

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DAVID M. BARASCH, CHAIRMAN

FRANK DERMODY

OBRA S. KERNODLE, IV

T. MARK MUSTIO

FRANCES J. REGAN

DENISE J. SMYLER

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Jennifer Langan, Esquire, Designee,

Department of Treasury

Christin M. Heidingsfelder, Designee,

Department of Revenue

Fred Strathmeyer, Designee,

Department of Agriculture

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## A P P E A R A N C E S

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

Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director

David Rhen, Director of Financial Management

Danette Bixler-George, Human Resources Director

R. Douglas Sherman, Chief Counsel

Chad Zimmerman, Assistant Chief Counsel

Denise Miller-Tshudy, Senior Counsel

Steve Cook, Deputy Chief Counsel

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

Cyrus R. Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel

John Crohe, III, Senior Enforcement Counsel

David S. Tepper, Senior Enforcement Counsel

Dustin Miller, Deputy Chief Enforcement Counsel

## ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Jennifer Caruso, Vice President of Operations, Second  
State Gaming

Erin Cordier, Esquire, Counsel for Second State  
Gaming

Hugh Long, Senior Counsel, Love's Travel Stops

Ted Minkevich, Operations Manager, Love's Travel

1 Stops

2 Brian Schroeder, Chief Compliance Officer, Parx  
3 Casino

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6 John Worthington, Senior Director of iGaming and  
7 Sports Operations, Parx Casino

8 Daniel Garcia, Director of Compliance, GAN U.K.  
9 Limited

10 Matthew Cullen, Senior Vice President of iGaming and  
11 Sports Wagering Operations, Parx Casino

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13 OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:

14 Paul Resch, Director of Gaming Operations, Award  
15 Recipient

16 Kathryn Shoup, IT Generalist, Award Recipient

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CHAIRMAN: Well, let's get started then. Good morning, everyone. I'm David Barasch, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Before we begin, I'd like to note that we're holding this meeting via video conference with the Board members and other participants in different locations, in furtherance of the directive given to us by Pennsylvania Secretary of Health and the Governor pertaining to social distancing during the COVID pandemic.

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By way of background, on March 11th, 2020, the Commonwealth's Office of Open Records issued an advisory as to how state and local agencies can conduct their business in compliance with the Sunshine Act, given the COVID situation. That advisory provided and continues to provide that under these emergency circumstances, the public business of the Commonwealth can be conducted via video

1 conference or teleconference so long as a mechanism  
2 as put in place to allow public access. We have done  
3 this here as we have done for the last 12 months by  
4 providing public access to the video and audio  
5 portions of this meeting through the Board's website  
6 as well as by publishing the call-in information for  
7 the meeting for those who may not have internet  
8 access.

9                   Additionally, as always is the case,  
10 we have a court reporter present who will be  
11 transcribing this meeting. All that being said, as  
12 always, I would ask that anyone who is on this call,  
13 to keep themselves on mute until and unless you are  
14 actually participating. Also, anyone who's going to  
15 be participating in the meeting, I would always ask -  
16 remind you that before you speak, to identify  
17 yourself so the court reporter knows who is speaking.

18                   Okay.

19                   So, in addition to our regular seven  
20 Board members, we also have representing our ex-  
21 officio members, Fred Strathmeyer is here,  
22 representing Russ Redding, Secretary of Department of  
23 Agriculture; Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy  
24 Garrity, the new State Treasurer; and Christin  
25 Heidingsfelder, who's representing Dan Hassell, the

1 Secretary for the Department of Revenue. Thank you  
2 all for joining us this morning.

3 A quorum of the Board being present, I  
4 will call these proceedings to order. First order of  
5 business, the Pledge of Allegiance.

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7 (WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS  
8 RECITED.)

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10 CHAIRMAN: Before we get to the formal  
11 portion of our proceeding, I understand that Kevin  
12 O'Toole, our Executive Director, has some Service  
13 Awards to give out to Gaming Control employees who  
14 have been with us for quite a while. Kevin, if  
15 you're there?

16 MR. O'TOOLE: Yes. Good morning,  
17 Chairman Barasch and members of the Board. Today I  
18 am pleased to continue the process of recognizing  
19 employees for their years of service with the  
20 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. It is always an  
21 enjoyable occasion to recognize the dedication and  
22 the loyalty of employees who have clearly and  
23 significantly contributed to the success of our  
24 agency.

25 At today's meeting I would like to



1 honor five employees who have reached their 15-year  
2 milestone and two who have reached their 10-year  
3 milestone with the Board. I will start with our  
4 15-year Service Award recipients. Two were able to  
5 attend today's meeting via Zoom. So, Barbara Kaylor,  
6 you are the first up. There you are. Good morning.

7 Thank you so much for participating this morning,  
8 Barbara.

9 MS. KAYLOR: Thank you, Kevin.

10 MR. O'TOOLE: Barb was hired on  
11 February 26th of 2006 as an Administrative Officer  
12 for the Bureau of Licensing. Today, Barb serves as  
13 an Investigative Analyst for the Bureau of  
14 Investigations and Enforcement. Congratulations,  
15 Barb, on this milestone and thank you very much for  
16 your service.

17 MS. KAYLOR: Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRMAN: Congratulations, Barbara.

19 MS. KAYLOR: Thank you.

20 MR. O'TOOLE: Our second honoree is  
21 Paul Resch. Good morning, Paul. Thank you for  
22 participating in our awards today. Paul was hired on  
23 March the 20th, 2006, as a Special Assistant to the  
24 Board. Paul would later take on the role of Board  
25 Secretary and Legislative Liaison. Today, Paul holds

1 the position of Director of the Bureau of Gaming  
2 Operations. In that role Paul coordinates and  
3 oversees the internal control process as well as  
4 interactive gaming in the Commonwealth. Paul,  
5 congratulations on this milestone. We thank you very  
6 much for your service.

7 MR. RESCH: Thank you, Kevin.

8 CHAIRMAN: Congratulations, Paul.

9 MR. O'TOOLE: And I would also like to  
10 recognize three other employees who have reached 15  
11 years of service with the Board. Mark Miller is a  
12 manager in the Gaming Service Provider Unit of the  
13 Bureau of Licensing; Deanna Parr, a Licensing Analyst  
14 with the Bureau of Licensing; and Sarah Marley,  
15 Administrative Assistant for the Bureau of  
16 Investigations and Enforcement.

17 Moving on to our 10-year anniversary  
18 recipients, I would like to recognize two employees  
19 who have reached ten years of service with the Board.  
20 Present today is Kathryn Shoup. Kathryn was hired on  
21 April the 4th of 2011 as an Applications Developer  
22 for the Office of Information Technology. Currently,  
23 Kathryn is an Information Technology Generalist with  
24 the Office of Information Technology. Thank you,  
25 Kathryn, for participating in our ceremony this

1 morning, and congratulations and thank you very much  
2 for your service.

3 MS. SHOUP: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN: Congratulations, Kathryn.

5 MS. SHOUP: Thank you very much.

6 MR. O'TOOLE: Finally, I would also  
7 like to recognize Stephen Niglio, a Casino Compliance  
8 representative assigned to the Hollywood Casino  
9 Grantville, for reaching his ten years of service.

10 That concludes the presentation this  
11 morning, Chairman. Thank you very much.

12 CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Kevin.

13 By way of announcements, the Board  
14 held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday, April  
15 20th, to discuss personnel matters and to conduct  
16 quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters  
17 coming before the Board today. The meeting was also  
18 done by video conference.

19 Additionally, I'd like to announce  
20 that the Board has scheduled a public input hearing  
21 relative to the Cat IV casino proposed for  
22 Shippensburg Township, in Cumberland County, by G.W.  
23 Cumberland OP Company, an affiliate of the operators  
24 of the Parx Casino. The casino is proposed at the  
25 former site of a Lowe's home improvement store at 250

1 Conestoga Drive. The public hearing is scheduled for  
2 May 20th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. It will be held at  
3 the Luhrs Performing Arts Center on the campus of  
4 Shippensburg University. The Board will also be  
5 making remote participation to the hearing possible.

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7 Any party interested in participating  
8 in this hearing or simply receiving more information  
9 should monitor the Board's website or call  
10 (717)346-8300.

11 Next, I'd like to have consideration  
12 of a motion to approve the transcript and minutes of  
13 our February 10th, 2021, meeting. May I have such a  
14 motion?

15 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
16 the Board approves the minutes and transcripts of the  
17 February 10th, 2021, meeting.

18 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
21 ALL RESPOND AYE.

22 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's  
23 adopted.

24 Next, we will hear from Kevin O'Toole,  
25 our Executive Director.

1                   MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning again, Mr.  
2 Chairman and members of the Board. For the first  
3 item of today's Executive Director's Report, I would  
4 like to ask the Board to ratify a contract between  
5 the Board and the company identified as TruView BSI,  
6 LLC. TruView is a company in the business of  
7 providing background screening services, and the  
8 contract in question will allow our Bureau of  
9 Investigations and Enforcement (BIE) to use its  
10 services.

11                   By way of background, knowing the term  
12 of the Board's contract with its prior vendor for  
13 background screening was coming to term, a request  
14 for proposals was prepared by Board staff and  
15 published on October 19th, 2020. From that request  
16 five bidders submitted offers, which were each  
17 blindly evaluated, as required, and scored by a  
18 committee comprised of Board staff for BIE and  
19 Information Technology.

20                   Ultimately, TruView's bid was  
21 determined to be the best for the Board, and TruView  
22 entered into final contract negotiations with the  
23 Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), which were  
24 successfully completed in mid-March. At this time I  
25 respectfully request a motion to ratify the Board's

1 contract with TruView BSI, LLC.

2 CHAIRMAN: May I have such a motion,  
3 please?

4 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,  
5 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board ratify the  
6 Contract for Investigative Services with TruView BSI,  
7 LLC.

8 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
9 seconds.

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

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

14 Anything else?

15 MR. O'TOOLE: I am not finished yet,  
16 Chairman. I have a special - a special presentation  
17 that I'm really excited about presenting this  
18 morning. So, I would like to spend a few moments to  
19 express my sincere appreciation and that of the  
20 entire staff to Director of Licensing, Susan Hensel,  
21 for her extraordinary work over the past 16 years on  
22 the occasion of Susan's retirement from the  
23 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

24 Susan was the Board's first employee,  
25 being hired on January 25th, 2005. And she took

1 advantage of that opportunity to help shape the  
2 agency in the early stages of its existence and to  
3 give it that very component of firm yet fair  
4 regulatory oversight of the casino industry in our  
5 jurisdiction.

6 I have complimented Susan over the  
7 years on her organizational skills, but those skills  
8 were really put to the test in October of 2004.  
9 Susan embraced the enormous organizational task to  
10 coordinate the 2014 Annual Conference of the  
11 International Association of Gaming Regulators  
12 (IAGR). During Susan's tenure as President of that  
13 association, the conference was held in Philadelphia.

14 It was a flawless week in October of  
15 that year, with great seminars and terrific  
16 networking events, with over 300 gaming regulators  
17 and their guests from around the United States and  
18 the world converging on Philadelphia.

19 When those regulators and their guests  
20 left Philadelphia, they really had a terrific time  
21 and they expressed to us multiple times how well we  
22 represented ourselves as the Gaming Control Board and  
23 how terrific the City of Philadelphia and the  
24 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is. We will miss those  
25 organizational skills of Susan.

1 Susan, we wish you well and we thank  
2 you once again for your lasting contribution to the  
3 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. Good luck on your  
4 future endeavors. We will all see Susan a little bit  
5 later in the public meeting, as she presents the  
6 items for the Bureau of Licensing.

7 Thank you, Chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN: Susan, I just want to add  
9 to that I've known you from long before you went to  
10 the Gaming Control Board. I remember you as a  
11 reporter, when you used to cover me in some of my  
12 prior existences. It's always been a pleasure to  
13 know you. I wish you all the best. It's been  
14 wonderful working with you for the past five-and-a-  
15 half years. And I'm sure whatever you do next, it  
16 will be wonderful for you. All my best regards,  
17 Susan.

18 MS. HENSEL: Thank you so much. Thank  
19 you, Chairman. And thank you, Kevin. I'll say a  
20 couple of additional words after my presentation.  
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN: Something else, Kevin?

23 MR. O'TOOLE: That's it. Thank you  
24 very much, Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN: Don't you have something



1 from Dave Rhen today or not? You're muted.

2 MR. RHEN: Chairman, I'm next on the  
3 agenda, I believe.

4 CHAIRMAN: Great. Thank you.

5 MR. RHEN: Good morning, Chairman and  
6 Board members. Today I will provide an update of  
7 Board expenses through the end of the third quarter,  
8 which was March 30th.

9 Firstly, our appropriation for general  
10 operations, which is our oversight of casinos, sports  
11 wagering and igaming is \$43,357,000 for the year. as  
12 you are aware, this is funded from two sources,  
13 charge-backs against a percentage of operator  
14 revenue, consisting of \$37,357,000 and restricted  
15 revenue, which was primarily license fees, charge-  
16 backs for the operations of the Gaming Lab and  
17 license application fees. This portion of the budget  
18 is \$6 million, and it is fully funded already for the  
19 fiscal year.

20 Through the third quarter, expenses  
21 totaled \$27,482,000. That's equivalent to 63 percent  
22 of the total appropriation for the year.  
23 Expenditures are down \$2.2 million from the same date  
24 of last fiscal year. Ninety (90) percent of Board  
25 expenses, or 424,756,000, came in the area of

1 payroll. This includes \$14.7 million for salaries  
2 and \$9.9 million for benefits. Benefits are 67  
3 percent of salary costs year to date. For the year,  
4 payroll expenses are down \$1.5 million due to  
5 circumstances created by COVID, including casino  
6 closures and some delays of what we had forecasted  
7 originally for new casino also.

8           Operating expenses totaled \$2.7  
9 million, down 21 percent, or \$755,000. This savings  
10 comes in the areas of services and travel. Nearly 90  
11 percent of expenses were in the areas of real estate  
12 leases, at \$1.3 million. Services, including  
13 interagency billings and State Police fingerprint  
14 fees for gaming applicants, at \$814,000, and other  
15 operating expenses, which includes the databases used  
16 for background investigations, at \$272,000.

17           That concludes my report. I'd be  
18 happy to take any questions. Thank you.

19           CHAIRMAN: Anybody have any questions  
20 for Dave at this point? Hearing none, let's move  
21 ahead.

22           Next up, Danette Bixler-George, HR  
23 Director. Good morning, Danette.

24           MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Good morning,  
25 Chairman, Board members. The Office of Human

1 Resources has one motion for your consideration today  
2 relative to the hiring of one individual. Jacqueline  
3 Wilson has been selected as a Casino Compliance  
4 Representative for Rivers Casino Philadelphia. She  
5 has completed the interview process, background  
6 investigation and drug screening, and is recommended  
7 for hire by Chris Schroder, Director for Casino  
8 Compliance. Unless you have any questions, I ask  
9 that the Board consider a motion to approve this  
10 hiring action as indicated.

11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Danette. Are  
12 there any questions or comments for Danette at this  
13 time? Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

14 MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
15 Regan moves that the Board approves the Applicant for  
16 hire, as proposed by the Human Resources Director.

17 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
20 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

23 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Danette.

25 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Next up, Doug Sherman, our  
2 Chief Counsel. Good morning, Doug.

3                    ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Good morning,  
4 Chairman and members of the Board. Our first agenda  
5 item relates to a final form regulation, which  
6 Assistant Chief Counsel Chad Zimmerman will present.

7                    ATTORNEY ZIMMERMAN: Good morning,  
8 Chairman, members of the Board. Before you today is  
9 Final Form Rulemaking #125-230, which relates to  
10 video gaming at truck stop establishments in the  
11 Commonwealth.

12                    This final form rulemaking contains  
13 the entire regulatory scheme for video gaming at  
14 truck stop establishments on VGT machines in a truck  
15 stop. This final form rulemaking promulgates the  
16 previously adopted proposed rulemaking that was  
17 adopted by the Board in 2020. There were no public  
18 comments received on the proposed rulemaking. There  
19 were some comments issued by the Independent  
20 Regulatory Review Commission. Those were all  
21 addressed in the preamble, and some changes were made  
22 based upon their requests.

23                    I can answer any questions you have on  
24 the regulations at this point. If not, I request a  
25 motion to approve Final Form Rulemaking #125-230.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Chad. Does  
2 anybody have any questions for Chad at this time?  
3 Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

4                    MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
5 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board adopt the  
6 Final Form Rulemaking #125-230, regarding video  
7 gaming, as described by the OCC.

8                    MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
9 seconds.

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

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

14                   ATTORNEY ZIMMERMAN: Thank you.

15                   ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next we have  
16 consideration of six local law enforcement grant  
17 applications, which Senior Counsel Denise Miller-  
18 Tshudy is here to present.

19                   ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Good morning.  
20 As Chief Counsel Sherman had indicated, I do have six  
21 local law enforcement grants that are before you at  
22 this time.

23                   The Board has appropriated \$2 million  
24 annually to award local law enforcement grants.  
25 Local law enforcement grants are issued to law -

1 local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of  
2 defraying costs of the prevention, enforcement,  
3 investigation and prosecution relating to unlawful  
4 gambling in the Commonwealth.

5           The six grants I have before you today  
6 total \$1,117,764. The first one is Cumberland County  
7 District Attorney's Office. They're requesting  
8 \$149,206. And the second one is Delaware County  
9 District Attorney's Office, \$250,000; Fayette County  
10 District Attorney's Office, \$250,000; Monroe County  
11 District Attorney's Office at \$197,236; Pennsylvania  
12 State at \$250,000; and Wilkins Township Police  
13 Department at \$21,322.

14           Unless you have any questions, I would  
15 ask for a motion on these awards.

16           CHAIRMAN: Okay.

17           Thank you very much. Are there any  
18 questions for Denise at this time? Hearing none, may  
19 I have a motion, please?

20           MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
21 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approves  
22 the local law enforcement grant applications, as  
23 described by the OCC.

24           MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle  
25 seconds.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
2 ALL RESPOND AYE.

3                    CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion is  
4 adopted.

5                    ATTORNEY SHERMAN: And moving to  
6 petitions. The Board has just one petition before it  
7 today for consideration, and that petition is Galaxy  
8 Gaming, Incorporated's Request for Relief from  
9 certain Bureau of Licensing requirements. This  
10 matter will be decided on the documentary record by  
11 agreement of the parties. And the Board has in  
12 advance of this meeting been provided with all  
13 documents filed of record.

14                    Galaxy Gaming is a publicly-traded  
15 company licensed in jurisdictions worldwide. It  
16 assigns, builds and sells table games and other  
17 gaming technology for both land-based and interactive  
18 casino games. In this matter, Galaxy is challenging  
19 the Bureau of Licensing's request that a former  
20 corporate principal of Galaxy and the majority  
21 shareholder of that corporation be licensed  
22 regardless of the individual's divestiture of his  
23 prior ownership in Galaxy. The Bureau of Licensing  
24 bases this request upon the fact that the divestiture  
25 was largely funded by a promissory note. And as a

1 result, it argues that the ties between Galaxy Gaming  
2 and the former principal have not been adequately  
3 severed.

4                   The OCC has no objection to Galaxy  
5 Gaming's request, subject to certain conditions  
6 outlined in their answer, which assured that the  
7 former principal cannot exert any control over  
8 Galaxy's operations, as well as requiring Galaxy to  
9 regularly report on its efforts to pay down the  
10 promissory note in question. Galaxy has agreed to  
11 those conditions.

12                   Both of the parties have also  
13 requested certain aspects of their pleadings be  
14 maintained as confidential. However, much of the  
15 information already is in the public domain.

16                   This matter, that is the request to be  
17 relieved of the licensing of the individual and the  
18 confidentiality request, are now ready for the  
19 Board's consideration.

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

23                   MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
24 Kernodle moves that the Board grants the petition as  
25 described by the OCC and with the condition to be



1 outlined in Board's Order. I further move that the  
2 request of confidentiality be denied.

3 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
4 seconds.

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

7 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
8 adopted.

9 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next we have  
10 withdrawals and surrenders, as well as reports and  
11 recommendations presented by Deputy Chief Counsel  
12 Steve Cook.

13 ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning. The  
14 next matter before the Board today pertains to  
15 several unopposed petitions to withdraw the  
16 applications or surrender the credentials of the  
17 following individuals and businesses: Anne Done,  
18 Carl Sottosanti, Christine Bordeaux, David Williams,  
19 Erik Regenbrecht - or Erik Regenbrecht, excuse me,  
20 Harper Ko, Ira Huey-Raphaelson, Janine Epright,  
21 Louise Wendel, Manoj Chavda, Richard T. Aljian, CHR  
22 Corp. doing business as Rutter's Store Number 41 in  
23 Lebanon, Pennsylvania, Trans World International,  
24 LLC, MacAndrews & Forbes, Inc., the ROP Revocable  
25 Trust, RLX Holdings Two, LLC, SGMS Acquisition

1 Corporation, and SGMS Acquisition Two, LLC.

2 The OCC has no objection to any of  
3 these withdrawals or surrenders. And as a result, if  
4 the Board were to grant these actions today, they'd  
5 be doing so without prejudice to any of these  
6 parties. And these matters are now ripe for the  
7 Board's consideration.

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Are there any  
9 questions or comments from the Board on this matter?

10 Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

11 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
12 the Board issue orders to approve the withdrawals and  
13 surrenders, as described by the OCC.

14 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
15 seconds.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

17 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

20 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board  
21 today are nine Reports and Recommendations received  
22 from the Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA). In  
23 each of these matters the Board has been provided  
24 with the complete evidentiary record. And in  
25 addition, each of the persons that are involved or

1 are of the subject of these Reports and  
2 Recommendations have been advised that the Board  
3 would be taking the matter up today and that they  
4 could participate and address the Board if they so  
5 choose.

6                   The first Report and Recommendation  
7 pertains to Christina Gentile. Ms. Gentile holds a  
8 Non-Gaming Employee Registration and was employed as  
9 a Cashier Host at the Meadows Racetrack and Casino.  
10 On November 25th, 2020, the OCC filed a request for  
11 an Emergency Suspension of Ms. Gentile's Non-Gaming  
12 Employee Registration after receiving notice that she  
13 had been charged with felony offenses relating to her  
14 alleged involvement in a burglary where an accomplice  
15 took bags of copper wire from a home that was being  
16 renovated, subsequently loading the copper wire into  
17 a car driven by Ms. Gentile. Additionally, Ms.  
18 Gentile later lied to police by stating that she had  
19 no contact with the co-defendant. This led to the  
20 initiation of a second criminal case against her.  
21 Both of these criminal matters remain pending.

22                   As a result of these charges, the  
23 Board's Executive Director issues an Emergency Order  
24 suspending Ms. Gentile's Non-Gaming Registration, as  
25 requested by Enforcement Counsel.

1                   The hearing was subsequently held on  
2 January 22nd of 2021. OEC appeared, offering  
3 testimony and documentary evidence of the criminal  
4 charges. Despite receiving proper notice, Ms.  
5 Gentile failed to participate in the hearing, and it  
6 was held in her absence. Based upon the evidence  
7 received, the Hearing Officer's recommendation in  
8 this matter is that the suspension remain in place.  
9 And this matter is now ripe for the Board's  
10 consideration.

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

14                   MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
15 Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report and  
16 Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding the  
17 suspension of Christina Gentile's Non-Gaming Employee  
18 Registration, as described by the OCC.

19                   MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
20 seconds.

21                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?  
22 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

25                   ATTORNEY COOK: The next Report and

1 Recommendation before the Board today pertains to  
2 Michael Booth's request to recover monies confiscated  
3 from him after he was found in a casino while on the  
4 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

5           As the Board is aware, the Board's  
6 Regulations prohibit excluded individuals from  
7 collecting winnings or recovering losses if found to  
8 be gaming in violation of their placement on the  
9 Involuntary Exclusion List. Any winnings confiscated  
10 are turned over to the Board to support programs to  
11 combat problem and compulsive gaming.

12           By way of background in this case, on  
13 October 19th, 2017, the OEC filed a petition to place  
14 Mr. Booth on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List  
15 after he was found cheating while playing blackjack  
16 at the Mount Airy Casino Resort. On May 7th, 2018,  
17 the Board issues an Order placing Mr. Booth on the  
18 Exclusion List.

19           The matter currently before the Board  
20 stems from an incident on September 22nd, 2020, when  
21 Mr. Booth was found gaming at the Parx Casino. Mr.  
22 Booth won a \$15,000 blackjack side wager on that  
23 date, and upon presenting his identification to claim  
24 his winnings, it was discovered that he was  
25 involuntarily excluded. As a result, security at

1 Parx Casino refused to pay the \$15,000 winnings and  
2 also confiscated \$470 in chips which were in Mr.  
3 Booth's possession. He was also cited for defiant  
4 trespass, to which he subsequently pled guilty. Mr.  
5 Booth's current petition seeks recovery of all the  
6 confiscated funds.

7                   A hearing was held on February 4th,  
8 2021. OEC attended the hearing, offering testimony  
9 and documentary evidence. Mr. Booth also  
10 participated in the hearing and testified on his own  
11 behalf. Specifically, Mr. Booth testified that he  
12 didn't realize he was on the Exclusion List, that he  
13 - at the same time he indicated he believed he was  
14 only excluded from Mount Airy, where his cheating  
15 situation occurred, and that he has gambled at other  
16 Pennsylvania casinos since that situation arose at  
17 Mount Airy. He also indicated that he never received  
18 proper notice of the exclusion because his address  
19 changed. But notwithstanding that fact, he did  
20 receive notice of the proceeding.

21                   In the Report and Recommendation  
22 issued by the Hearing Officer he points out that Mr.  
23 Booth, in fact, responded to the petition to place  
24 him on the Exclusion List by requesting a hearing and  
25 then later requesting a continuance. In this matter,

1 ultimately the Hearing Officer concludes that the  
2 record of the earlier proceeding shows that Mr. Booth  
3 received proper notice, but he is, nevertheless,  
4 entitled to recover \$310 of the \$470 in chips that  
5 were confiscated from him, as surveillance video  
6 confirmed that that \$310 was part of a buy-in and as  
7 never wagered. Therefore, the Hearing Officer  
8 recommends that \$310 of the \$15,470 be returned to  
9 Mr. Booth. And that's the matter - or the  
10 Recommendation before the Board at this time.

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

14 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
15 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board adopt the  
16 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding  
17 Michael Booth's petition for recovery of funds while  
18 on the PGCB's Involuntary Exclusion List, that the  
19 petition be granted in part and that Michael Booth  
20 recover the \$310 confiscated from him that were not  
21 winnings.

22 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

23 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
24 seconds.

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

1 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

4 ATTORNEY COOK: The next matter before  
5 the Board is another Report and Recommendation that  
6 pertains to a request to recover funds confiscated  
7 while on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

8 On September 2nd, 2020, the Board  
9 placed Gao Qi Di on the Exclusion List by default  
10 judgment after it was discovered that he was cheating  
11 while playing blackjack at the Wind Creek Casino.

12 On September 10th, 2020, eight days  
13 after being placed on the list, Mr. Gao was found  
14 again gaming at Wind Creek. At that time, \$2,300  
15 worth of chips were confiscated from him by casino  
16 personnel.

17 On September 22nd, 2020, Mr. Gao filed  
18 a petition requesting that the moneys confiscated  
19 from him be returned. OEC filed an answer objecting  
20 to that request, and a hearing was held on January  
21 28th, 2021. Enforcement Counsel appeared at that  
22 hearing, as did Mr. Gao. Mr. Gao testified on his  
23 own behalf, claiming that he was unaware that he was  
24 excluded from Pennsylvania casinos notwithstanding  
25 his receiving notice of the exclusion proceedings.



1 Evidence presented at the hearing  
2 showed that Mr. Gao had bought in four times at a  
3 blackjack table on September 10th. He lost his first  
4 three buy-ins in its entirety. He then bought in a  
5 fourth time for \$2,000 and played several hands,  
6 winning \$1,150.

7 At the time of his being approached by  
8 security he had 200 - I'm sorry, \$2,300 in chips in  
9 his possession, and that's the amount that was  
10 confiscated. The Report and Recommendation  
11 ultimately concludes that Mr. Gao should be returned  
12 \$1,150 of the \$2,300 confiscated, as that was an  
13 unused portion of his buy-in. And that's the  
14 Recommendation.

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

18 MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
19 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the  
20 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding  
21 Gao Qi Di's petition for Recovery of Funds while on  
22 the Pennsylvania Gaming Board's Involuntary Exclusion  
23 List, that the petition be granted in part, and that  
24 Gao Qi Di recover \$1,150 confiscated from him that  
25 were not winnings.

1                   MR. KERNODLE: Second.

2                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

3 ALL RESPOND AYE.

4                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion is  
5 adopted.

6                   ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board  
7 is the third request to recover winnings while  
8 excluded from Pennsylvania casinos. This matter,  
9 however, pertains to a self-excluded person with the  
10 initials M.M. As with excluded persons, when self-  
11 excluded persons are found in Pennsylvania casinos,  
12 the Gaming Act authorizes that any winnings possessed  
13 by the person can be confiscated to support  
14 compulsive and problem gambling programs.

15                   In this case, M.M. filed a petition on  
16 September 16th, 2020, requesting the Board return  
17 monies confiscated from her when she was found gaming  
18 at the Wind Creek Casino while on the Self-Exclusion  
19 List. A hearing in this matter was held on January  
20 21st, 2021. The OEC appeared at the hearing offering  
21 testimony and documentary evidence. M.M. also  
22 appeared and testified on her own behalf.

23                   The evidence received in this matter  
24 shows that on December 10th, 2015, M.M. entered what  
25 was then the Sands Bethworks Casino and placed

1 herself on the Board's Voluntary Self-Exclusion List  
2 for a period of five years. On September 13th, 2020,  
3 less than five years after placing herself on the  
4 list, M.M. entered what was then the Wind Creek  
5 Casino, previously Sands Bethworks, she gamed and won  
6 a jackpot of \$3,071.55. In paying that jackpot it  
7 was determined that M.M. was on the Self-Exclusion  
8 List, and consequently the jackpot and a \$64.59  
9 voucher that M.M. had on her person were both  
10 confiscated.

11                   During the hearing M.M. testified that  
12 she believed she was only excluded from Sands  
13 Bethworks. She indicated that she had contacted Wind  
14 Creek, asking if they were affiliated with Sands.  
15 And after being told that they were - that Wind Creek  
16 purchased the casino from Sands and they were not  
17 affiliated, M.M. stated she believed she could  
18 therefore game at Wind Creek. She further stated  
19 that over the last few years she suffered some  
20 personal losses and hardships and believing that she  
21 was not excluded from Wind Creek, she had went back  
22 to the casino as a form of stress relief.

23                   Ultimately, M.M. requested all of her  
24 confiscated funds be confiscated (sic), and it is  
25 worth nothing that she has subsequently removed

1 herself form the list on January 4th, 2021, after her  
2 five-year term ran.

3                   After hearing all the evidence  
4 presented, the Report and Recommendation issued by  
5 the Hearing Officer recommended the denial of M.M.'s  
6 request for the recovery of the jackpot and that she  
7 only be permitted to recover \$45.39 of the voucher  
8 that was also confiscated, as the evidence indicated  
9 that that was the amount of her unwagered buy-in.

10                   And this matter is now ready for  
11 consideration.

12                   CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or  
13 comments on this matter? Hearing none, may I have a  
14 motion, please?

15                   MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
16 Kernodle moves that the Board adopts the report and  
17 recommendation issued by the OHA regarding M.M.'s  
18 petition for Recovery of Funds while on the Self-  
19 Exclusion List and that the petition be granted in  
20 part and that M.M.'s recovery, \$45.39, confiscated  
21 from her that were not winnings.

22                   MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
23 seconds.

24                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you.  
25 All in favor?

1 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

4                    ATTORNEY COOK: The next Report and  
5 Recommendation pertains to H.N.'s request for removal  
6 from the Voluntary Self-Exclusion List. On October  
7 4th, 2015, an individual with the initials H.N.  
8 entered Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs Casino and  
9 requested to be on the Lifetime Self-Exclusion List.  
10 H.N. has now petitioned to be removed from the Self-  
11 Exclusion List. OEC objected to the request and a  
12 hearing was held on February 9th, 2021. OEC and H.N.  
13 both appeared, offering evidence.

14                    According to the testimony and the  
15 records presented, H.N. signed the acknowledgment  
16 form selecting lifetime self-exclusion. However, in  
17 the proceeding that occurred on February 9th, H.N.  
18 testified that he is now asking for removal so he can  
19 participate in sports wagering, which is a gaming  
20 activity that was not available when he placed  
21 himself on the list. And as a result, he indicated  
22 that, had sports wagering been legal then, he never  
23 would have placed himself on the list.

24                    Ultimately, after hearing all the  
25 evidence, the report and Recommendation issued by the

1 Hearing Officer finds that H.N. - H.N.'s argument  
2 does not have any merit and he is ineligible for  
3 removal from the list. And that's the Recommendation  
4 before the Board.

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

8 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
9 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation  
10 issued by the OHA regarding H.N.'s petition for  
11 Removal from the Self-Exclusion List, as described by  
12 the OCC and that the petition be denied.

13 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
14 seconds.

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

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

19 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Report and  
20 Recommendation stems from another request to be  
21 removed from the Voluntary Exclusion List. The  
22 individual that is the subject of this Report and  
23 Recommendation goes by the initials R.F.M. I believe  
24 he is on the call today and would like to address the  
25 Board. However, before he does so, I'd like to give

1 a brief summary of the circumstances and facts of  
2 this case.

3                   On February 27th, 2018, R.F.M. entered  
4 Presque Isle Downs & Casino and met with a Casino  
5 Compliance Representative to place himself on the  
6 Self-Exclusion List, electing a five-year period of  
7 self-exclusion. Subsequently, R.F.M. filed a  
8 petition with the Board on October 23rd, 2020,  
9 requesting early removal from the list. The OEC  
10 filed an answer to that request, objecting to it.

11                   A hearing on this matter was held on  
12 January 20th, 2021. Both OEC and R.F.M. appeared,  
13 presenting testimony and documentary evidence. The  
14 evidence provided by OEC showed that a Casino  
15 Compliance representative at Presque isle conducted  
16 the mandatory interview and explained the process of  
17 being placed on the Self-Exclusion List and the  
18 consequences of the different periods of Self-  
19 Exclusion. Thereafter, all the paperwork and  
20 procedures were completed, with R.F.M. signing an  
21 acknowledgment indicating he as a problem gambler and  
22 choosing the five-year self-exclusion period.

23                   At the hearing, R.F.M. testified that  
24 he told the Casino Compliance Representative that he  
25 was not a problem gambler, that he's 78 years old and

1 he would like to go to Presque isle one or two times  
2 per week as a form of recreation. He also provided  
3 evidence showing his present finances as evidence of  
4 his financial stability and his ability to game  
5 responsibly. He further testified that he placed  
6 himself on the list only because his favorite  
7 machines were not paying out on the date in question,  
8 and that was the basis for his decision.

9 In response to R.F.M.'s testimony, the  
10 Casino Compliance Representative further testified  
11 that had R.F.M. expressed that he was not a problem  
12 gambler and was only self-excluding out of anger  
13 basically, she would have stopped the interview and  
14 not have proceeded. After hearing all of the  
15 evidence presented, the Report and Recommendation  
16 issued by the Hearing Officer recommends that  
17 R.F.M.'s request for early removal from the Self-  
18 Exclusion List be denied. As I  
19 indicated, R.F.M. I believe is on the line and would  
20 like to briefly address the Board. I would remind the  
21 Chairman that he will have to be sworn in by the  
22 court reporter.

23 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

24 Can we have him sworn in at this time?

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1 R.F.M.,  
2 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
3 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
4 FOLLOWS:

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6 CHAIRMAN: Please proceed, sir.

7 THE WITNESS: Thirty-eight (38) months  
8 ago I made kind of a dumb mistake by signing out  
9 after several trips to Presque Isle, and my favorite  
10 machines had evidently been turned way down to where  
11 they were no longer fun to play. So, I was a little  
12 bit frustrated, not angry. And when I went up to  
13 sign out, I filled out the paperwork.

14 And when I handed it back to the lady  
15 that was handling the situation, she said, you did  
16 not check the block where you are an addicted  
17 gambler. And I said, well, no, that's because I am  
18 not an addicted gambler. I take what's in my pocket,  
19 which I can afford to lose. I do not go to ATM  
20 machines. I do not take credit at a casino. My  
21 credit rating is over 800. And I said I really don't  
22 want to go as long as five years. You know, I'd be  
23 more interested in a shorter time. Well, that's all  
24 they offered.

25 The bottom-line issue as I see it is

1 the discussion that we had about not being an  
2 addicted gambler, because I most definitely am not.  
3 And I am under oath saying that. When I brought that  
4 up a second time to the lady, she said you cannot  
5 sign out unless you check the box that you are an  
6 addicted gambler. I said, well, if I have to check  
7 it to be able to sign out, I'm doing it, but I  
8 reiterate I do not have an addiction. So, that, to  
9 me, is the bottom line, the question of addiction,  
10 which does not exist with me.

11 I do have substantial assets, but I  
12 never take anything to the casino that I'm not  
13 prepared and expecting to lose all or most of it  
14 because I have been going to casinos for over 40  
15 years, and probably three times I have walked out a  
16 winner. So, I understand what's going on. I  
17 understand I just like to play the machines and I do  
18 not expect to win. It was just a frustration and a  
19 stupid mistake 38 months ago where I signed out under  
20 the duress of the addiction clause. And I think that  
21 is the key issue in my petition, that there is no  
22 addiction.

23 Furthermore, we have friends that were  
24 coming over every year from Ohio to Pennsylvania to  
25 go to Presque Isle Downs with us because they enjoyed

1 playing the horseraces. So, these friends have not  
2 been back from Ohio ever since I signed out, and that  
3 is one of our very few recreations. We are advanced  
4 years, very sedate in our old age, and we don't get  
5 out to do much except maybe to eat and sit down and  
6 play the horses or sit down and play some of our  
7 favorite machines.

8                   So, in light of the fact that I did -  
9 I do acknowledge that it was a stupid mistake what I  
10 did and not realizing the consequence of checking  
11 that addiction box only after being told I had to do  
12 that or I couldn't sign out, I respectfully request  
13 the opportunity to enjoy some of my gaming  
14 activities in the future.

15                   Thank you very much for permitting me  
16 to participate.

17                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir. Does  
18 anybody have any questions for R.F.M. at this time?  
19 If not, is there a motion here?

20                   MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,  
21 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board adopt the  
22 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding  
23 R.F.M.'s Petition for Removal from the Self-Exclusion  
24 List, as described by the OCC, and that the petition  
25 be denied.

1                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
2 seconds.

3                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?  
4 ALL RESPOND AYE.

5                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed. The motion's  
6 adopted.

7                   ATTORNEY COOK: The next report before  
8 the Board pertains to Tracy VanBrocklin. On August  
9 21st, 2013, Ms. VanBrocklin was placed on the Board's  
10 Involuntary Exclusion List after it was discovered  
11 that she left her seven-year-old son unattended in  
12 her vehicle on the valet ramp at Hollywood Casino for  
13 approximately 20 minutes while she gamed. Ms.  
14 VanBrocklin was criminally charged for her actions  
15 and pled guilty to disorderly conduct.

16                   In January of 2017 Ms. VanBrocklin  
17 filed a petition requesting removal from the Excluded  
18 Persons List. The Board denied her request at that  
19 time, stating that she had not shown extraordinary  
20 facts and circumstances warranting her removal from  
21 the list in less than five years, which is the legal  
22 test to be applied for removal in less than five  
23 years under the Board's regulation.

24                   Thereafter, on October 25th, 2020,  
25 seven years after placement on the list, Ms.

1 VanBrocklin again filed for removal from the  
2 Exclusion List. A hearing in this matter was held  
3 and both OEC and Ms. VanBrocklin appeared at the  
4 hearing. Hearing her testimony, Ms. VanBrocklin  
5 admitted to her actions, stating it was a horrible  
6 lapse in judgment, that since the incident she has  
7 gotten out of and divorced an abusive husband, gotten  
8 out of that relationship, has become a Registered  
9 Nurse and works nightshift so she could be at home  
10 with her son during the day, who I believe is remote  
11 schooling. Ultimately, Ms. VanBrocklin expressed a  
12 desire to clean up her past failures and believes  
13 that she has now shown good cause to be removed from  
14 the Excluded Persons List. This matter is now ripe  
15 for the Board's consideration.

16 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

17 Are there any questions or comments  
18 from the Board on this matter? May I have a motion,  
19 please?

20 MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
21 Regan moves that the Board grant Tracy VanBrocklin's  
22 Petition for Removal from the PGCB's Involuntary  
23 Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

24 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
25 seconds.

1                    CHAIRMAN:    Okay.

2                    All in favor?

3 THE AYES RESPOND.

4                    CHAIRMAN:    All opposed?

5                    MR. LOGAN:    Commissioner Logan votes  
6 no.

7                    MR. MUSTIO:   Commissioner Mustio votes  
8 no.

9                    CHAIRMAN:    Counsel, given a vote of  
10 five to two -.

11                   ATTORNEY COOK:   I would note - yeah, I  
12 would note for the record, Mr. Chairman, that since  
13 the matter failed to get a qualified majority, that  
14 the petition of Ms. VanBrocklin's will be denied and  
15 she will remain on the Excluded Persons -.

16                   CHAIRMAN:    Thank you for clarifying  
17 that.    Let's proceed.

18                   ATTORNEY COOK:   Michelle Shulskie's  
19 Report and Recommendation is next before the Board  
20 and also pertains to her request for removal from the  
21 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.    I believe Ms.  
22 Shulskie was - she indicated she wanted to call in,  
23 but I'm not sure she did.    So, maybe if I could just  
24 pause for a moment to see if she's on the line.  
25 Okay. I believe she didn't actually call in then.

1                   So, I'll give a brief background of  
2 the matter of Ms. Shulskie's case. On April 26th,  
3 2011, the OEC filed a petition to place Ms. Shulskie  
4 on the Exclusion List after she left her 13-year-old  
5 and 22-month-old children unattended in a car at  
6 Mohegan Sun Pocono Casino for approximately 30  
7 minutes while she gamed. The children were  
8 discovered after the 22-month-old child, who was  
9 playing with a phone, accidentally called 911.  
10 Police arrived and asked the 13-year-old to contact  
11 his mother, who then came out of the casino.  
12 Thereafter, on July 20th, 2011, the Board placed Ms.  
13 Shulskie on the Exclusion List by default judgment.

14                   In November of 2020, Ms. Shulskie  
15 filed a request for removal from the list.  
16 Enforcement Counsel objected to the request and a  
17 hearing was held on January - or two hearings were  
18 held, actually, one on January 7th, 2021, and then  
19 that was continued to January 27th, 2021.

20                   Ms. Shulskie appeared and testified on  
21 her own behalf, stating that she made a mistake and  
22 she has not gambled since 2011 - the 2011 incident.  
23 She did, however, testify that in November of 2020,  
24 she entered the Mount Airy Casino and tried to obtain  
25 a Player's Club Card to get food discounts, but at

1 that point was flagged as an excluded person and  
2 cited with trespass. That case remains pending.

3 She basically indicated that she did  
4 not believe she was still on the list at that time or  
5 she wouldn't have entered the Mount Airy Casino.  
6 Ultimately, she - her testimony culminated by stating  
7 that she made a mistake and hopes that this mistake  
8 won't continue to haunt her and that she'll be  
9 allowed to get off the list.

10 Following the hearing, a Report and  
11 Recommendation was issued, with the Hearing Officer  
12 in this matter recommending that Ms. Shulskie be  
13 removed from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List,  
14 given the passage of time. And that matter is now  
15 ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

19 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
20 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board adopt the  
21 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA regarding  
22 Michelle Shulskie's Petition for Removal from the  
23 PGCB's Involuntary Exclusion List, as described by  
24 the OCC, and that Ms. Shulskie be removed from the  
25 list.



1                   MS. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
2 seconds.

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

5                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

6                   MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan votes  
7 no.

8                   MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio votes  
9 no.

10                  CHAIRMAN: Steve?

11                  ATTORNEY COOK: It will be the same  
12 outcome as the prior case. Failure to get a  
13 qualified majority, Ms. Shulskie's petition would  
14 fail and not be granted.

15                  CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Let's proceed.

16                  ATTORNEY COOK: I believe that  
17 culminates the matters of the OCC.

18                  CHAIRMAN: There isn't -

19                  ATTORNEY COOK: Oh, actually there is  
20 one more. I'm sorry.

21                  CHAIRMAN: - one more?

22                  ATTORNEY COOK: I thought that was the  
23 last one, yes.

24                               Sherry Smith is the final Report and  
25 Recommendation before the Board today. By way of

1 background, on June 24th, 2020, the OEC filed a  
2 petition to place Ms. Smith on the Board's  
3 Involuntary Exclusion List after it was discovered  
4 that in February of 2019 Ms. Smith presented two  
5 counterfeit \$100 bills to the main cage at the Rivers  
6 Casino in Pittsburgh. Ms. Smith was arrested, and  
7 upon her arrest and search, three more \$100  
8 counterfeit bills were found in her possession. She  
9 was ultimately charged with forgery and ultimately  
10 pled guilty to disorderly conduct. The Rivers Casino  
11 also issued her a lifetime exclusion.

12 A hearing in OEC's request to place  
13 her on the Exclusion List was held on January 27th,  
14 2021, OEC presenting evidence of this incident. Ms.  
15 Smith did not appear and did not participate in the  
16 hearing. Therefore, based upon the evidence  
17 presented, the Hearing Officer ultimately recommends  
18 that Ms. Smith be placed on the Board's Excluded  
19 Persons List.

20 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments?  
21 Hearing none, may I have a motion?

22 MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
23 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the  
24 Report and Recommendations issued by the OHA  
25 regarding the placement of Sherry Smith on the

1 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Involuntary  
2 Exclusion List, as described by the OCC.

3 MR. KERNODLE: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor.  
5 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

8 ATTORNEY COOK: And that concludes the  
9 matters of the OCC.

10 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much. Next  
11 up is our departing Director of Bureau of Licensing,  
12 Sue Hensel.

13 MS. HENSEL: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN: Good morning.

15 MS. HENSEL: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN: Good morning, Sue. Good  
17 morning, Sue.

18 MS. HENSEL: Good morning. Can you  
19 hear me?

20 CHAIRMAN: Yes.

21 MS. HENSEL: Okay. Great.

22 Well, for the last time thank you,  
23 Chairman Barasch and members of the Board. Before  
24 the Board today will be license consideration of one  
25 Sports Wagering Operator, one Fantasy Contest

1 Operator, one Slot Machine Manufacturer Designee,  
2 four Manufacturers and one Conditional Video Gaming  
3 Terminal Operator. In addition, there will be 769  
4 Principals and Key Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee  
5 Applicants. Finally, for your consideration there  
6 will be 14 Gaming Service Provider Applications.

7           The first matter for your  
8 consideration is a Sports Wagering Operator License  
9 for Betfred Sports Pennsylvania, LLC. Betfred Sports  
10 Pennsylvania, LLC is a Las Vegas-based business that  
11 offers online and retail sports wagering technologies  
12 and services. The BIE has completed its  
13 investigation and the Bureau of Licensing has  
14 provided you with a Background Investigation and  
15 Suitability Report. I have provided you with a draft  
16 Order and ask that the Board consider the order to  
17 approve the Sports Wagering Operator License.

18           ATTORNEY PITRE: Cyrus Pitre on behalf  
19 of the OEC. OEC has no objection.

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

23           MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
24 Kernodle moves that the Board grants the Sports  
25 Wagering Operator License as described by the Bureau

1 of Licensing.

2 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
3 seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
5 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

8 MS. HENSEL: The next matter is a  
9 Fantasy Contest Operator License for Dataforce, LLC,  
10 doing business as Dataforce Fantasy Football.  
11 Dataforce Fantasy Football is an Oregon-based  
12 business that offers Fantasy Football in various  
13 jurisdictions throughout the United States. The BIE  
14 has completed its investigation, and the Bureau of  
15 Licensing has provided you with a Background  
16 Investigation and Suitability Report. I have  
17 provided you with a draft Order and ask that the  
18 Board consider the Order to approve the Fantasy  
19 Contest License for Dataforce, LLC, doing business as  
20 Dataforce Fantasy Football.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

25 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves

1 the Board grant the Fantasy Contest Operator License  
2 as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

3 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
4 seconds.

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

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

9 MS. HENSEL: Also for your  
10 consideration is the approval of a Slot Machine  
11 Manufacturer Designee License for TDN Money Systems.  
12 TDN Money Systems is headquartered in Pennsylvania.  
13 A Manufacturer Designee provides sales and service  
14 support for a licensed manufacturer. The BIE has  
15 completed its investigation of TDN Money Systems, and  
16 the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a  
17 Background Investigation and Suitability Report. I  
18 have provided you with a draft Order and ask that the  
19 Board consider the Order to approve the Slot Machine  
20 Manufacturer Designee License for TDN Money Systems.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

25 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,

1 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board grant the  
2 Slot Machine Manufacturer Designee License as  
3 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

4 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
5 seconds.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
7 ALL RESPOND AYE.

8 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
9 adopted.

10 MS. HENSEL: The next matters for your  
11 consideration are Interactive Gaming Manufacturer  
12 Licenses for Pala Interactive, LLC and SBTech Malta,  
13 Limited, doing business as SBTech.

14 Pala Interactive, LLC is a California-  
15 based company that provides an online platform for  
16 real money gaming. SBTech is a Malta-based company  
17 that provides an interactive platform for sports  
18 wagering and interactive gaming. The BIE has  
19 completed its investigation and the Bureau of  
20 Licensing has provided you with a Background  
21 Investigation and Suitability Report. I've provided  
22 you with draft Orders and ask that the Board consider  
23 the Orders beginning first with Pala Interactive,  
24 LLC.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

4                    MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
5 Regan moves that the Board grant the Interactive  
6 Gaming Manufacturer License as described by the  
7 Bureau of Licensing.

8                    MS. REGAN: Commissioner Smyler  
9 seconds.

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

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

14                   MS. HENSEL: And next is SBTech Malta,  
15 Limited, doing business as SBTech.

16                   ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

17                   CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from  
18 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,  
19 please?

20                   MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
21 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board grant the  
22 Interactive Gaming Manufacture License as described  
23 by the Bureau of Licensing.

24                   MR. DERMODY: Dermody seconds.

25                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?



1 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

4 MS. HENSEL: In addition, there are  
5 approvals for licenses using an abbreviated licensing  
6 process for your consideration. Under the Gaming Act  
7 the Board may use an abbreviated process to consider  
8 the applications of already-licensed manufacturers.  
9 For today's meeting we have two companies eligible  
10 for licensure using an abbreviated process.

11 First is a Slot Machine Manufacturer  
12 License for CountR GMBH. CountR GMBH is currently  
13 licensed in good standing as a Table Game  
14 Manufacturer.

15 The second company is Aristocrat  
16 Technologies, Inc., which is seeking a VGT  
17 Manufacturer License. Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.,  
18 is currently licensed in good standing as a Slot  
19 Machine and Table Game Manufacturer. The Bureau of  
20 Licensing - or the Office - the Bureau of Licensing,  
21 the OEC and the BIE have reviewed the applications  
22 for each of these companies, and I have provided you  
23 with the results of those reviews. I have provided  
24 you with draft Orders and ask that the Board consider  
25 the Orders to approve first the Slot Machine

1 Manufacturer License for CountR GMBH.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

6 MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
7 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the  
8 Slot Machine Manufacturer License as described by the  
9 Bureau of Licensing.

10 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle  
11 seconds.

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

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

16 MS. HENSEL: And next is a VGT  
17 Manufacturer License for Aristocrat Technologies,  
18 Inc.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

23 MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
24 Kernodle moves that the Board grants the Video Game  
25 Terminal Manufacturer License as described by the

1 Bureau of Licensing.

2 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
3 seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
5 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

8 MS. HENSEL: Also for your  
9 consideration is a Conditional VGT Operator License  
10 for Anant Krupa, LLC, doing business as Infinity  
11 Gaming. Anant Krupa, LLC, is a Pennsylvania-based  
12 company. A VGT Terminal Operator owns services or  
13 maintains VGT's replacement and operation on the  
14 premises of a truck stop establishment. A VGT  
15 Terminal Operator is eligible for conditional  
16 licensure if the applicant has not been convicted of  
17 a felony, is current on state taxes, has submitted a  
18 completed application, has not had a similar license  
19 denied or revoked and has not been convicted of a  
20 gambling law violation. The applicant satisfied  
21 these criteria. I have provided you with a draft  
22 Order and ask that you consider Anant Krupta, LLC,  
23 doing business as Infinity Gaming, for a Conditional  
24 VGT Operator License.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

4                    MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
5 the Board grant the Conditional Videogaming Terminal  
6 Operator License, as described by the Bureau of  
7 Licensing.

8                    MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
9 seconds.

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

12                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
13 adopted.

14                   MS. HENSEL: In addition, there are  
15 Principal and Key Employee Licenses for your  
16 consideration. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of  
17 Licensing provided you with a proposed Order for ten  
18 Principals and 12 Key Employees. I ask that the  
19 Board consider the Order approving these licenses.

20                   ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

24                   MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,  
25 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board grant the

1 Principal and Key Employee Licenses as described by  
2 the Bureau of Licensing.

3 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
4 seconds.

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

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

9 MS. HENSEL: There are also Temporary  
10 Licenses. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of  
11 Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the  
12 issuance of Temporary Licenses for five Principals  
13 and 16 Key Employees. I ask that the Board consider  
14 the Order approving these licenses.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

19 MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
20 Regan moves that the Board grant the Temporary  
21 Principal and Key Employee credentials as described  
22 by the Bureau of Licensing.

23 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
24 seconds.

25 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

1 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

4 MS. HENSEL: Next are Gaming Permits  
5 and Non-Gaming Registrations. Prior to this meeting  
6 the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a list of  
7 509 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted  
8 Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 161  
9 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted  
10 Registrations under the authority delegated to the  
11 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a  
12 motion approving the Order.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

17 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
18 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the  
19 applications for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits  
20 and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations, as described  
21 by the Bureau of Licensing.

22 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
23 seconds.

24 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

25 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

3                    MS. HENSEL: There is also a  
4 Recommendation of Denial for four Gaming Employees  
5 and one Non-Gaming Employee as well as one Video  
6 Gaming Terminal establishment. The applicants were  
7 notified that they were being recommended for denial  
8 and failed to request hearings within the specified  
9 timeframes. The Bureau of Licensing has provided you  
10 with Orders addressing each of these applicants, who  
11 the OEC has recommended for denial. I ask that the  
12 Board consider the Orders approving these denials.

13                    ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC continues to  
14 request denial in each instance.

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

18                    MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
19 moves that the Board deny the applications as  
20 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

21                    MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle  
22 seconds.

23                    CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
24 ALL RESPOND AYE.

25                    CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's

1 adopted.

2 MS. HENSEL: In addition, for your  
3 consideration there are withdrawal requests. In each  
4 case the license, permit or registration is no longer  
5 required. For today's meeting I have provided the  
6 Board with 26 Gaming and 10 Non-Gaming Employee  
7 Applicants. I ask that the Board consider the Orders  
8 approving these withdrawals.

9 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

13 MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
14 Kernodle moves that the Board grants the withdrawal  
15 of Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applications, as  
16 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

17 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
18 seconds.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

20 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

23 MS. HENSEL: Next we have an Order to  
24 certify the following Gaming Service Providers:  
25 Overdrive Marketing, Inc.; Solutions II, Inc.; W.E.



1 O'Neil Construction Company; and Wedge Traffic  
2 Limited. I have provided you with draft - a draft  
3 Order and ask that the Board consider the Order to  
4 certify these Gaming Service Provider Applicants.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

8 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
9 the Board approve the Gaming Service Provider  
10 Certifications, as described by the Bureau of  
11 Licensing.

12 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
13 seconds.

14 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
15 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

18 MS. HENSEL: Finally for your  
19 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
20 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
21 with an Order and an attached list of ten registered  
22 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the  
23 Board consider the Order registering these Gaming  
24 Service Providers.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: OEC has no objection.

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

4                    MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,  
5 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the  
6 Gaming Service Provider Registrations as described by  
7 the Bureau of Licensing.

8                    MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
9 seconds.

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

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

14                   MS. HENSEL: Thank you. Although that  
15 concludes my presentation, I would like to just take  
16 a second say a couple of thank yous with your  
17 indulgence, Mr. Chairman.

18                   CHAIRMAN: Please.

19                   MS. HENSEL: Okay.

20                   First, I'd like to very much thank  
21 Kevin and this Board, as well as the Boards that have  
22 come before this Board, for all of the support that  
23 has been shown to both myself and the Bureau of  
24 Licensing over the years. It's been greatly  
25 appreciated.

1 I also would like to very much extend  
2 my thanks to my management team in the Bureau of  
3 Licensing, Sean Hannon, April Fegley, Mark Miller,  
4 Sherry Morgan and, until not too long ago, Patrick  
5 Williams, for the teamwork and the friendship that  
6 they have shown me through the years, as well as the  
7 Licensing Analysts, the Technicians and the  
8 Administrative Support Staff, who have worked  
9 tirelessly to advance the agenda of both the Bureau  
10 of Licensing and the Agency. I leave the Bureau in  
11 very good hands.

12 And I'd finally like to thank my  
13 fellow leaders in the - at the Board, the fellow  
14 Directors, as well as the staff. It's really been an  
15 honor to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth and  
16 to have played a role in building the Commonwealth's  
17 gaming industry. So, thank you very much.

18 CHAIRMAN: You're welcome. But I must  
19 say, Sue, it's been a joy working with you. I can  
20 say that from the five years I've been here. And I  
21 wish you all the best. I don't know if anybody else  
22 has any other comments at this point. Kevin?

23 MR. O'TOOLE: I'm fine. Thank you  
24 very much, Susan. We appreciate your commitment and  
25 the quality of your work over the years. Thank you.

1                   MS. HENSEL: Thank you. Thank you  
2 very much, everyone.

3                   MS. LOGAN: Susan, it's Sean Logan.  
4 Congratulations and best of luck to you.

5                   MS. HENSEL: Thank you.

6                   CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Sean. Anybody  
7 else? Okay.

8                   Before we begin with the Consent  
9 Agreements, Cyrus, I understand we're going to have  
10 multiple people on the line representing different  
11 parties that are somewhat involved in the three  
12 Consent Agreements, people representing Greenwood  
13 Gaming, GAN, Love's Travel Stops and Second State  
14 Gaming.

15                   What I'd like to do is have all the  
16 non-attorney witnesses for any of these parties be  
17 now sworn in, in the event they have something to say  
18 when the matters are called, if they are called upon  
19 to answer by the Board. Can we do that at this time?

20                   Cyrus, would you -?

21                   ATTORNEY PITRE: By the court  
22 reporter?

23                   CHAIRMAN: Yes. Thank you.

24                   COURT REPORTER: Yes. Do you want me  
25 to swear them all in at the same time?

1                    CHAIRMAN:    Yes.

2                    ATTORNEY PITRE:    Let's do multiple -  
3 one swear-in for all of them.

4                    COURT REPORTER:    Okay.

5                    If everyone could just raise your  
6 right hand.

7                    ---

8                    WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

9                    ---

10                   CHAIRMAN:    Okay.

11                   Go ahead, Cyrus.

12                   ATTORNEY PITRE:    Okay.

13                   Today the OEC will present 14 matters  
14 for the Board's consideration in which we will  
15 request the approval of three Consent Agreements, one  
16 Revocation, three Suspensions, and seven Involuntary  
17 Exclusion.

18                   The next matter on the agenda for the  
19 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
20 the OEC and Category 1 Licensee Greenwood Gaming &  
21 Entertainment, Inc., doing business as Parx Casino.  
22 The matter will be presented by Senior Enforcement  
23 Counsel John Crohe. Representatives for Parx are  
24 here. And at this time I would request that those  
25 individuals please introduce themselves for the

1 record.

2 MR. SCHROEDER: Good morning, Chairman  
3 and Commissioners. My name is Brian Schroeder,  
4 S-C-H-R-O-E-D-E-R. I'm the Chief Compliance Officer  
5 at Parx Casino.

6 MR. WORTHINGTON: Good morning. My  
7 name is John Worthington, W-O-R-T-H-I-N-G-T-O-N. I'm  
8 the Senior Director of iGaming and Sports Operations  
9 for Parx Casino.

10 MR. GARCIA: And good morning. My  
11 name is Daniel Garcia, G-A-R-C-I-A. I am the  
12 Director of Compliance at GAN Limited, the technology  
13 provider for Parx Casino.

14 MR. CULLEN: Good morning. My name is  
15 Matthew Cullen. I'm the Senior Vice - C-U-L-L-E-N.  
16 I'm the Senior Vice President of iGaming and Sports  
17 Wagering for Parx Casino. Thank you.

18 ATTORNEY PITRE: Okay, John.

19 ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning,  
20 Chairman, members of the Board. John Crohe,  
21 C-R-O-H-E, for the OEC. The next matter on the  
22 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
23 Agreement reached between Greenwood Gaming &  
24 Entertainment, Inc., doing business as Parx Casino,  
25 hereinafter referred to as Parx, and the OEC

1 regarding unauthorized interactive gaming.

2           At the time of this incident, Parx and  
3 GAN U.K. Limited, a licensed iGaming Manufacturer,  
4 were parties to an agreement under which GAN would  
5 provide an interactive gaming system on behalf of  
6 Parx. On July 12th, 2019, Parx reported that GAN  
7 uploaded and made available to public for game play  
8 two interactive slot games, Starburst and Total  
9 Meltdown, on Parx's interactive gaming website. Both  
10 casino interactive slot games were being tested by a  
11 GAN employee when the GAN employee accidentally  
12 deployed the games, making them available to the  
13 public for game play. At the time of this incident,  
14 Parx's iGaming casino games were not authorized to  
15 operate by the Board. Parx had only received  
16 authorization from the Board to operate online sports  
17 wagering. Furthermore, at the time of the upload  
18 only Starburst had received approval from the Board's  
19 Bureau of Gaming Lab Operations.

20           The two casino interactive slot games  
21 were live for approximately 16 minutes during this  
22 time. During this time, two players wagered on Total  
23 Meltdown. A combined total of 499 wagers were made  
24 on Total Meltdown. One player wagered 466 times, for  
25 a total of \$3,576, and lost \$393.83. The other

1 player wagered 33 times, for a total of \$37.10, and  
2 lost \$28. The players were able to wager on the games  
3 as each player had an account for online sports  
4 wagering with Parx which was properly approved and  
5 operational on Parx's website at the time of this  
6 incident.

7 Parx contacted both players to provide  
8 an explanation of the incident, and on July 12th,  
9 2019, Parx refunded their losses. The OEC and Parx  
10 respectfully requests that the Board approve the  
11 Consent Agreement and stipulations of settlement that  
12 Parx pay a civil penalty of \$5,000 as well as the  
13 \$2,500 administration fee for costs incurred by the  
14 Board's staff in connections with investigations into  
15 this matter.

16 CHAIRMAN: Thanks. Greenwood, do you  
17 - whoever's representing Greenwood, do you have any  
18 comments at this time?

19 MR. WORTHINGTON: Mr. Chairman and  
20 Commissioners, Parx does not dispute the facts of the  
21 OEC and would like to reiterate this was an accident  
22 by our platform provider in watching the games for 16  
23 minutes. There was nothing intentionally done. We  
24 refunded the losses of the players, self-reported it  
25 to the Gaming Control Board, and then finally we put



1 in remedial procedures to ensure that no unauthorized  
2 games were launched again similar to this incident.  
3 So, I'd be glad to answer any questions that you  
4 have.

5 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Anybody have  
6 any questions for Mr. - that's Mr. Worthington.

7 Is that right?

8 MR. WORTHINGTON: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

10 Does any Board member have any  
11 questions for Mr. Worthington at this point or  
12 anybody else? Is there any other comment to be taken  
13 at this point or is that it for the Greenwood matter,  
14 Cyrus?

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: That appears to be  
16 it, unless Mr. Schroeder would like to add anything  
17 else?

18 ATTORNEY SCHROEDER: Nothing else,  
19 Cyrus. Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: That concludes it.

21 CHAIRMAN: Okay.

22 Thank you, because it's hard for me to  
23 see on the screen.

24 All right. Any - are there questions  
25 or comments from the Board on this matter? Hearing

1 none, may I have a motion, please?

2 MS. REGAN: Chairman, Commissioner  
3 Regan moves that the Board approve the Consent  
4 Agreement between the OEC and Greenwood Gaming  
5 Entertainment, as described by the OEC.

6 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIRMAN: Than you. All in favor?  
9 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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 a Consent  
14 Agreement between the OEC and VGT Truck Stop  
15 Establishment Licensee Love's Travel Stops & Country  
16 Stores, Inc., doing business as Love's Travel Stop  
17 #324. The matter will be presented by Senior  
18 Enforcement Counsel David Tepper. Representatives  
19 for Love's are present. At this time I would request  
20 that those individuals please introduce themselves  
21 for the record.

22 ATTORNEY LONG: My name's Hugh Long,  
23 H-U-G-H, L-O-N-G. I am Senior Counsel here at  
24 Love's, in-house counsel.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: Okay.

1                   Mr. Long, is there anybody else with  
2 you?

3                   MR. MINKEVICH: Thank you. My name is  
4 Ted Minkevich, M-I-N-K-E-V-I-C-H, and I'm the  
5 Operations Manager for Love's Travel Stops.

6                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Okay.

7                   Thank you both. David?

8                   ATTORNEY TEPPER: Good morning,  
9 Chairman Barasch, members of the Board. David  
10 Tepper, T-E-P-P-E-R, for the OEC. The proposed  
11 Consent Agreement is between the OEC and VGT  
12 establishment Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores,  
13 Inc., doing business as Love's Travel Stop #324,  
14 which is located in Mifflinville, Pennsylvania.

15                   On or about August 21st, 2020, an  
16 individual identified as Jeffrey Murphy was a patron  
17 at the Love's location. Between 12:27 a.m. and 3:54  
18 a.m. Jeffrey Murphy spent approximately three hours  
19 and 19 minutes in the video gaming area. During this  
20 time Jeffrey Murphy forcibly entered a video gaming  
21 terminal, was able to steal a cash box and its  
22 contents of \$3,202.81 in cash or cash equivalence.  
23 During that time, Jeffrey Murphy was present at  
24 Love's Travel Stop #324 the licensed VGT truck stop  
25 establishment and two Board Permanent Employees on

1 duty, one of whom was stationed in an area where the  
2 surveillance monitoring equipment for the video  
3 gaming area is located.

4                   Between 12:27 a.m. and five o'clock  
5 a.m., the employee viewed the surveillance monitoring  
6 equipment one time. The employee stationed at the  
7 surveillance monitoring area had other job duties,  
8 including cleaning, restocking and food and coffee  
9 preparation, which involved leaving the surveillance  
10 monitoring area, as well as other job duties while  
11 stationed in the surveillance monitoring area.

12                   The other Board Permanent Employee was  
13 working at the in-store food location and did not  
14 monitor the video gaming area. At no time did either  
15 employee enter the video gaming area while Jeffrey  
16 Murphy was present. No employees were disciplined by  
17 Love's. However, a bell was added to notify  
18 employees when a patron enters the video gaming area.

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20                   At this time, the OEC requests that  
21 the Board approve this Consent Agreement between the  
22 parties. The terms of the settlement include that  
23 within five days of the Board's Order approving this  
24 Consent Agreement Love's shall pay a civil penalty of  
25 \$5,000 for the alleged violations described. Also,

1 within five days of the Board's Order approving this  
2 Consent Agreement Love's shall pay the Board \$2,500  
3 for the costs incurred by OEC, BIE and other related  
4 Board staff in connection with this matter. Further,  
5 Love shall reinforce its policies and controls and  
6 provide training and guidance to its employees which  
7 will minimize the opportunity for the occurrence of  
8 similar incidents in the future. If you have any  
9 questions, we would be happy to address them at this  
10 time.

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

14 MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
15 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
16 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Love's Travel  
17 Stops & Country Stores, as described by the OEC.

18 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
21 ALL RESPOND AYE.

22 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's  
23 adopted.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you.  
25 Mr. Long, Mr. Minkevich, do you have

1 anything you wanted to add.

2 MR. LONG: Not at this time. Thank  
3 you for your consideration.

4 MR. MINKEVICH: No, sir.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you.

6 The next matter -.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Cyrus.

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: Oh, no problem.

9 The next matter on the agenda for the  
10 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between  
11 the OEC and Video Gaming Terminal Operator Second  
12 State Gaming, LLC. The matter will be presented by  
13 Senior Enforcement Counsel David Tepper.

14 Representatives for Second State Gaming are present.

15 And at this time I would request that those  
16 individuals please introduce themselves for the  
17 record.

18 MS. CARUSO: Good morning. This is  
19 Jennifer Caruso, C-A-R-U-S-O, Vice President of  
20 Operations for Second State Gaming.

21 CHAIRMAN: Are you the only person for  
22 Second State -?

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: Erin, you're on mute.  
24 You're on mute, Erin.

25 ATTORNEY CORDIER: Thank you. Erin

1 Cordier of Taft Law, a representative of Second State  
2 Gaming as outside counsel is also present.

3 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Okay, David.

5 ATTORNEY TEPPER: This proposed  
6 Consent Agreement is between the OEC and VGT and  
7 Terminal Operator Second State Gaming involving the  
8 failure to secure assets and monitor video  
9 surveillance.

10 On or about August 21st, 2020, an  
11 individual identified as Jeffrey Murphy was a patron  
12 at Video Gaming Terminal Establishment Licensee  
13 Love's Travel Stop #324 in Mifflinville,  
14 Pennsylvania. Second State is the Terminal Operator  
15 for Love's Travel Stop #324.

16 Between 12:27 a.m. and 3:54 a.m.  
17 Jeffrey Murphy spent approximately three hours and 19  
18 minutes in the video gaming area. During this time  
19 Jeffrey Murphy forcibly entered a video gaming  
20 terminal and was able to steal a cash box and its  
21 contents of \$3,202.81 in cash or cash equivalence.

22 Second State's Gaming's internal  
23 controls provided it would hire employees to monitor  
24 the video gaming surveillance at their establishments  
25 and provide dispatch services for all service calls

1 and incidents and that these employees would be  
2 available 24/7 for monitoring and service dispatch  
3 purposes. During the overnight hours of August 21st,  
4 2020, Second State did not have an employee  
5 monitoring the video surveillance. At that time  
6 Love's Travel Stop #324 was the only establishment  
7 operational during the overnight hours. Second State  
8 Gaming is now actively monitoring video surveillance  
9 24 hours a day.

10                   At this time, the OEC requests that  
11 the Board approve this Consent Agreement between the  
12 parties. The terms of the settlement include that  
13 within five days of the Board's Order approving the  
14 Consent Agreement Second State Gaming shall pay a  
15 civil penalty of \$7,500 for the alleged violations  
16 described. Also, within five days of the Board's  
17 Order approving this Consent Agreement Second State  
18 Gaming shall pay the Board \$2,500 for costs incurred  
19 by OEC, BIE and other related Board staff in  
20 connection with this matter. Further, Second State  
21 Gaming shall reinforce its policies and controls and  
22 provide training and guidance to its employees which  
23 will minimize the opportunity for occurrence of  
24 similar incidents in the future.

25                   If you have any questions, we would be



1 happy to address them at this time.

2 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. I guess at this  
3 point I would just ask if Second State Gaming has  
4 anything, either representative, that they'd like to  
5 add? There's no requirement.

6 MS. CARUSO: Nothing at this time, no.  
7 We immediately implemented the 24/7 monitoring of the  
8 game rooms, including game rooms that are closed  
9 during the overnight hours. And this - this was an  
10 unfortunate situation that we deeply regret and do  
11 not want to ever happen again.

12 CHAIRMAN: I'm with you. I hope so.  
13 Okay. Are there any questions or  
14 comments from the Board on this matter or any  
15 questions from the Board for either Counsel or for  
16 the representatives of Second Street (sic) Gaming?

17 ATTORNEY LANGAN: Do we -?

18 CHAIRMAN: Did I hear somebody speak?

19 ATTORNEY LANGAN: It's Jennifer from  
20 Treasury. Do we know if this man was prosecuted for  
21 this?

22 MS. CARUSO: He was prosecuted. We  
23 did testify at his hearing. I believe that he is in  
24 jail right now.

25 ATTORNEY LANGAN: Thank you.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Any other questions?

2 Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

3                    MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,

4 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the  
5 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Second State  
6 Gaming, LLC, as described by the OEC.

7                    MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
8 seconds.

9                    CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

10 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

13                    ATTORNEY PITRE: The next four matters  
14 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
15 the OEC filed Complaints, seeking the revocation or  
16 suspension of Gaming Employee Occupation Permits or  
17 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations issued by the  
18 Board. The Complaints have been filed with the  
19 Board's OHA and properly serviced upon the individual  
20 named in each Complaint. The individual named in  
21 each Complaint failed to respond within 30 days, as  
22 required by Board regulation. As a result, the OEC  
23 filed a request for default judgment in each  
24 instance, and properly served the same upon each  
25 named respondent. Therefore, the facts in each

1 Complaint are deemed admitted. All filed documents  
2 have been provided to the Board, and the matters are  
3 presently ripe for the Board's consideration.

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

8 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning,  
9 Chairman Barasch, members of the Board. Dustin  
10 Miller on behalf of the OEC. The next matter on the  
11 agenda is a request to suspend the Non-Gaming  
12 Employee Registration issued to Travis Crawford. Mr.  
13 Crawford was previously employed as an EBS Attendant  
14 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino.

15 The BIE was notified that Mr. Crawford  
16 was arrested and criminally charged by the City of  
17 Washington Police Department. Mr. Crawford was  
18 criminally charged with aggravated assault and simple  
19 assault. These charges remain pending. Mr. Crawford  
20 is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming  
21 industry.

22 At this time the OEC requests that the  
23 Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Travis  
24 Crawford be suspended.

25 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or

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

3 MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
4 Kernodle moves that the Board approves the suspension  
5 of Travis Crawford's Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
6 for the conduct described by the OEC.

7 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
8 seconds.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
10 ALL RESPOND AYE.

11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion is  
12 adopted.

13 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter is a  
14 request to suspend the Non-Gaming Employee  
15 Registration issued to Jamie Lieberman. Ms.  
16 Lieberman is a former Cleaning 1 Specialist at Wind  
17 Creek Bethlehem Casino. The BIE was notified that  
18 Ms. Lieberman was arrested and criminally charged by  
19 the Pennsylvania State Police. The police conducted  
20 a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by Ms.  
21 Lieberman, which ultimately resulted in her being  
22 charged with DUI. During the traffic stop it was  
23 also discovered that Ms. Lieberman was in possession  
24 of a 9-millimeter handgun and that her Concealed  
25 Carry Permit had been revoked. Ms. Lieberman was

1 criminally charged with firearms not to be carried  
2 without a license, a third-degree felony, DUI, DUI  
3 high weight of alcohol, resisting arrest, and  
4 disregarding traffic lanes. The charges remain  
5 pending.

6 Ms. Lieberman resigned from her  
7 position at Wind Creek Bethlehem and is not currently  
8 employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this  
9 time the OEC requests that the Non-Gaming Employee  
10 Registration issued to Jamie Lieberman be suspended.

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

14 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
15 that the Board approve the suspension of Jamie  
16 Lieberman's Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the  
17 conduct described by the OEC.

18 MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
21 ALL RESPOND AYE.

22 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's  
23 adopted.

24 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on  
25 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the

1 suspension of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
2 issued to Tyree Lucas. Mr. Lucas was previously  
3 employed as a Security Officer at Valley Forge Casino  
4 Resort. The BIE was notified that Mr. Lucas was  
5 arrested by the Philadelphia Police Department and  
6 charged with felony criminal mischief, possession of  
7 an instrument of crime and terroristic threats, among  
8 other charges. These charges are currently pending.  
9 Mr. Lucas is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's  
10 gaming industry.

11 At this time, the OEC requests -.

12 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from  
13 the Board?

14 MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,  
15 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the  
16 suspension of Tyree Lucas's Gaming Employee  
17 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the  
18 OEC.

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
20 seconds.

21 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
22 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

25 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on

1 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
2 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
3 issued to Teresa Simpkins. Ms. Simpkins was  
4 previously employed as a Cage Cashier at Harrah's  
5 Philadelphia Casino & Racetrack. Ms. Simpkins, in  
6 the course of her employment, was observed hiding tip  
7 money under paperwork in her cash drawer during her  
8 shift. An investigation revealed that Ms. Simpkins  
9 had been stealing tip money over a six-day period by  
10 not pooling it with her fellow employees. The amount  
11 of money taken was \$679. Ms. Simpkins was terminated  
12 for her actions and is not currently employed at any  
13 Pennsylvania licensed facility. Ms. Simpkins has not  
14 been criminally charged. However, the Pennsylvania  
15 State Police advise that the matter is under  
16 investigation.

17 At this time the OEC requests that the  
18 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit issued to Teresa  
19 Simpkins be revoked.

20 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or  
21 comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have a  
22 motion, please?

23 MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
24 Regan moves that the Board approve the revocation of  
25 Teresa Simpkins's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit

1 for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
3 seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
5 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

8 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters  
9 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
10 the OEC filed petitions seeking the involuntary  
11 exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed  
12 facility are inimical to the interests of the  
13 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein. In each  
14 instance the Petition for Exclusion has been filed  
15 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the  
16 individual named in the petition.

17 The individual named in each petition  
18 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by  
19 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a  
20 request for default judgment in each instance and  
21 properly served the same upon each individual.  
22 Therefore, all facts in each petition are deemed  
23 admitted. All file documents have been provided to  
24 the Board, and the matters are presently ripe for the  
25 Board's consideration. In each instance, if the



1 Board orders the proposed exclusion, each  
2 individual's photo, personal identifiers and a  
3 summary of the inimical conduct will be placed on the  
4 Board's public website. Once again, Deputy Chief  
5 Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller will provide a  
6 brief summary of the facts and make a request for the  
7 appropriate Board action.

8                   ATTORNEY MILLER: Dustin Miller once  
9 again on behalf of the OEC. The next matter on the  
10 agenda for the Board's consideration is a request to  
11 place Kweilin Beckner on the Board's Involuntary  
12 Exclusion List. Ms. Beckner stole a jacket  
13 containing a wallet, identification, credit cards and  
14 a medical marijuana card belonging to another patron  
15 at the Meadows Racetrack & Casino. Ms. Beckner was  
16 charged with theft and conspiracy related to the  
17 incident and pled guilty to the charges. At this  
18 time, the OEC requests that the Board place Kweilin  
19 Beckner on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

23                   MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
24 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the  
25 addition of Kweilin Beckner to the PGCB Involuntary

1 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
3 seconds.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
5 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

8 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on  
9 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
10 petition to place Autumn Brown on the Board's  
11 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Brown attempted to  
12 obtain a cash advance of \$3,500 using a non-  
13 legitimate Pennsylvania driver's license at Rivers  
14 Casino, Philadelphia. Mr. Brown was charged with  
15 forgery and possession of an instrument of crime by  
16 onsite Pennsylvania State Police. The charges remain  
17 pending against Mr. Brown, although he is currently a  
18 fugitive from justice. Mr. Brown was permanently  
19 evicted from Rivers Casino Philadelphia for his  
20 actions.

21 At this time the OEC requests that the  
22 Board place Autumn Brown on the Involuntary Exclusion  
23 List.

24 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or  
25 comments from the Board at this time? Hearing none,

1 is there a motion?

2 MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
3 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the  
4 addition of Autumn Brown to the Pennsylvania Gaming  
5 Control Board Involuntary Exclusion List for the  
6 conduct described by the OEC.

7 MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle,  
8 second.

9 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
10 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

13 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next two matters  
14 on the Board's agenda share the same fact pattern.  
15 Therefore, with the Board's permission, I will read  
16 one set of facts, then request that each individual  
17 involved be placed on the Board's Involuntary  
18 Exclusion List.

19 Samara Davis and Jasmine Little  
20 conspired to and did steal a voucher in the amount of  
21 \$500 from a patron at Mount Airy Casino Resort,  
22 whereby Samara Davis distracted the victim, who was  
23 gaming at a slot machine, cashed out his credits,  
24 then Jasmine Little, who was seated on the other side  
25 of the victim, took the voucher and cashed it out at

1 the cage. Ms. Little was charged with theft and  
2 receiving stolen property for her actions.

3 At this time the OEC requests that the  
4 Board place Samara Davis on the Involuntary Exclusion  
5 List.

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

9 MR. KERNODLE: Yes. Commissioner  
10 Kernodle moves that the Board approves the addition  
11 of Samara Davis to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion  
12 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

13 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan  
14 seconds.

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

17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion is  
18 adopted.

19 ATTORNEY MILLER: And now, at this  
20 time, the OEC requests that the Board place Jasmine  
21 Little on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
23 the Board approve the addition of Jasmine Little to  
24 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct  
25 described by the OEC.

1                    CHAIRMAN: One second, please. I just  
2 want to make sure. Are there any questions or  
3 comments from the Board before we proceed to the  
4 motion? Hearing none, if you'd repeat that, please,  
5 Sean.

6                    MR. LOGAN: Commissioner Logan moves  
7 the Board approve the addition of Jasmine Little to  
8 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct  
9 described by the OEC.

10                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Is there a  
11 second?

12                   MR. MUSTIO: Commissioner Mustio  
13 seconds.

14                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?  
15 ALL RESPOND AYE.

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

18                   ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter on  
19 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request  
20 to place Jameila Mack on the Board's Involuntary  
21 Exclusion List. Ms. Mack left her two children, ages  
22 12 and 5, unattended in her vehicle for approximately  
23 two hours while she gamed at Harrah's Philadelphia  
24 Casino & Racetrack. Ms. Mack was permanently evicted  
25 from Harrah's Philadelphia for her actions.

1                   At this time the OEC requests that the  
2 Board place Jameila Mack on the Involuntary Exclusion  
3 list.

4                   CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or  
5 comments from the Board? Hearing none, may I have -?

6                   MR. LOGAN: I do.

7                   CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry?

8                   MR. LOGAN: This is Sean. I do.

9                   CHAIRMAN: Go ahead.

10                  MR. LOGAN: Dustin, the time was 3:00  
11 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.?

12                  ATTORNEY MILLER: 3:00 a.m. to 5:00  
13 a.m., two hours.

14                  MR. LOGAN: Where was the car?

15                  ATTORNEY MILLER: It was in the  
16 parking garage.

17                  MR. LOGAN: Okay.

18                               Who saw - who reported it?

19                  ATTORNEY MILLER: A patron, another  
20 patron.

21                  MR. LOGAN: Another patron, which  
22 happens all the time. What are we doing to Harrah's?

23                  ATTORNEY MILLER: Well, we checked to  
24 see what their reaction time was after the  
25 notification was made by the patron.

1                   MR. LOGAN: Forget the reaction time.  
2 What happened the two hours? You have a 12-year-old  
3 and a 5-year-old in a car at 3:00 a.m. -.

4                   ATTORNEY PITRE: During that time, the  
5 -.

6                   MR. LOGAN: Hold on, Cyrus. Hold on,  
7 Cyrus. If you're not working somewhere, if you're up  
8 between 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., you're not up to  
9 much good. Now, I know I'm going to get in trouble  
10 for saying that, but that's just the truth. You have  
11 a 12-year-old and a 5-year-old in a car for two  
12 hours. How does that happen and how does it continue  
13 to happen? I've been saying - I don't know what more  
14 I can say in the four-plus years to get somebody's  
15 attention, somebody at the Gaming Board or somebody  
16 at the casino. I made a point, you know, an hour ago  
17 by voting no on allowing some folks off the list for  
18 just this nonsense. I mean, 2 hours - a 12-year-old  
19 and a 5-year-old left in a - at 3:00 a.m. Is  
20 anything going to happen to Harrah's?

21                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Yes. At this time -  
22 during that time period Harrah's was conducting the  
23 drop, so the security that was - that was assigned to  
24 the parking garage at that time period, because it's  
25 a low operational time for them, was assigned to

1 conduct the drop inside the casino. At this time we  
2 are requesting that Harrah's maintain 24 -.

3 MR. LOGAN: Cyrus, I'm sorry, I don't  
4 understand what that means.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Okay.

6 So a drop is when all the tables and  
7 the slot machines are - the money and the vouchers  
8 are pulled from them. Security has to provide an  
9 escort to those individuals to ensure that the drop  
10 is protected. They escort to drop the funds that are  
11 pulled from the tables and the slot machines to the  
12 soft count room, so it takes a number - a few hours  
13 for that to occur. So, the security that's assigned  
14 to the parking garage was then assigned to help with  
15 the drop and maintain security within the casino  
16 while those funds were moving around the gaming floor  
17 in the casino.

18 We are requesting that Harrah's add  
19 additional security during that time to continue to  
20 rove and monitor the parking garage. So, we are in  
21 the process of doing that right now. Commissioner  
22 Kernodle, your mic is on.

23 MR. KERNODLE: Oh, sorry.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: So we're trying to -  
25 we're working with Harrah's right now to ensure that



1 they have additional security to cover the parking  
2 garage during those time periods.

3           With regard to your other questions,  
4 we are in the process of conducting assessments at  
5 all the casinos, especially those that have had that  
6 problem with children left in cars or with robberies  
7 occurring in the parking lot and parking garages, to  
8 ensure there's adequate security within those parking  
9 garages and parking lots 24/7, around the clock, and  
10 also to ensure there's enough surveillance in those  
11 areas to ensure that we have sufficient coverage.  
12 It's going to take some time to get all of that done  
13 and have them improve their internal controls, but we  
14 are in the process of working on those.

15           Pursuant to the information that you  
16 requested at the February Board meeting, we hope to  
17 have answers to that very soon. We are in  
18 negotiations right now with Rivers Philadelphia, and  
19 that matter will be presented to the Board at a  
20 public meeting in the very near future.

21           MR. LOGAN: And I appreciate that.  
22 Thank you. And I understand there was another  
23 individual with Jameila Mack that you're having  
24 trouble finding?

25           ATTORNEY PITRE: That's correct. We

1 cannot locate that individual, and we have not been  
2 able to serve that individual at this time. However,  
3 in those situations where we can't serve an  
4 individual or we don't know where the individual is  
5 located because for whatever reason they may have  
6 moved or given the authorities the wrong address, we  
7 do provide Casino Compliance, who are stationed  
8 inside the casino, with the petition. And so if that  
9 individual happens to show up or appear at any of the  
10 casinos, that they'll have the petition there that  
11 they can serve on him if that individual is detained  
12 at any of the casinos in the future.

13 MR. LOGAN: Are we working with any  
14 State Police or any other law enforcement agencies to  
15 try to find the individual?

16 ATTORNEY PITRE: We do have access to  
17 the individual - to certain databases that would have  
18 the updated address. He has not popped up yet on any  
19 of those databases.

20 MR. LOGAN: So, you know the person's  
21 name. You just can't locate the person?

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: That's correct.

23 MR. LOGAN: And put the person's  
24 picture on the front page of our website?

25 All right. Thank you.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Are there any other  
2 questions or comments from the Board on this matter?  
3 Hearing none, can I have a motion, please?

4                    MR. MUSTIO: Mr. Chairman,  
5 Commissioner Mustio moves that the Board approve the  
6 addition of Jameila Mack to the PGCB Involuntary  
7 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

8                    MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan  
9 seconds.

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

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

14                   ATTORNEY MILLER: Next on the agenda  
15 is a request to place Ashley Mejia, also known as  
16 Ashley Brosius, on the Involuntary Exclusion List.  
17 While employed as VIP coordinator at Mount Airy  
18 Casino Resort, Ms. Mejia engaged in a scheme to  
19 provide free play to another individual, which that  
20 individual was not entitled to receive. In exchange  
21 for this free play, Ms. Mejia received cash payments.  
22 Ms. Mejia was charged by the United States Attorney's  
23 Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. And  
24 in 2019, her guilty plea to one count of conspiracy  
25 to commit money laundering was accepted by the

1 Federal District Court.

2 At this time the OEC requests that the  
3 Board place Ashley Mejia, also known as Ashley  
4 Brosius, on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

8 MS. REGAN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner  
9 Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of  
10 Ashley Mejia, a/k/a Ashley Brosius, to the PGCB  
11 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described  
12 by the OEC.

13 MS. SMYLER: Commissioner Smyler  
14 seconds.

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

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

19 ATTORNEY MILLER: The final matter on  
20 the agenda today for the Board's consideration is a  
21 request to place Harry Stetson on the Board's  
22 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Stetson was involved  
23 in an illegal sports wagering operation in Allegheny  
24 and Westmoreland County. As a result, Mr. Stetson  
25 was criminally charged by the Office of the Attorney

1 General for his role in the operation. Mr. Stetson  
2 pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy, a first-  
3 degree misdemeanor, and one count of engaging in pool  
4 selling or bookmaking, also a first-degree  
5 misdemeanor. Mr. Stetson had a history of gaming at  
6 both the Meadows Racetrack & Casino and Rivers Casino  
7 Pittsburgh.

8 At this time the OEC requests that the  
9 Board place Harry Stetson on the Involuntary  
10 Exclusion List.

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

14 MS. SMYLER: Mr. Chairman,  
15 Commissioner Smyler moves that the Board approve the  
16 admission of Harry Stetson to the PGCB Involuntary  
17 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

18 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody  
19 seconds.

20 CHAIRMAN: Thanks. All in favor?  
21 ALL RESPOND AYE.

22 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's  
23 adopted.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: That concludes our  
25 business. Thank you.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Cyrus.  
2                    Okay. That concludes, as best I can  
3 tell, the business for today's Board meeting. The  
4 next public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May  
5 19th, at 10:00 a.m. Given the continued  
6 uncertainties involving COVID, I advise everyone  
7 who's interested to monitor the Board's website for  
8 the latest information as to how that meeting will be  
9 conducted. Presumably, one of these days we all will  
10 be back in the same room, face to face, which would  
11 make life a lot easier, I think.

12                    May I have a motion to adjourn this  
13 meeting?

14                    MR. DERMODY: Mr. Chairman,  
15 Commissioner Dermody moves we adjourn this meeting.

16                    MR. KERNODLE: Commissioner Kernodle  
17 seconds.

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

20                    CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The meeting  
21 is adjourned. I'd thank everyone for their patience  
22 and cooperation during this difficult time. Goodbye.

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24                    MEETING CONCLUDED AT 11:49 A.M.


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I hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was reported by me on 4/21/2021 and that I, Rylee Adams, read this transcript and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding. This notarial act involved the use of communication technology.

Dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021

  
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Rylee Adams,  
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Court Reporter

