

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

David M. Barasch

Obra S. Kernodle, IV

Sean Logan

T. Mark Mustio

Merritt C. Reitzel

Dante Santoni, Jr.

Denise Smyler

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,
Department of Treasury

Christin Heidingsfelder, Designee,
Department of Revenue

Fred Strathmeyer, Designee,
Department of Agriculture

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BEFORE THE BOARD:

- R.DOUGLAS SHERMAN, Chief Counsel - Petitions
- STEVE COOK, Deputy Chief Counsel - Withdrawals and/or
Surrenders and Report and Recommendations
- KEVIN O'TOOLE - Executive Director's Report
- SUSAN HENSEL, Director, Bureau of Licensing
- CYRUS PITRE, Chief Enforcement Counsel - Enforcement
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CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone.

I'm Dave Barasch, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. This meeting is the sixth regularly scheduled public session of the Board that's been conducted telephonically because of the COVID-19 current impact on Pennsylvania. We're holding this meeting remotely with the Board members and the other participants in different locations.

On March 11th, 2020 the Commonwealth's Office of Open Records issued an advisory as to how state and local agencies should conduct their business in compliance with the Sunshine Act, given these unprecedented health circumstances.

Their guidance's have provided that under these emergency circumstances the public business of the Commonwealth can be conducted telephonically, as long as a mechanism was put in place to allow public access. We have done that here by providing public access to the audio at this meeting through the Board's website as well as by publishing the call-in information to this teleconference.

1 Additionally, as is always the case, we
2 have a court reporter dialed in, who is transcribing
3 this meeting verbatim. All that being said, I would
4 ask anyone who has called in to this meeting to
5 please mute your telephone unless and until you need
6 to speak.

7 Also, before anyone speaks, please
8 make clear what your name is for the record.

9 Okay.

10 To get started, in addition to our
11 regular full complement of seven board members, we
12 also have Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell
13 Redding, the Secretary for the Department of
14 Agriculture. Jennifer Langan, representing Joe
15 Torsella, State Treasurer. And Christin
16 Heidingsfelder, representing Secretary of Revenue,
17 Secretary Dan Hassell.

18 Thank you all for joining us.

19 A quorum of the Board Members being
20 present, I will call these proceedings to order. The
21 first order of business is the Pledge of Allegiance.

22 I'd like everybody please join me.

23 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Okay.

25 By opening announcements, the Board

1 held an Executive Session yesterday, Tuesday, August
2 4th, 2020, to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations
3 relating to the matters coming before the Board
4 today.

5 That meeting, likewise, was done
6 remotely. I'd also like to announce that, as
7 mandated, by Act 23 of 2020, the Board will be
8 holding an auction for a single available Cat 4
9 license at 10:00 a.m. on September 2nd, just prior to
10 our next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

11 Because of the present circumstances
12 with respect to COVID; however, the auction will be
13 conducted a little bit differently with sealed bids,
14 will be needed to be submitted in advance of the
15 scheduled auction, specifically by August 31st, 2020.
16 Any persons interested, should go to the web's - the
17 Board's website, where later today, updated
18 procedures by which this auction will be conducted,
19 are going to be posted.

20 First up today we have Executive
21 Director Kevin O'Toole. Kevin?

22 MR. O'TOOLE: For the record, this is
23 Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director.

24 Good morning, Chairman Barasch and
25 members of the Board. For my remarks this morning,

1 I'm pleased to report that the Board's Casino
2 Compliance Representatives are actively engaged in
3 the regulatory duties at all 12 land-based casinos in
4 Pennsylvania. Since the casinos reopened beginning
5 the second week of June, patron activity at the
6 casino has been relatively good.

7 Preliminary figures for the month of
8 July indicate that table games revenue approximates
9 70 percent of last year's revenue, and slot machine
10 revenue for July is in the range of 80 percent of
11 last year's total.

12 As an update for Interactive Gaming
13 operations for online slots and online table games,
14 the Board has added Wind Creek Bethlehem Casino
15 through its partnership with Pala Interactive, LLC as
16 the tenth Interactive Gaming operation to launch in
17 Pennsylvania.

18 Overall, Interactive Gaming revenue
19 should continue the positive results that we have
20 seen so far this year.

21 As an update on sports wagering, most
22 of the professional leagues have opened play with
23 abbreviated schedules, along with other adjustments
24 to address COVID-19 concerns.

25 In July there has been a noticeable

1 increase in wagering activity on sporting events, and
2 we inspect - expect that trend to continue.

3 With regard to VGT gaming at approved
4 Truck Stop Establishments, four additional approved
5 locations opened their VGT rooms this past week.
6 These locations bring the total number of VGT rooms
7 to 33. Preliminary figures for this July reflect an
8 overall increase in VGT revenue of about 50 percent.

9 That is my report for today. Thank
10 you, Chairman and Commissioners.

11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Kevin. Just
12 keep in mind, Kevin, still something is not great
13 with your audio. Sometimes it's crystal clear and
14 sometimes if you move your head or your cell phone -
15 but I think everybody could hear what you had to say.

16 Are there any questions or comments
17 from the Board at this time? Hearing none, let me
18 proceed.

19 Next up is Chief Counsel Doug Sherman.
20 Doug.

21 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Good morning,
22 Chairman and members of the Board. The only mater
23 the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC) has to present
24 today are seven unopposed petitions to withdraw
25 applications or surrender the credentials of the

1 following individuals and entities.

2 Ian Dyson, R.A. Walton & Company,
3 Incorporated, Henry Andrew Willits, Eric Poulton,
4 Cash Service Centers, LLC, Lyle Berman and Matthew
5 Wilson.

6 The Office of Enforcement Counsel
7 (OEC), has no objection to any of these requests or
8 surrenders. These requests to withdraw or surrender,
9 and as a result, if the Board chooses to grant the
10 request in each case, it will be doing so without
11 prejudice to each of the requestors.

12 These matters are now ready for the
13 Board's consideration.

14 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
15 comments from the Board at this time? Hearing none,
16 may I have a motion, please?

17 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
18 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board issue
19 orders to approve the withdrawals and surrenders, as
20 described by the OEC.

21 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
22 seconds.

23 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's

1 adopted.

2 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: And that's the only
3 matter of the OCC, and concludes our presentation
4 today.

5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Next up is
6 Director Susan Hensel of the Bureau of Licensing.
7 Susan?

8 MS. HENSEL: Thank you, Chairman
9 Barasch and members of the Board.

10 Before the Board today will be license
11 consideration for an Interactive Gaming Operator, a
12 Sports Wagering Operator, an Interactive Gaming
13 Manufacturer, a Video Gaming Terminal Operator and a
14 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment.

15 In addition, there will be 227
16 principals and key gaming and non-gaming employee
17 applicants. Finally, there will be consideration of
18 four Gaming Service Provider applicants.

19 First for your consideration are
20 Interactive Gaming and Sports Wagering Operator
21 licenses for Unibet Interactive, Inc. Unibet
22 Interactive, Inc. is a New York based business that
23 provides interactive and sports wagering technologies
24 to interactive and sports wagering certificate
25 holders. Unibet Interactive, Inc. was

1 previously-issued conditional Interactive Gaming and
2 Sports Wagering Operator licenses.

3 The Bureau of Investigations and
4 Enforcement (BIE) has completed its investigation,
5 and the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with
6 background investigation and suitability reports.

7 I have provided you with draft Orders
8 and asked that the Board consider the Orders to
9 approve the licenses beginning first with the
10 Interactive Gaming Operator license.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
12 objection. This is Cyrus Pitre on behalf of the OEC.

13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Cyrus. Any
14 questions or comments from the Board? Hearing none,
15 may I have a motion, please?

16 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
17 moves that the Board grant the Interactive Gaming
18 operator license to Unibet Interactive, Inc., as
19 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

20 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
21 seconds.

22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

23 All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's

1 adopted.

2 MS. HENSEL: And next is the Sports
3 Wagering Operator license.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
5 objection.

6 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
7 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
8 please?

9 MR. MUSTIO: Commission Mustio moves
10 that the Board grant the Sports Wagering Operator
11 license for Unibet Interactive, Inc., as described by
12 the Bureau of Licensing

13 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
14 seconds.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 MS. HENSEL: Also for your
20 consideration is the approval of an Interactive
21 Gaming Manufacturer license for Evolution New Jersey,
22 LLC. The company, whose parent company is located in
23 Malta, provides live dealer studio gaming content for
24 online gaming to Interactive Gaming operators and
25 certificate holders.

1 The company was previously issued a
2 conditional Interactive Gaming Manufacturer license.
3 The BIE has completed its investigation and the
4 Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the
5 background investigation and suitability report. I
6 have provided you with a draft order and ask that the
7 Board consider the Order to approve the Interactive
8 Gaming Manufacturer license for Evolution New Jersey,
9 LLC.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
11 objection.

12 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
13 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
14 please?

15 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves
16 that the Board grant the Interactive Gaming
17 Manufacturer license for Evolution New Jersey, LLC,
18 as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

19 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
20 seconds.

21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

22 All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
25 adopted.

1 MS. HENSEL: Next is a Video Gaming
2 Terminal Operator license for Golden Route
3 Operations, Pennsylvania, LLC. A VGT operator owns,
4 services or maintains VGTs for placement and
5 operation at truck stop establishments.

6 Golden Route Operations-Pennsylvania,
7 LLC was previously issued a conditional VGT operator
8 license. The BIE has completed its investigation and
9 the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a
10 background investigation and suitability report.

11 I have provided you with a draft order
12 and ask that you consider the Order to license Golden
13 Route Operations-Pennsylvania, LLC.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
15 objection.

16 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
17 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion?

18 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
19 moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming Terminal
20 Operator license, as described by the Bureau of
21 Licensing.

22 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
23 seconds.

24 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
2 adopted.

3 MS. HENSEL: In addition, we have
4 consideration of a VGT Establishment license for
5 Geneva Truck Stop, Inc. VGT Establishments are
6 trucks stops seeking to place VGTs in their
7 businesses.

8 Geneva Truck Stop, Inc., which is
9 located at 17458 Smock Drive in Cochran, was
10 previously conditionally licensed. The BIE has now
11 completed its investigation, including evaluation
12 that the applicants meets the VGT establishment
13 criteria in the Gaming Act.

14 The Bureau of Licensing has provided
15 you with a background investigation and suitability
16 report. Once fully licensed, an establishment can
17 continue forward toward completing the steps
18 necessary to commence VGT gaming. I have provided
19 you with a draft order and ask that you consider the
20 Order to license Geneva Truck Stop, Inc.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
22 objection.

23 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
24 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
25 please?

1 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,
2 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board grant the
3 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment license, as
4 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

5 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
6 seconds.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 MS. HENSEL: Next for your approval is
12 a one-year license extension for conditionally
13 licensed sports wagering manufacturer, Amelco UK
14 Limited. Amelco UK Limited was granted a one-year
15 conditional license approximately one year ago.

16 Under the Gaming Act and Board
17 regulations, the Board is authorized to extend the
18 conditional license for an additional one year for
19 good cause. The background investigation and
20 suitability report process for the company is
21 continuing.

22 I have provided you with a draft order
23 and ask that you consider a motion approving the
24 Order to grant a one-year extension to Amelco UK
25 Limited.

1 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
2 objection.

3 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
4 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
5 please?

6 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
7 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board grant the
8 extension of the Conditional Sports Wagering
9 Manufacturer license of Amelco UK Limited, as
10 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
12 seconds.

13 MS. HENSEL: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 MS. HENSEL: Additionally, there are
18 principal and Key Employee licenses for your
19 consideration. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of
20 Licensing provided you with a proposed order for
21 eight - or for nine principals and nine Key
22 Employees. I ask that the Board consider the Order
23 approving these licenses.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
25 objection.

1 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
2 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
3 please?

4 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
5 moves that the Board grant the principal and Key
6 Employee licenses, as described by the Bureau of
7 Licensing.

8 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
9 seconds.

10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 MS. HENSEL: There are also temporary
15 licenses. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of
16 Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the
17 issuance of temporary licenses for four principals
18 and nine Key Employees. I ask that the Board
19 consider the Order approving these licenses.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
21 objection.

22 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
23 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
24 please?

25 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio moves

1 that the Board grant the temporary principal and Key
2 Employee credentials, as described by the Bureau of
3 Licensing.

4 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
5 seconds.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

7 All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 MS. HENSEL: Next are gaming permits
12 and non-gaming registrations. Prior to this meeting,
13 the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a list of
14 156 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
15 temporary or full occupation permits, and 25
16 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
17 registrations under the authority delegated to the
18 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a
19 motion approving the Order.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
21 objection.

22 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
23 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
24 please?

25 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves

1 that the Board approve the applications for Gaming
2 Employee Occupation permits and non-gaming employee
3 registrations, as described by the Bureau of
4 Licensing.

5 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
6 seconds.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

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

11 MS. HENSEL: The next matters for your
12 consideration are withdrawal requests. In each case
13 the license, permit or registration is no longer
14 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the
15 Board with four key, five gaming and two non-gaming
16 applicants.

17 I ask that the Board consider the Orders
18 approving the withdrawals.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
20 objection.

21 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
22 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
23 please?

24 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
25 moves that the Board grant the withdrawal of key

1 gaming and non-gaming employee applications as
2 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

3 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
4 seconds.

5 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 MS. HENSEL: Finally, for your
10 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
11 registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
12 with an Order and an attached list of four registered
13 Gaming Service Provider applicants. I ask that the
14 Board consider the Order registering these Gaming
15 Service Providers.

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
17 objection.

18 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
19 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
20 please?

21 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler moves
22 that the Board approve the Gaming Service Provider
23 registrations, as described by the Bureau of
24 Licensing.

25 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni

1 seconds.

2 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
5 adopted. Thank you, Susan.

6 MS. HENSEL: That concludes - thank
7 you. That concludes the Bureau of Licensing's
8 matters.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thanks a lot. Next up, the
10 Chief Enforcement Counsel, Cyrus Pitre.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning. The
12 OEC will present ten matters today for the Board's
13 consideration, which we will request the approval of
14 two revocations and eight Involuntary Exclusions.

15 The next two matters on the Agenda
16 consist of Enforcement actions in which the OEC filed
17 complaints seeking the revocation of two non-gaming
18 employee registrations issued by the Board. The
19 complaints have been filed with the Board's Office of
20 Hearings and Appeal (OHA) and properly served upon
21 the individual named in each complaint.

22 The individual named in each complaint
23 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by
24 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a
25 Request for Default Judgment in each instance, and

1 properly served the same upon each Respondent.
2 Therefore, the facts in each complaint are deemed
3 admitted.

4 All filed documents have been provided
5 to the Board and the matters are presently ripe for
6 the Board's consideration. I will provide a brief
7 summary of the facts and make a request for the
8 appropriate Board action in each matter.

9 The next matter on the Agenda for the
10 Board's consideration is the revocation of the
11 non-gaming employee registration issued to Idalimlyx
12 Pemberthy, who conducted 71 illegal transactions,
13 totaling \$8,900 while employed by Cash Services
14 Centers, LLC as a Cash Services Representative in a
15 cash advance booth located in Mount Airy Casino
16 Resort.

17 Ms. Pemberthy was arrested and charged
18 by the Pennsylvania State Police for her illegal acts
19 and she ultimately pled guilty.

20 At this time, the OEC requests that
21 the Board revoke the non-gaming employee registration
22 issued to Idalimlyx Pemberthy.

23 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
24 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
25 please?

1 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
2 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board approve the
3 revocation of Idalimlyx Pemberthy's non-gaming
4 employee registration, as described by the OEC.

5 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
6 seconds.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
8 All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

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

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
13 the Agenda for the Board's consideration is the
14 revocation of the non-gaming employee registration
15 issued to Stacie Steenson, who was terminated from
16 employment at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh for bringing
17 marijuana laced edible food items to the licensed
18 casino while engaged in her employment duties and
19 offering the marijuana laced food items to at least
20 one co-worker.

21 Ms. Steenson was arrested and
22 ultimately plead guilty for her illegal conduct. She
23 was also issued a lifetime eviction by Rivers Casino
24 Pittsburgh.

25 At this time the OEC requests the

1 Board revoke the non-gaming employee registration
2 issued to Stacie Steenson.

3 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
4 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
5 please?

6 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
7 moves that the Board approve the revocation of Stacie
8 Steenson's non-gaming employee registration, as
9 described by the OEC.

10 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
11 seconds.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

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

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters
17 on the Agenda consist of Enforcement actions in which
18 the OEC filed Petitions seeking the Involuntary
19 Exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed
20 facility are deemed inimical to the interests of the
21 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein.

22 In each instance, the Petition for
23 exclusion has been filed the Board's OHA and properly
24 served upon the individual named in the Petition.
25 The individual named in each Petition failed to

1 respond within 30 days, as required by Board
2 regulation. As a result the OEC filed a request for
3 default judgment in each instance and properly served
4 the same upon each individual. Therefore, all facts
5 in each Petition are deemed admitted. All filed
6 documents have been provided to the Board and the
7 matters are presently ripe for the Board's
8 consideration.

9 In each instance, if the Board orders
10 a proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,
11 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical
12 conduct will be placed on the Board's public website.

13 The next matter on the Agenda for the
14 Board's consideration is a request to place Abayomi
15 Ademigoke on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List
16 for committing a total of at least 70 thefts, making
17 4 false claims and 1 voucher theft. In all Mr.
18 Ademigoke unlawfully obtained a total of \$1,510 to
19 which he was not entitled.

20 These crimes were committed by Mr.
21 Ademigoke while patronizing four licensed casinos on
22 four different dates. Mr. Ademigoke has been
23 permanently evicted from three licensed casinos and
24 criminally charged by the Pennsylvania State Police
25 for his illegal conduct.

1 Mr. Ademigoke plead guilty to one
2 criminal charge; however, multiple criminal charges
3 remain pending. At this time, the OEC requests that
4 the Board place Abayomi Ademigoke on the Involuntary
5 Exclusion List.

6 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
7 comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a
8 motion, please?

9 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,
10 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the
11 addition of Abayomi Ademigoke to the PGCB Involuntary
12 Exclusion List, as described -.

13 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
14 seconds.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
20 the Agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
21 to place Venu Are on the Board's Involuntary
22 Exclusion List for stealing another patron's Roulette
23 chips while patronizing Parx Casino.

24 As a result, Mr. Are was criminally
25 charged by the Pennsylvania State Police.

1 At this time, the OEC requests that
2 the Board place Venu Are on the Involuntary Exclusion
3 List.

4 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
5 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
6 please?

7 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves
8 that the Board approve the addition of Venu Are to
9 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
10 the OEC.

11 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
12 seconds.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
18 the Agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
19 to place Sheila Callahan on the Board's Involuntary
20 Exclusion List for passing counterfeit currency at
21 Parx Casino's main cage and be in possession of 11
22 counterfeit bills of different denominations, illegal
23 drugs and drug paraphernalia.

24 Ms. Callahan was criminally charged by
25 the Pennsylvania State Police.

1 At this time, the OEC requests that
2 the Board place Sheila Callahan on the Involuntary
3 Exclusion List

4 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
5 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
6 please?

7 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
8 moves that the Board approve the addition of Sheila
9 Callahan to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as
10 described by the OEC.

11 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
12 seconds.

13 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
18 the Agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
19 to place Bryce Flowers on the Board's Involuntary
20 Exclusion List.

21 Mr. Flowers arrived in the parking
22 garage of Rivers Pittsburgh driving a stolen vehicle.
23 When confronted by Rivers Pittsburgh - when
24 confronted by state - Pennsylvania State Police in
25 the Rivers Pittsburgh parking garage, Mr. Flowers

1 attempted to strike Pennsylvania State Police
2 officers with the vehicle while fleeing the Rivers
3 Pittsburgh parking garage.

4 Mr. Flowers was subsequently arrested
5 and criminally charged.

6 At this time, the OEC requests that
7 the Board place Bryce Flowers on the Involuntary
8 Exclusion List.

9 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
10 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
11 please?

12 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,
13 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the
14 addition of Bryce Flowers to the PGCB Involuntary
15 Exclusion List, as described by OEC.

16 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
17 seconds.

18 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
23 the Agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
24 to place Joseph Gargan on the Board's Involuntary
25 Exclusion List for cheating by illegally removing his

1 wager while playing Poker at Parx Casino.

2 As a result of this cheating incident,
3 Mr. Gargan unlawfully retained \$656 to which he was
4 not entitled. At this time, the OEC requests that
5 the Board place Joseph Gargan on the Involuntary
6 Exclusion List.

7 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
8 comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a
9 motion, please?

10 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
11 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board approve the
12 addition of Joseph Gargan to the PGCB Involuntary
13 Exclusion List as described by the OEC.

14 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.
17 All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
22 the Agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
23 to place James Jordan on the Board Involuntary
24 Exclusion List for unlawfully taking and cashing a
25 voucher belonging to another patron, thereby

1 depriving the patron of \$700.

2 Mr. Jordan was permanently evicted by
3 Valley Forge Casino and has not made restitution to
4 the patron.

5 At this time, the OEC requests that
6 the Board place James Jordan on the Involuntary
7 Exclusion List.

8 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
9 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion?

10 MS. REITZEL: Commission Reitzel moves
11 that the Board approve the addition of James Jordan
12 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described
13 by the OEC.

14 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

17 All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: The Involuntary
22 Exclusion Petitions of Diem Nguyen and Tam Nguyen are
23 the next two matters on the Agenda for the Board's
24 consideration.

25 Each matter results from the same fact

1 pattern. With the Board's permission, I will read
2 the fact pattern once and request the appropriate
3 Board action for each.

4 Tam Nguyen and Diem Nguyen cheated by
5 marking 18 playing cards during an approximate
6 two-hour period while playing Poker at Rivers Casino
7 Pittsburgh.

8 Diem Nguyen and Tam Nguyen were issued
9 lifetime evictions by Rivers Casino Pittsburgh for
10 cheating.

11 At this time, the OEC requests that
12 the Board place Diem Nguyen on the Involuntary
13 Exclusion List.

14 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
15 from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
16 please?

17 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,
18 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the
19 addition of Diem Nguyen to the PGCB Involuntary
20 Exclusion List, as described by the OEC.

21 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
22 seconds.

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

24 All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
2 adopted.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: At this time, the OEC
4 requests that the Board place Tam Nguyen on the
5 Involuntary Exclusion List.

6 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
7 the Board at this time? Hearing none, may I have a
8 motion, please?

9 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves
10 that the Board approve the addition of Tam Nguyen to
11 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by
12 the OEC.

13 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
14 seconds.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
20 concludes our business.

21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

22 That concludes today's Agenda. The
23 next public meeting of the Board, which as I noticed
24 - which I noted before, will be preceded by a
25 Category 4 casino auction, to be held on Wednesday,

1 May (sic) 2020. The auction will occur at ten
2 o'clock in the morning to be followed immediately by
3 our regularly scheduled Board meeting.

4 Exactly how that meeting will be held
5 remains an open question due to the uncertainties
6 presented by the COVID-19 circumstance. I would
7 suggest that all interested parties continue to
8 monitor the Board's website for the latest
9 information.

10 May I have a motion to adjourn the
11 meeting, please?

12 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
13 moves to adjourn.

14 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

17 All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's
20 adopted, and we are adjourned.

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22 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:38 A.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was reported by me on 08/05/2020 and that I Juliette Hoffman read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 26th day of August, 2020



Court Reporter

Juliette Hoffman

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