Pennsylvania Lawn and Landscape, LLC
FACILITY:	N/A
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Landscaping and Decorating Services
GID #	36843-3
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	Bluestone Communications, Inc.
FACILITY:	N/A
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Telecommunications Contractor/Low Voltage Cabling Installation
GID #	27413-3
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	McPhee Electric, Ltd. DBA: McPhee
FACILITY:	N/A
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Electrical construction, technical, wireless, utility, power and signal services.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL**PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-314 OEC****Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board hereby adopted the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **MOUNT AIRY #1, LLC D/B/A MOUNT AIRY CASINO RESORT (Mt. Airy)** regarding internal controls violation. Mt. Airy shall pay, within five days, a \$90,000 civil penalty and an additional \$2,500 for costs incurred by agency staff in connection with this matter.

Docket Number: 9471-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-315 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel/ 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby adopted the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and **SUGARHOUSE HSP GAMING, L.P. D/B/A RIVERS CASINO PHILADELPHIA** regarding internal controls violation. Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, L.P. shall pay, within five days, a \$45,000 civil penalty and an additional \$2,500 for costs incurred by agency staff in connection with this matter.

Docket Number: 9472-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-316 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Logan

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

Docket Number: 9271-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-317 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Brandon Madden's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 9397-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-318 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Tyler Merrifield's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration until further action of the Board, which either party to this proceeding may commence.

Docket Number: 9263-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-319 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Marquise Sampeur's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 9266-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-320 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member MustioThe Board hereby approved the revocation of **Mary Ann Sgrignoli's** G2 Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 9324-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2020-321 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member LoganThe Board hereby approved the revocation of **Irwin Sheppard's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

Docket Number: 9274-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

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

MOTION #	RESPONDENT	DOCKET #-2020	FIRST	SECOND	UNANIMOUS BOARD DECISION	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
2020-322 OEC	MILADY BORDA	9318	Logan	Kernodle	Placed on List	
2020-323 OEC	DEVIN FLANAGAN	9330	Kernodle	Smyler	Placed on List	
2020-324 OEC	JOSHUA JONES	9322	Smyler	Santoni	Placed on List	
2020-325 OEC	RAHZYAUNNA JORDAN	9321	Santoni	Reitzel	Placed on List	2years; 10.28.22
2020-326 OEC	DESHAUN ROBINSON-COBB	9249	Reitzel	Mustio	Placed on List	
2020-327 OEC	KHASAUNTE THOMPSON	9320	Mustio	Logan	Placed on List	
2020-328 OEC	EDWARD WILLIAMS	9327	Logan	Kernodle	Placed on List	
2020-329 OEC	OKTAY MUEDIN	9333	Kernodle	Smyler	Placed on List	
2020-330 OEC	FRANCISCA VELAZQUEZ	9332	Smyler	Logan	Placed on List	

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Board Member Santoni, seconded by Board Member Reitzel, the meeting was adjourned.