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MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, January 13, 2021 – 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 reopenings, Live! Casino Philadelphia opening and its Retail Sportsbook
Danette Bixler-George, Director, Human Resources – New Hires
R. Douglas Sherman, Chief Counsel – Petitions
Steve Cook, Deputy Chief Counsel – Withdrawals/Surrenders and Reports and Recommendations
Chad Zimmermann, Assistant Chief Counsel – Final-form Rulemaking 125-223
Susan Hensel, Director, Bureau of Licensing – Applications, Licenses, Registrations and Certifications
Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel – Revocations, Suspensions, Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List

Office of Enforcement Counsel – Also presenting:

Dustin Miller, Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

The following employees were recognized for their fifteen years of service with the PA Gaming Control Board, they are: Matt Loughney, Investigator, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement; John Zukoski, Investigative Analyst, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement, Investigative Intake Unit; Sherry Morgan, Licensing Manager of the Employee Permitting Unit with the Bureau of Licensing;

Karen Sgrignoli, Investigative Analyst, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement, Investigative Intake Unit; Paul Mauro, Director of the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement; Thomas Smith, Investigator, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement.

The following employees were recognized for their ten years of service with the PA Gaming Control Board, they are: Kristine Semoff, Licensing Analyst, Bureau of Licensing; Teresa Dixon, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; David Greenfield, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Aaron Zylo, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Dolores Cameron, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Randolph Bonchack, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Elizabeth Coyle, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Sharon Smallwood, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Joshua Couzens, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Daniel Campbell, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Anthony DeLuca, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Albert Merrifield, Casino Compliance Representative, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Colin MacNamara, Casino Compliance Senior Supervisor, Bureau of Casino Compliance; Lauren Recupido, Casino Compliance Supervisor, Bureau of Casino Compliance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Barasch announced that the Board held an Executive Session telephonically on January 12th to discuss personnel matters and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters coming before the Board on January 13th.

MINUTES/TRANSCRIPT

On a motion by Commissioner Kernodle, seconded by Commissioner Logan, the Board unanimously approved the minutes and transcript of the November 18, 2020 meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kevin O'Toole reported to the Board that beginning on January 4, 2021, Pennsylvania casinos reopened to the public following their closure on or about December 12, 2020. Each casino reopened with a strong commitment to maintain the highest standards for the health and safety of all patrons, guests and employees. Protocols to address COVID-19 concerns are in place with required face coverings, social distancing initiatives and extra cleaning on a daily basis in all areas of the casinos.

Mr. O'Toole was also pleased to report that casino licensee, Stadium Casino, LLC will launch Pennsylvania's fifth Category 2 Casino, bringing the total number of casinos in our jurisdiction to 14. The Stadium Casino Category 2 Casino is named Live! Casino Philadelphia and is located in the sports and entertainment complex of Philadelphia. A two-day test period will be held on Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 17. Chris Schroder, Director of the Bureau of Casino Compliance, and his opening team are on site this week ensuring that all facets of the gaming operation are meet regulatory requirements. It should be noted that appropriate plexiglass shields will protect slot and table game players and all employees and patrons will wear face coverings to maintain compliance with the protocols for COVID-19.

Live! Casino Philadelphia will also open its retail Sportsbook with Sports Wagering Operator FanDuel. All aspects of the Sportsbook will be tested by Board personnel this weekend. A Poker room with 29 tables will open soon after the test period concludes. All gaming revenues will be donated by Stadium Casino, LLC to charities after required gaming taxes are paid.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-1 HR

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

The Board hereby approved the following applicants for hire:

- **MARK DIFFENDAL**, Casino Compliance Representative, Casino Compliance, Live! Casino Pittsburgh
- **DONNA BIGI**, Casino Compliance Representative, Casino Compliance, Live! Casino Pittsburgh

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-2 OCC

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

The Board hereby adopted the **Final Form Rulemaking #125-223** regarding Table Game Rules of Play (Over/Under, DJ Wild Stud Poker, Face Up Pai Gow Poker) as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-3 OCC

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

The Board hereby granted the motion for **American Wagering, Inc., William Hill PLC, William Hill Holdings Ltd., William Hill US Holdco, Inc., and Chester Downs and Marina, LLC, Caesars UK Holdings Limited and Caesars Entertainment, Inc.’s** joint petition for approval of a change in ownership and certain other relief as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and with the conditions requested by the Office of Enforcement Counsel, including the request for confidentiality.

Docket Numbers: 9510-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-4 OCC

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

The Board hereby granted the motion for **Inspired Gaming (USA) Inc.’s** petition for a waiver of the principal licensure requirement of Landgame S.A.R.L. and certain ancillary relief related thereto as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and with the conditions requested by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Numbers: 9490-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-5 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

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

- Ronald Perelman – Withdrawal Principal License; No. 9513-2020
- Frances Townsend – Withdrawal Principal License; No. 9514-2020
- Barry Schwartz – Surrender Principal and Video Gaming Terminal Principal Licenses; No. 9515-2020
- Dandy Mini Mart (Towanda) - Surrender Conditional Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License and Withdrawal of the Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Application; No. 9470-2020
- Kevin P. Fulmer – Withdrawal of Gaming Service Provider Qualifier License; No. 9519-2020
- Virginia McDowell – Surrender Principal License; No. 9525-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-6 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals regarding **Raymond Murray's** Petition for Removal from the PGCB's Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the Office of Chief Counsel, and that the Petition be denied.

Docket Number: 8844-2019

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-7 OCC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals regarding the placement of **Jaiminbhai Patel** on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by the Office of Chief Counsel, and that Mr. Patel be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

Docket Number: 9267-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

BUREAU OF LICENSING**PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-8 BOL****Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

The Board granted **ARUZE GAMING AMERICA, INC.'s** Table Game Manufacturer License.

Docket Number: 2179-3

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-9 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board granted **DANDY MINI MART, INC. (WYSOX)'s** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License.

Docket Number: 125743-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-10 BOL

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

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

Chester Downs and Marina, LLC

Principal

Renewal

- Bonnie Susan Biumi – GID #86263-3

Downs Racing, LP

Principals

Initial

- Joseph Michael Soper – GID #123005-1
- Raymond Paul Pineault – GID #125929-1

Key Employees

Initial

- Eugene Thomas Ondeck – GID #120636-2
- Michael Lynn Zullintger - GID #21232-2

Renewals

- Sunil Mukul – GID #44798-5
- Ronald J. Chrzan – GID #4424-7

Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc.

Key Employees

Initial

- Stephen Smith – GID #46338-4
- Cynthia Dell Collazo – GID #49019-5
- Matthew Cizenski – GID #4945-6
- Jennifer Derr – GID #30114-6

PID, LLC

Key Employees

Initial

- Elisabeth Wells – GID #114060-2
- Richard Sagman – GID #125928-1

Stadium Casino RE, LLC

Key Employee

Initial

- Krystal Denee Jones – GID #127963-1

Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP

Principals

Renewal

- Barbara A. Sprague – GID #1630-4
- Richard Aurel Sprague – GID #1635-4

Valley Forge Convention Center Partners, L.P.

Principals

Initial

- The William S. Boyd Properties Trust - GID #110999-1
- Francis Gerald Scharadin, Jr. - GID #115490-1
- Alfred Randall Thoman – GID #60607-2

Key Employee

Initial

- Donna Lynn Hogan – GID #124810-1

Washington Trotting Association, Inc.

Key Employee

Initial

- Christie Ann Fabiano – GID #128958-1

Woodlands Fayette, LLC

Key Employee

Initial

- Kevin Campbell – GID #65253-3

Aristocrat Technologies, Incorporated

Principal

Initial

- Patrick J. Ramsey – GID #27437-4

Aruze Gaming America, Inc.

Key Employee

Initial

- Nathaniel Thomas Holt – GID #23877-4

Gaming Partners International USA, Inc.

Principal

Initial

- Hiroshi Ikeda – GID #124723-1

IGT

Principals

Initial

- Alberto Dessy – GID #64757-2
- Kenneth L. Bossingham – GID #4710-3

IGT Global Solutions Corporation

Principal

Initial

- Massimiliano Chiara - GID #128215-1

J&J Ventures Gaming of Pennsylvania

Principals

Initial

- Brenda Marie Niebrugge - GID #116935-1
- Jeffrey Scott Pryor – GID #116937-1
- Kathleen Sue Pals – GID #116936-1

KGM Gaming, LLC

Principal

Renewal

- Jason Eric Cohen – GID #2277-7

Shah VGT Services, Inc.

Principal

Initial

- Arnav P. Shah – GID #126822-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-11 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board approved the issuance of **TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL (1) AND TEMPORARY KEY (9) 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. 2021-12 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board approved the issuance of 376 **GAMING EMPLOYEE OCCUPATION PERMITS** and 136 **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. 2021-13 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board approved the **WITHDRAWAL** of the 17 Applications. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

- 3 – Key Withdrawal Applications
- 11 – Gaming Withdrawal Applications
- 3 – Non-Gaming Withdrawal Applications

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-14 BOL**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Mustio / 2nd–Board Member Reitzel

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

GID #	114401-1
Gaming Service Provider:	Edwards & Hill Communications, LLC & Purchasing Management International, LP – A Joint-Venture
Facility:	Stadium Casino RE, LLC d/b/a Stadium Casino
Product/Service:	Furniture, fixtures and equipment, procurement, receiving, warehousing, delivery and installation services

GID #	116157-1
Gaming Service Provider:	I.B. Abel, Inc. (PA)
Facility:	None Currently
Product/Service:	Electrical Services

GID #	117320-1
Gaming Service Provider:	IMG Arena US, LLC (NY)
Facility:	Sports Information Services Limited d/b/a Kambi (“Kambi”) Penn Sports Interactive, LLC (“Penn Sports”)
Product/Service:	Sports data, odds, risk management and audio/visual streaming to sports betting operators for use on their online and land-based betting platforms

GID # 126015-2
 Gaming Service Provider: iGaming.com America, Incorporated d/b/a iGaming.com America, Inc. (NJ)
 Facility: TSG Interactive US Services Limited (Sports Wagering and Interactive Gaming Operator); Unibet Interactive, Inc. (Sports Wagering and Interactive Gaming Operator); Rush Street Interactive, LP (licensed affiliate of Sports Wagering Operator Rush Street Interactive PA, LLC); BetMGM, LLC d/b/a Roar Digital, LLC (Sports Wagering and Interactive Gaming Operator); Penn Interactive Ventures, LLC (affiliate of Category 1 Slot Machine Licensees Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC and Washington Trotting Association, LLC); DraftKings, Inc. (affiliate of Fantasy Contest Operator Crown PA DFS, Inc. and Sports Wagering Operator Crown PA Gaming, Inc.)
 Product/Service: Interactive affiliate goods or services including promoting, marketing, and directing business to online gaming sites in exchange for compensation paid based on player activity

GID # 122307-1
 Gaming Service Provider: York Excavating Co., LLC (PA)
 Facility: Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC d/b/a Hollywood Casino York (Subcontracted under W.E. O'Neill Construction Company)
 Product/Service: Commercial excavating contractor, specializing in site excavating, grading, utilities, curbing and paving
 Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-15 BOL

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

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

GID # 129291-1
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Venue Food Services, LLC
 FACILITY: Parx
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Affiliate service

GID # 127179-1
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: YourPay, LLC
 FACILITY: N/A
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Payment processing

GID # 117907-2
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Barstool Sports, Inc.
 FACILITY: Penn National Gaming
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Branding Agreement

GID # 80372-2
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: CRH Catering Co., Inc.
 FACILITY: Rivers Pittsburgh
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Vending machines

GID # 4811-4
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Delmar Enterprises, Inc.
 FACILITY: Wind Creek
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Security products

GID # 128337-1
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Stillwater Construction Company
 FACILITY: Stadium
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Construction service

GID # 129683-1
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Betbox Limited
 FACILITY: Digital Gaming Corporation USA
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Branding agreement

GID # 128088-1
 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Raketech US, Inc.
 FACILITY: Kindred
 PRODUCT/SERVICE: Affiliate service

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-16 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Carl Butler’s** Non-Gaming Employee Registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9269-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-17 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Daniel Caricabeur’s** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9460-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-18 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Erick Gandia’s** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9258-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-19 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Seyaneh Mulbah’s** Non-Gaming Employee Registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9401-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-20 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Barrington Perry’s** Non-Gaming Employee Registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9451-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-21 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Reitzel / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Britt Pleasant-George's** Non-Gaming Employee Registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9253-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-22 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Smyler

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Alex Roxburgh's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9422-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-23 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Smyler / 2nd–Board Member Kernodle

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Michael Sorci's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9273-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-24 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Kernodle / 2nd–Board Member Logan

The Board hereby approved the revocation of **John Stavish's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9403-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2021-25 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Logan / 2nd–Board Member Mustio

The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Michael Stone, Jr.'s** Non-Gaming Employee Registration as described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 9405-2020

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

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

MOTION #	RESPONDENT	DOCKET #-2020	FIRST	SECOND	UNANIMOUS BOARD DECISION
2021-26 OEC	MOHAMMED AHMED	9326	Mustio	Reitzel	Placed on List
2021-27 OEC	ALI FARES	9441	Reitzel	Santoni	Placed on List
2021-28 OEC	JOHN JACOBS	9409	Santoni	Smyler	Placed on List
2021-29 OEC	HYKEEM SESSOMS	9435	Smyler	Kernodle	Placed on List
2021-30 OEC	HAKIM ALI AZIZ THOMAS	9459	Kernodle	Logan	Placed on List

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Board Member Logan, seconded by Board Member Mustio, the meeting was adjourned.