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GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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Obra S. Kernodle, IV

Sean Logan

T. Mark Mustio

Merritt C. Reitzel

Dante Santoni, Jr.

Denise J. Smyler

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Christin Heidingsfelder, Designee,

Department of Revenue

Fred Strathmeyer, Designee,

Department of Agriculture

Jennifer Langan, Designee,

Pennsylvania Treasury

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

- KEVIN O'TOOLE, Executive Director
- SUSAN HENSEL, Director of Licensing
- DANETTE BIXLER-GEORGE, Human Resources Director
- R. DOUGLAS SHERMAN, Chief Counsel
- CHAD ZIMMERMANN, Assistant Chief Counsel
- STEVE COOK, Deputy Chief Counsel

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

- CYRUS R. PITRE, Chief Enforcement Counsel
- DUSTIN MILLER, Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel

OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- Richard Menarte, Matt Loughney, John Zukoski, Sherry Morgan, Karen Sgrignoli, Jaiminbhai Patel

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone. My name is - my name is David Barasch. I'm the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I'd like to welcome everybody to our first meeting of 2021. I note that we're holding this meeting, as we have for the past year almost, as a videoconference. The Board Members and other participants are in different locations in furtherance of the directive given by

1 the Pennsylvania State Health Department and the
2 Governor's Office pertaining to social distancing due
3 to the COVID pandemic.

4 By way of background, on March 11th,
5 2020 the Commonwealth's Office of Open Records issued
6 an advisory as to how state and local agencies can
7 conduct their businesses in compliance with the
8 Sunshine Act given these unprecedented circumstances.
9 The advisory provides that the public business of the
10 Commonwealth could be done via teleconference or
11 videoconference, so long as a mechanism was in place
12 to allow public access.

13 We have done that here by providing
14 public access via video - via video and audio
15 portions of this meeting through the Board's website,
16 as well as by publishing the call-in information for
17 this videoconference for those who may not have
18 internet access.

19 MR. MCGARVEY: Mr. Chairman, this is
20 Richard McGarvey. I'd - I'd just like to remind
21 everybody to mute their mics if they could? I think
22 we're having some feedback from one of the phones.

23 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

24 I thought somebody had mentioned that,
25 but additionally, as is always the case, we have a

1 court reporter I believe who's present to transcribe
2 this meeting.

3 Is she on the line?

4 MR. MCGARVEY: Yes, she is.

5 COURT REPORTER: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN: Okay, good. Thank you.

7 I would also ask if anyone who's
8 called in to this meeting to please mute your
9 telephone or computer or whatever. Also, for those
10 of you who will be participating in the meeting, I
11 would ask that, before you begin to speak, please
12 identify yourself for the record, for the court
13 reporter, and for everybody else.

14 Okay.

15 So, let's get started. In addition to
16 the seven Board members, we have Fred Strathmeyer,
17 representing Russ Redding, Secretary of Agriculture,
18 Jennifer Langan - excuse me, Jenn Langan,
19 representing Joseph Torsella, State Treasurer,
20 Christin Heidingsfelder, representing Secretary for
21 the Department of Revenue, Dan Hassell. Thank you
22 all for joining us this morning.

23 A quorum of the Board Members being
24 present, I will call these proceedings to order. The
25 first order of business, the Pledge of Allegiance.

1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

2 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

3 Before we get to the formal portion of
4 this Board meeting, I believe we have some
5 presentations of Service Awards to Gaming Control
6 employees that will be made by our Executive
7 Director, Kevin O'Toole. Good morning, Kevin.

8 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chairman.
9 Thank you, and good morning members of the Board.
10 So, this morning, I would like to continue the
11 process of recognizing key employees for their years
12 of service with the Pennsylvania Gaming Control
13 Board.

14 It is always enjoyable on public
15 meeting days to recognize those very special
16 employees who have demonstrated their dedication to
17 the Gaming Control Board and their commitment to our
18 regulatory mission.

19 At today's meeting, I would like to
20 honor six employees who have reached their 15-year
21 milestone and 14 who have reached their 10-year
22 milestone with the Board. Some of those honorees are
23 participating in the Zoom call today. So, starting
24 with our 15-year Service Award Recipients, we have
25 four who are attending through the Zoom.

1 These four is particularly apropos
2 because all four of these individuals were hired and
3 started their employment with us in January in 2006,
4 all within a one-week period. Our first honoree is
5 Matt Loughney. Good morning, Matt.

6 MR. LOUGHNEY: Good morning, Mr.
7 O'Toole.

8 MR. O'TOOLE: Matt was hired on
9 January 9th of 2006 as an Auditor for the Gaming
10 Control Board. Most of his career however has been
11 in the position of Investigator for the Bureau of
12 Investigations and Enforcement (BIE). Matt is
13 assigned to our Wilkes-Barre Regional Office.

14 Matt, we'd like to congratulate you on
15 this - on this accomplishment and we thank you very
16 much for your service.

17 MR. LOUGHNEY: Thank you for the kind
18 words. I appreciate it.

19 MR. O'TOOLE: You're welcome. Our
20 second honoree is John Zukoski. Good morning, John.

21 MR. ZUKOSKI: Good morning.

22 MR. O'TOOLE: So, John was hired on
23 the same date as Matt, January 9th, 2006, and his
24 assignment was as a Licensing Analyst with the Bureau
25 of Licensing. Currently, John is an Investigative

1 Analyst with the BIE in the Investigative Intake
2 Unit.

3 John, we congratulate you on this
4 milestone and we thank you very much for your
5 service.

6 Mr. ZUKOSKI: Thank you.

7 MR. O'TOOLE: Now I'd like to turn to
8 the final two honorees. We have Sherry Morgan. Good
9 morning, Sherry.

10 MS. MORGAN: Good morning.

11 MR. O'TOOLE: Sherry was hired on
12 January 15th of 2006 as a Licensing Analyst with the
13 Bureau of Licensing. Today, Sherry is a Licensing
14 Manager for the Employee Permitting Unit within the
15 Bureau of Licensing.

16 Congratulations on this milestone,
17 Sherry. We thank you very much for your service.

18 MS. MORGAN: Thank you.

19 MR. O'TOOLE: And our finale honoree,
20 Karen Sgrignoli. Good morning, Karen. I think
21 you're on mute. We - we didn't get a chance to - if
22 you're - that's okay. You can - you can just listen.
23 That's fine.

24 Karen was hired the same day as Sherry
25 on January 15th, 2006 as a Licensing Analyst with the

1 Bureau of Licensing. Currently, Karen serves as an
2 Investigative Analyst with the BIE in the
3 Investigative Intake Unit.

4 Congratulations, Karen on this
5 milestone and we thank you very much for your
6 service.

7 MS. SGRIGNOLI: Thank you.

8 MR. O'TOOLE: You're welcome. The
9 other two 15-year award winners for their service
10 with the Board are Paul Mauro, our Director of the
11 BIE and Thomas Smith, an Investigator with the BIE.

12 So, I would also like to verbally
13 recognize at - at our public meeting this morning 10-
14 year anniversary recipients. From the Bureau of
15 Licensing, we have Kristine Semoff, a Licensing
16 Analyst. From the Bureau of Casino Compliance, we
17 have 12 Casino Compliance Representatives. Teresa
18 Dixon, David Greenfield, Aaron Zylo, Dolores Cameron,
19 Randy Bonchack, Elizabeth Coyle, Sharon Smallwood,
20 Joshua Couzens, Daniel Campbell, Anthony DeLuca, and
21 Al Merrifield. Also, from the Bureau of Compliance
22 with their 10-year anniversary is Senior Supervisor
23 Colin MacNamara and Supervisor Lauren Recupido.

24 We congratulate all of those
25 employees, and we thank them for their service.

1 Chairman, that completes the award ceremony. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIRMAN: On behalf of the Board, I'd
4 like to second Kevin's comments. It's wonderful to
5 have such a bunch of experienced and dedicated people
6 working for us for this long, and I think it's a
7 testament to your management, among others Kevin,
8 that people actually want to work here as long as
9 they have.

10 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you, Chairman.

11 CHAIRMAN: Having said that, let's
12 proceed with the rest of the agenda. By way of
13 announcements, the Board held an Executive Session
14 yesterday, Tuesday, January 12th, to discuss
15 personnel matters and to conduct quasi-judicial
16 deliberations relating to matters that are coming
17 before the Board today. This meeting was also done
18 via teleconference.

19 Next, I'd like to have consideration
20 of a motion to approve the transcript and minutes of
21 the November 18th, 2020 meeting. Is there such a
22 motion?

23 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
24 moves that the Board approve the minutes and
25 transcripts of the November 18th, 2020 meeting.

1 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
2 seconds.

3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

6 The motion's adopted. First order of
7 substantive business, Executive Director's Report.
8 Kevin.

9 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you, Chairman.

10 For this morning's report, I have just
11 a couple of items that I would like to update the
12 members on.

13 First, I'd like everyone to - I'd like
14 to recognize publicly that beginning on Monday,
15 January 4th of 2021, the 12 Pennsylvania casinos
16 began the reopening process to welcome the public
17 back to their facilities. This followed their
18 closure on or about December the 12th of 2020. Each
19 casino has reopened with a strong commitment to
20 maintain the highest standards for the health and
21 safety of all patrons, guests, and employees.
22 Protocols to address COVID-19 concerns are in place
23 with required face coverings, social distancing
24 initiatives, and extra cleaning on a daily basis in
25 all areas of the casino.

1 Secondly, I am pleased to report that
2 casino licensee Stadium Casino RE, LLC will launch
3 for test purposes Pennsylvania's fifth Category 2
4 casino on Packer Avenue near Philadelphia's sports
5 and entertainment complex. A two-day test period
6 will be held on Saturday, January 16th and Sunday,
7 January 17th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

8 Our Director of the Bureau of Casino
9 Compliance, Chris Schroder, and his opening team are
10 onsite this week ensuring that all facets of the
11 gaming operation meet regulatory requirements. It
12 should be noted that appropriate plexiglass shields
13 will protect slot and table game players and all
14 employees and patrons will wear face coverings to
15 maintain compliance with the protocols for COVID-19.

16 Live! Casino Philadelphia will also
17 open its Retail Sportsbook in partnership with Sports
18 Wagering Operator Fandual. All aspects of the - of
19 the Sportsbook will also be tested by Board personnel
20 this weekend. A poker room with 29 tables will open
21 soon after the test period concludes. All gaming
22 revenues after gaming taxes are paid will be donated
23 by Stadium Casino to charitable organizations.

24 Chairman, that concludes my report for
25 this morning. Thank you very much.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Kevin. Again, I
2 have to say it's a remarkable accomplishment that in
3 the face of what we've been dealing with for nine
4 months that we're actually finally standing up the
5 casino in - in South Philly and - again a kudo to you
6 and your staff for overseeing and making sure this
7 thing happened on a remarkably quick schedule
8 considering all the limitations.

9 MR. O'TOOLE: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN: Moving ahead, Office of
11 Human Resources. Danette, I believe you have some
12 matters you'd like to discuss?

13 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: I do. Danette
14 Bixler-George. Good morning Chairman, Board Members.
15 The Office of Human Resources has one motion for your
16 consideration today relative to the hiring of two
17 individuals. Mark Diffendal has been selected as a
18 Casino Compliance Representative in the Bureau of
19 Casino Compliance for Live! Casino Pittsburgh. He
20 has completed the interview process, background
21 investigation, and drug screening and is recommended
22 for hire by Christopher Schroder, Bureau Director for
23 Casino Compliance.

24 The second is Donna Bicky who has been
25 selected as a Casino Compliance Representative in the

1 Bureau of Casino Compliance for Live! Casino
2 Pittsburgh. She, too, has completed the interview
3 process, background investigation, and drug screening
4 and is recommended for hire by Christopher Schroder,
5 Bureau Director for Casino Compliance.

6 Unless you have any questions, I ask
7 that the Board consider a motion to approve these
8 hiring actions as indicated.

9 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
10 comments from Board members on this matter? Hearing
11 none, may I have a motion, please?

12 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves
13 that the Board approve the applicants for hire as
14 proposed by the Human Resource Director.

15 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
16 seconds.

17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?
20 The motion's adopted. Thank you,
21 Danette.

22 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you,
23 Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN: Next we move on to Office
25 of Chief Counsel (OCC). Doug.

1 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Good morning,
2 Chairman and members of Board. Our first agenda item
3 relates to a Final-Form Regulation which Assistant
4 Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann is here to present.

5 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,
6 Chairman, members of the Board. Final-Form
7 Rulemaking Number 125-223 includes the table game
8 rules of play for three games for play in the
9 Commonwealth. The first is Over/Under which is a
10 game where a player, after being dealt one card, has
11 to place an additional wager as to whether he or she
12 believes the hand total will be over 23 or under 18.

13 There is an additional bonus wager involved in this
14 game, and it pays on a pay table based on the value
15 of the three cards in the player's hand.

16 The next game is DJ Wild Stud Poker,
17 which is played like a traditional stud poker game
18 where a player is dealt five cards. All twos are
19 wild, and a Joker is added to the deck which also
20 acts as a wild card. There are three additional side
21 wagers that are available to a player with posted pay
22 tables and payouts based on the composition of a
23 player's hand.

24 The last game is Face Up Pai Gow
25 Poker, with is played largely like traditional Pai

1 Gow Poker. However, the dealer's cards are dealt
2 face up as opposed to face down. Nearly all aspects
3 of the game are similar to that of the currently
4 approved Pai Gow Poker. There are additionally side
5 wagers that are available to play including the
6 progressive which payout is based on the posted pay
7 table and a progressive meter.

8 After the proposed rulemaking was
9 published, we did receive comments from the
10 Independent Regulatory Review Commission regarding
11 certain clarity issues. Those were addressed and
12 corrected in this Final-Form Rulemaking. We also
13 received a late received comment from the
14 manufacturer regarding a maximum payout language, and
15 that has been added to the Final-Form Rulemaking.

16 I can answer any questions you have on
17 this regulatory material. If no questions, I would
18 ask for a motion to approve the Final-Form
19 Rulemaking.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Chad. Does the
21 Board or anyone have comments, question regarding
22 this Final-Form Rulemaking? Hearing none, may I have
23 a motion, please?

24 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio moves
25 that the Board adopt the Final-Form Rulemaking Number

1 125-223 regarding table game rules of play as
2 described by the OCC.

3 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
4 seconds.

5 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

7 CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

8 The motion's adopted. Thank you,
9 Chad.

10 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next, the Board has
11 two petitions before it for consideration. These
12 matters will be decided on the documentary record by
13 agreement of the parties. In each of the matters,
14 the Board has, in advance of this meeting, been
15 provided with all of the documents filed of record.

16 The first Petition before the Board is
17 a joint request from a number of companies in the
18 William Hill chain of ownership and the Caesars
19 Entertainment chain of ownership. The petitioners
20 include Pennsylvania sports wagering operator,
21 American Wagering, Incorporated, a subsidiary of
22 William Hill, and slot machine licensee, Chester
23 Downs and Marina, LLC, a Caesars subsidiary doing
24 business as Harrah's Philadelphia.

25 The petitioners are jointly requesting

1 that the Board approve a change in ownership of
2 William Hill PLC, a publicly traded company on the
3 London Stock Exchange. Under the terms of the
4 parties' agreement, Caesars Entertainment,
5 Incorporated, which is a publicly traded company on
6 the NASDAQ, will purchase William Hill PLC for
7 approximately \$3.74 billion. If approved by the
8 Board, and other regulatory agencies worldwide, the
9 transfer of interest will result in Caesars
10 Entertainment, Incorporated becoming the parent
11 company of William Hill PLC, as well as all of
12 William Hill PLC subsidiaries and affiliates,
13 including American Wagering, Incorporated which
14 presently serves as the sports wagering operator for
15 Harrah's Philadelphia.

16 The Office of Enforcement Counsel
17 (OEC) has reviewed the proposed transaction and has
18 no objection to the parties' proposed change in
19 control subject to the conditions outlined in their
20 Answer. The Enforcement Counsel has also requested
21 that certain portions of its Answer be maintained as
22 confidential.

23 And those are the matters ready for
24 the Board's consideration.

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Doug. Are there

1 any questions or comments from the Board on this
2 matter? Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

3 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
4 moves that the Board grant the Joint Petition for a
5 change in ownership as described by the OCC and with
6 the conditions requested by the OEC. I further move
7 that the request for confidentiality be granted.

8 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
9 seconds.

10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

13 The motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next before the
15 Board is Inspired Gaming USA's Petition for Waiver of
16 the Principal Licensure Requirement of Landgame SARL
17 as well as other related relief.

18 Inspired Gaming has applied for an
19 interactive gaming manufacturer license with the
20 Board. Inspired Gaming is wholly owned by Inspired
21 Entertainment, a publicly traded company.

22 Landgame SARL owns a 29 percent
23 interest in Inspired Entertainment, and Landgame is,
24 in turn, owned by seven investment funds controlled
25 by the same limited partnership. Those funds are

1 near the end of their term, and therefore, Landgame
2 will be liquidating its shares of Inspired
3 Entertainment. And as the sale of those shares will
4 be occurring in the near future, the petitioner seeks
5 to have the Board waive the requirement that Landgame
6 be licensed as a principal.

7 In order to facilitate the sale and
8 this waiver request, Landgame and Inspired
9 Entertainment have entered into a trust agreement
10 which requires Landgame's shares in Inspired
11 Entertainment to be placed in a - in a divesture
12 trust and sold by its trustee. In addition to the
13 waiver of licensure of Landgame, Inspired Gaming is
14 also seeking board approval of the trust agreement
15 and divesture plan.

16 The trust agreement proposed -
17 proposes the licensure of the newly formed trust and
18 the trustee, who is an individual previously licensed
19 by the Board in another capacity. It also severely
20 restricts Landgame's ability to take any action
21 relating to Inspired Gaming.

22 The OEC has no objection to the
23 requested relief, subject to the conditions outlined
24 in its Answers and this - this matter is now ready
25 for the Board's consideration, a motion.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Doug. Are there
2 any questions or comments from the Board on this
3 matter? Hearing none, may I have a motion please?

4 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
5 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board grant
6 Inspired Gaming USA Inc.'s Petition for Waiver of the
7 principal licensure requirement of Landgame SARL as
8 described by the OCC and with the conditions
9 requested by the OEC.

10 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
11 seconds.

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

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

16 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next we have
17 withdrawals and surrenders as well as report and
18 recommendations by Deputy Chief Counsel Steve Cook.

19 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning. The
20 next matters before the Board today pertains to
21 several unopposed Petitioners to withdraw the
22 applications or surrender the credentials of the
23 following individuals and businesses: Ronald
24 Perelman, Frances Townsend, Barry Schwartz, Dandy
25 Mini Mart in Towanda, Kevin P. Fulmer, and Virginia

1 McDowell.

2 The OEC has no objection to any of
3 these Petitions so if the Board were to grant the
4 same, they'd be doing without prejudice to any of
5 these parties and these matters are now ripe for the
6 Board's consideration.

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

10 MS. SMYLER: Chairman, Commissioner
11 Smyler moves that the Board issue orders to approve
12 the withdrawals and surrenders as described by the
13 OCC.

14 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIRMAN: The motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
20 for consideration are two Reports and Recommendations
21 received from the Board's Office of Hearings and
22 Appeals (OHA).

23 These Reports and Recommendations as
24 well as the complete evidentiary record have been
25 provided to the Board prior to today's meeting. And

1 additionally, in each case, the individual that is
2 the subject of the Report and Recommendation has been
3 told that the Board would be taking their - their
4 matter up today and that they had the ability to call
5 in and briefly address the Board.

6 Raymond Murray is the first Report and
7 Recommendation before the Board today.

8 By way of background, on March 11th,
9 2020, the Board placed Mr. Murray on the Involuntary
10 Exclusion List by default judgement after it was
11 found that on July 13th, 2019, while gaming at
12 Harrah's, he placed a bet after the game had begun
13 and a successful outcome was more likely, resulting
14 in him illegally winning \$4,000.

15 Seven months later, on September 24th,
16 2020, Mr. Murray filed a Petition requesting removal
17 from the Exclusion List. A hearing was held on
18 November 4th, 2020. Both Enforcement Counsel and Mr.
19 Murray participated in that hearing. Mr. Murray
20 testified to his actions stating that he had been
21 gaming at Harrah's for years and that, before the
22 incident that led to his exclusion, the casino would
23 simply return bets he attempted to place in violation
24 of the game rules and that he, in fact, had no idea
25 he could be excluded from casinos for this conduct.

1 Mr. Murray further testified that, on
2 the day in question, the dealer took no action and
3 that he didn't know there - it was even a problem
4 until he was contacted by the police the following
5 day. Mr. Murray admitted that he was charged with
6 theft related offenses for his conduct and that he
7 reached an agreement with the prosecution whereby he
8 made full restitution and pleaded guilty to
9 Disorderly Conduct.

10 During the hearing, Mr. Murray also
11 addressed two incidents where he went into
12 Pennsylvania Casinos after being placed on the
13 Exclusion List, indicating that he never received
14 notice of his involuntary exclusion and thought it
15 was only from Harrah's. However, he also did
16 acknowledge during his testimony that the Board's
17 notice of exclusion were all sent to the correct
18 address.

19 After hearing all of the evidence
20 presented, the Report and Recommendation issued by
21 the Board's OHA recommends that Mr. Murray remain on
22 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Steve. Are
24 there any questions or comments from the Board on
25 this matter? Hearing none, may I have a motion,

1 please?

2 MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner
3 Kernodle moves that the Board adopts the Report and
4 Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding Raymond
5 Murray's Petition for removal from the PGCB
6 Involuntary Exclusion List described by the OCC and
7 that the Petition be denied.

8 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
9 seconds.

10 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 ATTORNEY COOK: The second Report and
15 Recommendation before the Board today pertains to
16 Jaiminbhai Patel. I believe Mr. Patel has called in
17 today and is on the line and would briefly like to
18 address the Board. Before he does that however, I'd
19 like to give a brief summary of this matter.

20 On June 30th, 2020 the OEC filed a
21 Petition to place Mr. Patel on the Board's
22 Involuntary Exclusion List after it was found that,
23 on August 4th and 5th during the overnight hours of
24 2019, he placed late wagers or added wagers
25 previously made after the game had begun and a

1 particular outcome was more likely. This occurred
2 while Mr. Patel was gaming at the Mount Airy Casino
3 Resort. His actions resulted in him winning \$550 to
4 which he was not entitled. Mr. Patel was criminally
5 charged with theft related offenses.

6 After the OEC requested he be placed
7 on the Exclusion List, he requested a hearing which
8 was held on October 29th, 2020. Enforcement Counsel
9 participated at the hearing presenting documentary,
10 testimonial, and video evidence. Mr. Patel also
11 participated in the hearing and testified on his own
12 behalf. During his testimony, he admitted to and
13 apologized for his actions, stated he has reimbursed
14 the Casino for its losses, and that, relative to the
15 criminal charges, he has now successfully completed
16 an ARD program.

17 In the Report and Recommendation
18 issued by the Board's Hearing Officer subsequent to
19 hearing the testimony and other evidence, the Hearing
20 Officer found that while Mr. Patel's testimony was
21 sincere, his admitted bad acts supported OEC's
22 recommendation that he be placed on the Board's
23 Involuntary Exclusion List.

24 As indicated, Mr. Patel I believe is
25 on the line and would like to address the Board after

1 being sworn in under oath.

2 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Patel, are you there,
3 please?

4 MR. PATEL: Yes. Good morning for
5 everybody, thank you very much for allowing me to
6 attend this meeting. I'm here.

7 CHAIRMAN: Before you speak, could the
8 court reporter swear Mr. Patel in under oath?

9 COURT REPORTER: Yes. Mr. Patel, Mr.
10 Patel, please raise your right hand.

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12 JAIMINBHAI PATEL,
13 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
14 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
15 FOLLOWS:

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17 COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

18 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN: Mr. Patel, if you could
20 briefly address the Board, we'd be interested in
21 hearing what you have to say.

22 THE WITNESS: Good morning everybody,
23 thank you very much. I appreciate you allowing me to
24 attend this meeting. I don't have much more to add
25 to the initial hearing, but I would like to request

1 if I read that report correctly, I think that
2 exclusion is only for five year which I believe is
3 very long period of time. And I would like to
4 request that that would be reduced to one-and-a-half-
5 year exclusion. That - that is reasonable, and I
6 think I'm sorry the way - what happened. It was not
7 intentional or - or planned out for it. It just
8 happened. And thus, that's all I wanted to plead
9 today.

10 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

11 MR. PATEL: And thank you very much
12 for your time.

13 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

14 And just a question before we proceed
15 to a motion. Doug - not Doug. Steve, does our
16 regulations or the statute provide for a five-year
17 exclusion?

18 Is that correct?

19 ATTORNEY COOK: The - the regulation
20 says that someone that's placed on the Involuntary
21 Exclusion List must remain on it for at least five
22 years, and even after the five years runs, they -
23 they must petition to come off of the Exclusion List.
24 The Board has, on occasion, granted exclusion
25 periods of less than five years, however.

1 CHAIRMAN: Okay, thank you.

2 Are there any questions or comments
3 from members of the Board either generally or direct
4 to Mr. Patel? Okay, hearing -.

5 THE WITNESS: No? Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

7 Thank you, Mr. Patel. Hearing -
8 apparently no one has any questions for you at this
9 juncture. Is there - is there a motion?

10 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
11 Logan moves that the Board adopt the Report and
12 Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding the
13 placement of Jaiminbhai Patel on the PGCB Involuntary
14 Exclusion List as described by the OCC, and that Mr.
15 Patel be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
16 List.

17 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
18 seconds.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

22 The motion's adopted. Thank you, Mr.
23 Patel.

24 MR. PATEL: Thank you very much, thank
25 you for your time guys.

1 CHAIRMAN: Sure.

2 ATTORNEY COOK: And that concludes the
3 matters of the OCC.

4 CHAIRMAN: Now I'm going to move on to
5 the Office Bureau of Licensing. Good morning.

6 MS. HENSEL: Good morning. Thank you
7 Chairman Barasch and members of the Board.

8 Before the Board today will be license
9 consideration of one Table Game Manufacturer and one
10 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment. In addition,
11 there will be 572 principals and key, gaming and non-
12 gaming employee applicants. Finally, there will be
13 the consideration of 13 gaming service provider
14 applicants.

15 The first matter for your
16 consideration is a table game manufacturer license
17 for Aruze Gaming America, Inc. Aruze Gaming America,
18 Inc. is a Las Vegas, Nevada based manufacturer of
19 table games and other gaming equipment. It is
20 currently licensed in good standing with the Board as
21 a slots and iGaming manufacturer. Under the Gaming
22 Act, the Board may use an abbreviated process to
23 consider the application of an already-licensed
24 manufacturer.

25 The Bureau of Licensing, OEC, and BIE

1 have reviewed the application and the status of Aruze
2 Gaming America, Inc. as a licensee, and I have
3 provided you with the results of that review.

4 Aruze Gaming America, Inc. has asked
5 the Board to grant it a reduced licensing fee for its
6 table game manufacturer license. The fee for an
7 initial five-year manufacturer license is \$170,000.
8 The Gaming Act, however, allows the Board to modify
9 the fee for a table game manufacturer if it
10 determines that the fee will unreasonably limit table
11 game devices or associated equipment. Under the
12 reduced licensing fee policy, Aruze Gaming America,
13 Inc. is eligible for a reduced fee of \$50,000 for a
14 five-year license.

15 The Bureau of Licensing recommends
16 that the Board grant the reduced fee. I have
17 provided you with a draft Order and ask that the
18 Board consider the Order to license Aruze Gaming
19 America, Inc. as a table game manufacturer as well as
20 the reduced license fee.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Cyrus
22 Pitre. The OEC has no objection.

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Cyrus. Are
24 there any questions or comments from Board members at
25 this - at this juncture? Hearing none, may I have a

1 motion, please?

2 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio moves
3 that the Board grant the Table Game Manufacturer
4 License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

5 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
6 seconds.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

10 The motion's adopted.

11 MS. HENSEL: Next for your
12 consideration is a VGT Establishment License for
13 Dandy Mini Mart, Inc. in Wysox. VGT Establishments
14 are truck stops seeking to place VGTs in their
15 businesses.

16 Dandy Mini Mart, Inc. Wysox was
17 previously conditionally licensed. The BIE has now
18 completed its investigation, including evaluation
19 that the applicant meets the VGT Establishment
20 eligibility criteria in the Gaming Act. The Bureau
21 of Licensing has provided you with the background
22 investigation and suitability report. Once fully
23 licensed, an establishment can continue forward
24 toward completing the steps necessary to commence VGT
25 gaming.

1 I have provided you with a draft Order
2 and ask that you consider the order to license Dandy
3 Mini Mart, Inc. Wysox which is located at 30023 Route
4 6 in Wysox.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
6 objection.

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

10 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
11 moves that the Board grant the Video Gaming Terminal
12 Establishment License as described by the Bureau of
13 Licensing.

14 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
17 AYES RESPOND

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

20 MS. HENSEL: In
21 addition, there are principal and key employee
22 licenses for your consideration. Prior to this
23 meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a
24 proposed Order for 18 principals and 15 key
25 employees. I ask that the Board consider the Order

1 approving these licenses.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
3 objection.

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

7 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
8 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board grant the
9 principal and key employee licenses as described by
10 the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
12 seconds.

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

15 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

16 The motion's adopted.

17 MS. HENSEL: There are also temporary
18 licenses. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of
19 Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the
20 issuance of temporary licenses for one principal and
21 nine key employees. I ask that the Board consider
22 the Order granting these licenses.

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
24 objection.

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Cyrus. Any

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

3 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,
4 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board grant the
5 temporary principal and key employee credentials as
6 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

7 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
8 seconds.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

12 The motion's adopted.

13 MS. HENSEL: Next are gaming permits
14 and non-gaming registrations. Prior to this meeting,
15 the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a list of
16 376 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
17 temporary or full occupation permits and 136
18 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
19 registrations under the authority delegated to the
20 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a
21 motion approving the Order.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
23 objection.

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any questions
25 or comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have

1 a motion, please?

2 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
3 moves that the Board approve the applications for
4 gaming employee occupation permit and non-gaming
5 employee registration as described by the Bureau of
6 Licensing.

7 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
8 seconds.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

10 AYES RESPOND

11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 The motion's adopted.

13 MS. HENSEL: The next matters for your
14 consideration are withdrawal requests. In each case,
15 the license, permit, or registration is no longer
16 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the
17 Board with three key, 11 gaming, and three non-gaming
18 employee applicants. I ask that the Board consider
19 the Orders approving these withdrawals.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
21 objection.

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

25 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves

1 that the Board grant the withdrawal of key gaming and
2 non-gaming employee applications as described by the
3 Bureau of Licensing.

4 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
5 seconds.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

8 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

9 The motion's adopted.

10 MS. HENSEL: Next, we have an Order to
11 certify the following gaming service providers:
12 Edwards and Hill Communications, LLC and Purchasing
13 Management International, LP, a Joint-Venture, I.B.
14 Abel, Inc., IMG Arena US, LLC, iGaming.com America,
15 Incorporated doing business as iGaming.com America,
16 Inc., and York Excavating Company, LLC.

17 I have provided you with a draft Order
18 and ask that the Board consider the Order certifying
19 these gaming service providers.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
21 objection.

22 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
23 comments from the Board? Hearing none, I need a
24 motion.

25 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,

1 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the
2 gaming service provider certifications as described
3 by the Bureau of Licensing

4 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
5 seconds.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

8 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

9 The motion's adopted.

10 MS. HENSEL: Finally, for your
11 consideration are gaming service provider
12 registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
13 with an Order and an attached list of eight
14 registered gaming service provider applicants. I ask
15 that you consider the Order granting these gaming
16 service providers.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
18 objection.

19 CHAIRMAN: Is there a motion?

20 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
21 moves that the Board approve the gaming service
22 provider registrations as described by the Bureau of
23 Licensing.

24 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
25 seconds.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

4 The motion's adopted.

5 MS. HENSEL: That concludes the
6 matters of the Bureau of Licensing.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Sue. Next,
8 Cyrus Pitre. The OEC.

9 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, again.
10 The OEC will present 15 matters today for the Board's
11 consideration in which we will request the approval
12 of eight revocations, two suspensions, and five
13 involuntary exclusions.

14 The next ten matters on the agenda
15 consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed
16 enforcement actions - filed complaints seeking the
17 revocation or suspension of gaming employee
18 occupation permits and non-gaming employee
19 registrations issued by the Board. The complaints
20 have been filed with the Board's OHA and properly
21 served upon the individual named in each complaint.

22 The individual named in each complaint
23 failed to respond in 30 days as required by Board
24 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a request for
25 default judgement in each instance and properly

1 served the same upon each named Respondent.
2 Therefore, all facts in each complaint are deemed
3 admitted. All filed documents have been provided to
4 the Board, and the matters are presently ripe for the
5 Board's consideration.

6 Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel
7 Dustin Miller will provide a brief summary of the
8 facts and make a request for the appropriate Board -
9 Board action in each matter.

10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

11 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning,
12 Chairman Barasch and members of the Board. Dustin
13 Miller on behalf of the OEC.

14 The next matter on the agenda for the
15 Board's consideration is a complaint to revoke the
16 non-gaming employee registration issued to Carl
17 Butler.

18 On multiple occasions, Carl Butler
19 stole tips from a tip box and kept tips that were
20 required to be pooled during the course of his
21 employment as a valet at Rivers Pittsburgh. As a
22 result, Carl Butler pled - pled guilty to Disorderly
23 Conduct, a summary offense. He was terminated by
24 Rivers Pittsburgh and is not currently employed in
25 Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

1 Therefore, the OEC now requests that
2 the Board revoke the non-gaming employee registration
3 issued to Carl Butler.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Are there any
5 questions or comments from the Board in this matter?
6 Hearing none, may I have a motion please?

7 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
8 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board approve the
9 revocation of Carl Butler's non-gaming employee
10 registration as 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?
16 The motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
18 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
19 revocation of the gaming employee occupation permit
20 issued to Daniel Caricabeur.

21 While working as a table games dealer
22 at Hollywood Casino, a small baggie filled with what
23 was later discovered to be cocaine fell out of Mr.
24 Caricabeur's pocket on the gaming floor. Mr.
25 Caricabeur was terminated from his employment and

1 criminally charged for his actions.

2 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
3 Board revoke the gaming employee occupation permit
4 issued to Daniel Caricabeur.

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

8 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,
9 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the
10 revocation of Daniel Caricabeur's gaming employee
11 occupation permit as described by the OEC.

12 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
13 seconds.

14 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

17 The motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
19 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
20 revocation of gaming employee occupation permit
21 issued to Erick Gandia.

22 Mr. Gandia colluded with patrons by
23 coaching them on bets and paying out patrons on
24 losing and push wagers while working as a table games
25 dealer at Wind Creek Bethlehem. Mr. Gandia was

1 terminated from his employment for his involvement in
2 this incident.

3 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
4 Board revoke the gaming employee occupation permit
5 issued to Erick Gandia.

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

9 MR. KERNODLE: Mr. Chairman,
10 Commissioner Kernodle moves that the Board approve
11 the revocation of Erick Gandia's gaming employee
12 occupation permit as described by the OEC.

13 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
14 seconds.

15 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
16 AYES RESPOND

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

19 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
20 the agenda for the Board's consider is revocation of
21 the non-gaming employee registration issued to
22 Seyeaneh Mulbah.

23 While working at Parx Casino as an EVS
24 attendant, Ms. Mulbah found \$1,000 on the gaming
25 floor that belonged to a patron. Ms. Mulbah only

1 turned \$300 into the main cage and kept the remaining
2 \$700. After being questioned by the police, Ms.
3 Mulbah admitted to keeping the \$700 and returned the
4 money to the police. She was terminated from her
5 employment for her - her actions.

6 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
7 Board revoke the non-gaming employee registration
8 issued to Seyeaneh Mulbah.

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

12 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner
13 Logan moves that the Board approve the revocation of
14 Seyeaneh Mulbah's non-gaming employee registration as
15 described by the, excuse me, OEC.

16 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
17 seconds.

18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
19 AYES RESPOND

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

22 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
23 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
24 revocation of the non-gaming employee registration
25 issued to Barrington Perry.

1 Mr. Perry, who was employed as a pool
2 attendant at Mount Airy Casino Resort at the time,
3 entered the gaming floor at Mount Airy while he was
4 off-duty and under the age of 21 by presenting his
5 Mount Airy Employee ID. While on the gaming floor,
6 Mr. Perry gamed and consumed alcoholic beverages.
7 Mr. Perry was terminated from his employment and
8 criminally charged for his actions. Subsequent to
9 his termination at Mount Airy, Mr. Perry was
10 criminally charged and pled guilty to felony robbery
11 and burglary charges in an unrelated incident.

12 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
13 Board revoke the non-gaming employee registration
14 issued to Barrington Perry.

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

18 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,
19 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the
20 revocation of Barrington Perry's non-gaming employee
21 registration as described by the OEC.

22 CHAIRMAN: I think you're muted.
23 Merritt, I think you're muted.

24 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
25 seconds.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

4 The motion's adopted.

5 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
6 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
7 complaint to suspend the non-gaming employee
8 registration held by Britt Pleasant-George.
9 According to Board records, Mr. Pleasant-George is
10 employed as a cashier for First American Bankcard,
11 Inc., a registered gaming service provider.

12 Mr. Pleasant-George was arrested by
13 the Duquesne Police Department and charged with
14 carrying a firearm without a license, a third-degree
15 felony offense. The charge remains pending.

16 Therefore, the OEC now requests that
17 the Board suspend the non-gaming employee
18 registration issued to Brit Pleasant-George.

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

22 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
23 moves that the Board approve the suspension of Britt
24 Pleasant-George's non-gaming employee registration as
25 described by the OEC.

1 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Is there a
2 second?

3 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
4 seconds.

5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
10 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
11 revocation of the gaming employee occupation permit
12 issued to Alex Roxburgh. Mr. Roxburgh was previously
13 employed as a dealer at Mount Airy Casino Resort.

14 Mr. Roxburgh was criminally charged
15 and pled guilty to misdemeanor theft by deception for
16 fraudulently using the credit card of another
17 individual. Mr. Roxburgh is not currently employed
18 in the Pennsylvania gaming industry. Therefore, the
19 OEC requests that the Board revoke the gaming
20 employee occupation permit issued to Alex Roxburgh.

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

24 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
25 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board approve the

1 revocation of Alex Roxburgh's gaming employee
2 occupation permit as described by the OEC.

3 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
4 seconds.

5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
10 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
11 complaint to revoke the gaming employee occupation
12 permit held by Michael Sorci.

13 Michael Sorci placed a bet for himself
14 while on duty at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino and
15 while he worked there as a sportsbook representative
16 without a money transaction. Ultimately, Mr. Sorci
17 won an illegal gain of \$630.30. Mr. Sorci was
18 terminated and criminally charged for his actions.
19 Mr. Sorci is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's
20 gaming industry.

21 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
22 Board revoke the gaming employee occupation permit
23 issued to Michael Sorci.

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

1 please?

2 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,
3 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the
4 revocation of Michael Sorci's gaming employee
5 occupation permit as described by the OEC.

6 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
7 seconds.

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

9 AYES RESPOND

10 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

11 The motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
13 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
14 revocation of the gaming employee occupation permit
15 issued to John Stavish. Mr. Stavish was employed as
16 a table games dealer at The Meadows Racetrack and
17 Casino.

18 Mr. Stavish was involved in a scheme
19 at The Meadows in which table games employees
20 recycled match play coupons for a patron to reuse
21 instead of properly disposing of them pursuant to
22 policy. Mr. Stavish was terminated from his
23 employment for his involvement in this incident. Mr.
24 Stavish is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's
25 gaming industry.

1 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
2 Board revoke the gaming employee occupation permit
3 issued to John Stavish.

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 approves the revocation of John
9 Stavish's gaming employee occupation permit described
10 by OEC.

11 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
12 seconds.

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

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

17 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
18 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
19 suspension of the non-gaming employee registration of
20 Michael Stone. Mr. Stone had been employed as a
21 steward at Lady Luck Casino Nemaquin.

22 Mr. Stone had been arrested in two
23 separate criminal cases, each charging him with
24 felony delivery of a controlled substance. All
25 charges in both cases were held for court and are

1 pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette
2 County. Mr. Stone is not currently working in the
3 Pennsylvania gaming industry.

4 Therefore, the OEC requests that the
5 Board suspend the non-gaming employee registration
6 issued to Michael Stone.

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

10 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves
11 that the Board approve the suspension of Michael
12 Stone, Jr's non-gaming employee registration as
13 described by the OEC.

14 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

19 The motion's adopted.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters
21 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
22 the OEC filed petitions seeking the involuntary
23 exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed
24 facility are inimical to the interests of the
25 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein.

1 In each instance, the petition for
2 exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and
3 properly served upon the individual named in the
4 petition. The individual named in each petition
5 failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board
6 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a request for
7 default judgement in each instance and properly
8 served the same upon each individual. Therefore, all
9 the facts in each petition are deemed admitted.

10 All filed documents have been provided
11 to the Board, and the matters are presently ripe for
12 the Board's consideration. In each instance, if the
13 Board orders the proposed exclusion, each
14 individual's photo, personal identifiers, and a
15 summary of the inimical conduct will be placed on the
16 Board's public website.

17 Once again, deputy - Deputy Chief
18 Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller will provide a
19 brief a summary of the facts and make a request for
20 the appropriate Board action.

21 ATTORNEY MILLER: Dustin Miller once
22 again on behalf of the OEC.

23 The next matter on the agenda for the
24 Board's consideration is a request to place Mohammed
25 Ahmed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 Mr. Ahmed cheated by past posting or
2 pinching his wager at least 31 times while playing
3 Blackjack at Mount Airy Casino. Mr. Ahmed was
4 permanently evicted from Mount Airy and criminally
5 charged for his actions.

6 At this time, the OEC requests that
7 the Board place Mohammed Ahmed on the Board's
8 Involuntary Exclusion List.

9 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
10 from the Board? Hearing none, is there a motion?

11 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,
12 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the
13 addition of Mohammed Ahmed to the PGCB Involuntary
14 Exclusion List as described by the OEC.

15 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
16 seconds.

17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

20 The motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
22 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
23 to place Ali Fares on the Board's Involuntary
24 Exclusion List.

25 Mr. Fares cheated by past posting

1 wagers while playing Roulette at Rivers
2 Philadelphia Casino in which he illegitimately won
3 \$1,625. Mr. Fares was permanently evicted from
4 Rivers Philadelphia and criminally charged for his
5 actions.

6 At this time, the OEC requests that
7 the Board place Ali Fares on the Board's Involuntary
8 Exclusion List.

9 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
10 from the Board? Hearing none, is there a motion?

11 MS. REITZEL: Commissioner Reitzel
12 moves that the Board approve the addition of Ali
13 Fares to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as
14 described by the OEC.

15 MR. SANTONI: Commissioner Santoni
16 seconds.

17 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?
18 AYES RESPOND

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

21 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
22 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
23 to place John Jacobs on the Board's Involuntary
24 Exclusion List.

25 Mr. Jacobs, while employed as a pit

1 manager at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino, directed
2 a scheme in which matchplay coupons were recycled by
3 Meadows casino employees after being used by a patron
4 and returned to that patron to be used again. Mr.
5 Jacobs was terminated from his employment for his
6 actions. The Board previously revoked Mr. Jacobs' G2
7 employee permit on November - November 18th, 2020.

8 At this time, the OEC requests that
9 the Board place John Jacobs on the Board's
10 Involuntary Exclusion List.

11 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
12 comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a
13 motion, please?

14 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman,
15 Commissioner Santoni moves that the Board approve the
16 addition of John Jacobs to the PGCB Involuntary
17 Exclusion List as described by the OEC.

18 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

23 The motion's adopted.

24 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on
25 the agenda is a request to place Hykeem Sessoms on

1 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 Mr. Sessoms kidnapped an 84-year-old
3 woman in the parking garage of Wind Creek Bethlehem
4 Casino and forced her to leave the property so that
5 he could rob her. Mr. Sessoms was charged with a
6 number of felony offenses, including robbery and
7 kidnapping, for his actions.

8 At this time, the OEC requests that
9 the Board place Hykeem Sessoms on the Board's
10 Involuntary Exclusion List.

11 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments
12 from the Board? Hearing none, is there a motion?

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

17 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
18 seconds.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

22 The motion's adopted.

23 ATTORNEY MILLER: The final matter on
24 the agenda is a request to place Hakim Ali Aziz
25 Thomas on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 Mr. Thomas conducted a fraudulent cash
2 advance transaction at Harrah's Philadelphia. He
3 successfully obtained \$6,500 using the identification
4 of another person. Mr. Thomas returned the next day
5 and again attempted to use the same identification to
6 conduct a transaction in the amount - in the amount
7 of \$6,500 but was apprehended by the Pennsylvania
8 State Police before the transaction could be
9 completed. Mr. Thomas was criminally charged, and
10 the charges remain pending.

11 The matter is now before the Board to
12 consider the placement of Hakim Ali Aziz Thomas on
13 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or
15 comments from the Board? Hearing none, is there a
16 motion?

17 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle
18 moves that the Board approve the addition of Hakim
19 Ali Aziz Thomas to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion
20 List described by the OEC.

21 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan
22 seconds.

23 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

1 The motion's adopted.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
3 concludes our business.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Cyrus. Thank
5 you, Dustin. That concludes the agenda for today's
6 meeting. I'd like to wish everybody a healthy and
7 happy New Year at this time.

8 Our next public meeting will be held
9 on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. I
10 presume we will also be conducting that by
11 videoconference, and I suggest that given the
12 uncertainty, people should pay attention to the
13 Board's website for the latest information on exactly
14 how that Board meeting will be conducted.

15 Is there a motion to adjourn the
16 meeting?

17 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves
18 to adjourn.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Sean.

20 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio
21 seconds.

22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

25 The motion's adopted, and we are

1 adjourned. Thank you all for your participation.

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3 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:00 A.M.

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10 CERTIFICATE

11 I hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding
12 was reported by me on 01/13/2021 and that I,
13 Bernadette M. Black, read this transcript, and that
14 I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate
15 record of the proceeding. This notarial act involved
16 the use of communication technology.

17 Dated the 2nd day of February, 2021

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