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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

STRAWBERRY SQUARE COMPLEX, 2ND FLOOR, HARRISBURG

Commissioners

RICHARD G. JEWELL

SEAN LOGAN

KATHY M. MANDERINO

MERRITT C. REITZEL

WILLIAM H. RYAN, JR.

DANTE SANTONI, JR.

Ex-Officio Members

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A meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was held at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Office of Hearings and Appeals, Strawberry Square Complex, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA.

Members in attendance were:

David M. Barasch, Chairman

Richard G. Jewell

Sean Logan

Kathy Manderino

Merritt Reitzel

William H. Ryan, Jr.

Dante Santoni, Jr. *(via teleconference for part of the meeting)*

Ex-Officio members in attendance were:

Jorge Augusto, Ex-Officio Designee, Department of Agriculture

Robert Coyne, Ex-Officio Designee, Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Ex-Officio Designee, Pennsylvania Treasury

PA Gaming Control Board Executive Staff who appeared before the Board:

Kevin O'Toole

David Rhen – Quarterly Report and Budget

R. Douglas Sherman – Chief Counsel

Denise Miller-Tshudy – Local Law Enforcement Grant

Stephen Cook – Withdrawals, Report and Recommendation

Sean Hannon – Licensing Matters

Cyrus Pitre – Enforcement Actions

Assistant Enforcement Counsel:

John Crohe, Tamara Haken, Sarah Kolesar, James Armstrong, Dustin Miller, Benjamin Ferrell, John

Pokiniewski and Michael Roland

Also present were:

Mark Stewart, Esquire, representing Mohegan Sun Pocono

Michael Epps, President of Legal and Compliance, Mohegan Sun Pocono

John Donnelly, Esquire, representing Rivers Casino

Danielle Cisneros, Senior Counsel, Rivers Casino

Lorraine Davis, Director of Compliance, Rivers Casino

Anthony Dilacqua, SugarHouse Casino

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Barasch announced that the Board held an executive session on October 3rd to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to personnel and other matters being considered by the Board on October 4th.

MINUTES / TRANSCRIPTS

On a motion by Board Member Ryan, seconded by Board Member Logan, the minutes and transcript of the August 9, 2017 meeting was unanimously approved.

Following the approval of the minutes and transcript, Commissioner Jewell remarked that he had not had the opportunity to comment on Commissioner Ryan's upcoming departure from the Board. He was reminiscent of Commissioner Ryan's public service and his previous employment with the Attorney General's Office. Commissioner Jewell remarked that it was his pleasure to serve with Commissioner Ryan and congratulated him. Commissioner Ryan thanked Commissioner Jewell for his kind words.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director announced that the PGCB has released its 12th Annual Report. Mr. O'Toole stated that there were graphs of the accomplishments that can be put in to statistical format. The Annual Report also includes a statement of revenue and expenditures prepared by the Bureau of Financial Management. He stated that the Annual Report contains detailed information about all 12 of the operating casinos in Pennsylvania, which includes information regarding the revenue in the past fiscal year, and the taxes that those casinos have paid to the Commonwealth during the past fiscal year. Mr. O'Toole also commented on the Speakers Bureau and how it is helpful to exchange ideas and perspectives with residents of the Commonwealth, and with community and business groups to give them a better perspective on the casino industry in Pennsylvania and the regulators' oversight of that industry. Lastly, he announced that the Diversity Report will be released within the week.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

David Rhen, Director of Financial Management, provided an overview of expenditures for the first quarter of the fiscal year.

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-362 OFM

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

The Board hereby approved the Proposed FY 2018-19 Budget Request. The proposed request is for \$42,015,000 for administration and \$2 million for mandated Local Law Enforcement Grants.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-363 OCC

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

The Board hereby approved the Local Law Enforcement Grant Application for the Chester County District Attorney's Office. The submitted application requested a two-year grant for a total of \$442,089. Disbursement of the Grants would be year one in the amount of \$230,145, and in year two the amount disbursed would be \$211,944.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-364 OCC

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

The Board hereby granted Caree Dodson's Petition for removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List effective 15 days from the date of the Board's Order.

Docket Number: 4589-2016

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-365 OCC

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

The Board hereby granted Vincent Procopio's Petition for removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List effective 15 days from the date of the Board's Order.

Docket Number: 2342-2011

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-366 OCC

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

The Board approved the following withdrawals/surrenders:

- Rosemary Williams – Surrender Principal License App.; No. 5453-2017
- Thomas Tryger – Surrender Principal License App.; No. 5465-2017
- Elite Casino Marketing Group, Inc. – Withdraw GSP App.; No. 5346-2017
- James Daryl Owen – Surrender Principal License; No. 5419-2017
- Jakob Rothwangl – Withdraw Principal License App.; No. 5422-2017
- Karin-Joyce Tjon – Withdraw Principal License App.; No. 5441-2017

- Jacqueline Beato – Surrender Principal License; No. 5442-2017
- Richard A. Ditton 2014 Special Trust – Withdraw Principal License App.; No. 5445-2017
- Jess M. Ravich – Withdraw Principal License App.; No. 5457-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-367 OCC

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

The Board adopted the Report and Recommendation of the Office of Hearings and Appeals and orders that the suspension of Samantha Kline’s Gaming Employee Occupation Permit shall remain in effect until further action by the Board. The Board also recognizes that the exhibits contain confidential information and ordered that they be redacted.

Docket Number: 5379-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

BUREAU OF LICENSING

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-368 BOL

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

The Board approved the Slot Machine Supplier License of American Gaming and Electronics, Inc.

The following principals submitted applications, in conjunction with American Gaming and Electronics, Inc.’s application along with required application fees:

- AG & E Holdings, Inc., 100% owner of American Gaming – Docket #98873-1
- Anthony R. Tomasello, President of American Gaming and AG & E Holdings, Inc.; Chief Executive Officer and 31.29% Owner of AG & E Holdings, Inc. – Docket #2128-7
- Renee Marie Zimmerman, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of AG & E Holdings Inc. and Chief Financial Officer and Chief Information Officer of American Gaming – Docket #98967-1
- Michael Lee Shor, Board Member and Audit Committee Member of AG & E Holdings, Inc.- Docket #98879-1
- Robert Mark Pickus, Board Member and Audit Committee Member of AG & E Holdings, Inc.- Docket #1770-3

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-369 BOL

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

The Board approved the Gaming Junket Enterprise Renewal License for Benz Gaming, LLC. The individual listed below submitted an application for qualification and will act as a gaming junket representative in conjunction with the gaming junket enterprise applicant’s application:

- Robert Benz, President and 100% Owner – Docket #67003-3

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-370 BOL

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

The Board approved the Gaming Related Gaming Service Provider Certification for Double Back Jack, LLC. The following individual submitted an application for qualification in conjunction with Double Back Jack, LLC d/b/a Second Chance Blackjack’s application:

- James Louis Cook, III, Chief Executive Officer and 100% owner – Docket #91129-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-371 BOL

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

The Board approved the following Principal Employee License:

Chester Downs and Marina, LLC

Principal Employee

Initial Licensure

- John Daniel Dionne, Director of Caesars Entertainment Corporation, which is the indirect parent company of Chester Downs and Marina, LLC. – Docket #100490-1

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-372 BOL

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

The Board approved the issuance of one (1) Temporary Principal and six (6) Temporary Key Employee Credentials.

Information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Order.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-373 BOL

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

The Board approved the issuance of 352 (74 G2 full permits, 45 temporary G2, 140 initial and 93 renewals;) Gaming Employee Occupation Permits and 149 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. *Information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Order.*

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-374 BOL

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

The Board hereby denied the following Permit and Registration Applications as follows:

NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE

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GAMING EMPLOYEE

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Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-375 BOL

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

The Board approved the withdrawal of 1 Key, 25 Gaming and 6 Non-Gaming Employee Applications. *Information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Order.*

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-376 BOL

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

The Board approved the following Gaming Service Provider Certifications:

- The Norwood Company
- Chopstick Asian Cuisine, Inc.
- Villa Pizza of Pennsylvania

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-377 BOL

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

The Board approved the following Gaming Service Provider Registrations:

- ALG Services, LLC
- AquaRecycle, LLC
- Chesco Coring and Cutting, Inc.
- Crossley Axminster, Inc.
- Dedeavors Corporation DBA: DeSantis Solutions; DeSantis Janitor Supply
- Dewitt Consulting, LLC
- Huckestein Mechanical Services, Inc.
- Kepler's Seafood, Inc.
- Loikits Industrial Service, Inc.
- Penn Jersey Paper Company DBA: PJP
- RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc.
- Shred-It USA, LLC
- Sooo Special, Inc.
- Sunfresh Food Service, Inc.
- Transportation Management Services, Inc. DBA: Lenzner Coach Lines

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-378 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Downs Racing, L.P. (Mohegan Sun Pocono) regarding procedural error-compromised poker deck violation. Due to the violation, Downs Racing, L.P. shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$25,000 within five (5) days of Board approval. In addition,

Downs Racing, L.P. is ordered to pay, within five (5) days, \$2,500 for administrative costs incurred by the Office of Enforcement Counsel, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and other related staff regarding this matter.

Docket Number: 5483-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-379 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Holdings Acquisition Co., L.P. (Rivers Casino) regarding unauthorized poker tournaments. Rivers Casino shall pay a civil penalty, within five (5) days, in the amount of \$20,000. In addition, Rivers Casino is ordered to pay, within five (5) days \$2,500 for administrative costs incurred by the Office of Enforcement Counsel, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and other related staff regarding this matter.

Docket Number: 5394-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-380 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Holdings Acquisition Co., L.P. (Rivers Casino) regarding three (3) self-exclusion violations. Rivers Casino shall pay a civil penalty, within five (5) days, in the amount of \$22,500. In addition, Rivers Casino is ordered to pay, within five (5) days \$2,500 for administrative costs incurred by the Office of Enforcement Counsel, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and other related staff regarding this matter.

Docket Number: 5484-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-381 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and SugarHouse HSP Gaming, L.P. (SugarHouse Casino) regarding one (1) underage gaming violation. SugarHouse Casino shall pay a civil penalty, within five (5) days, in the amount of \$10,000. In addition, SugarHouse Casino is ordered to pay, within five (5) days \$2,500 for administrative costs incurred by the Office of Enforcement Counsel, Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and other related staff regarding this matter.

Docket Number: 5485-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-382 OEC

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

The Board hereby rejected the Consent Agreement between the Office of Enforcement Counsel and Peter Jeanette. The matter is remanded back to the Office of Hearings and Appeals so that a hearing may be conducted on the enforcement action commenced by the Office of Enforcement Counsel.

Docket Number: 5263-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-383 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the suspension of Meagan Daleandro's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit until further action of the Board, which either party may commence.

Docket Number: 5294-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-384 OEC

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

The Board hereby approved the suspension of Michael Giannetti's Non-Gaming Employee Registration.

Docket Number: 5392-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-385 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Ryan / 2nd–Board Member Santoni

The Board hereby approved the revocation of Kaitlyn Goodman’s Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 5343-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2017-386 OEC**Motions:** 1st–Board Member Santoni / 2nd–Board Member Jewell

The Board hereby approved the revocation of Trey Brown’s Gaming Employee Occupation Permit.

Docket Number: 5329-2017

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

The Board approved the following placements on the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List:

MOTION #	RESPONDENT	DOCKET	FIRST	SECOND	BOARD DECISION	CAN PETITION TO BE REMOVED
		#-2017				
2017-387 OEC	Trey Brown	5325	Jewell	Logan	Unanimous	
2017-388 OEC	Nathaniel Shaquille Stazewski	5315	Logan	Manderino	Unanimous	
2017-389 OEC	Jesse Forry	5337	Manderino	Reitzel	Unanimous	
2017-390 OEC	Alfredo Lopez	5183	Reitzel	Ryan	Unanimous	
2017-391 OEC	Alejandro Salmeron	5291	Ryan	Santoni	Unanimous	
2017-392 OEC	Esthefani Benalcazar	5307	Jewell	Logan	Unanimous	After One Year
2017-393 OEC	Wendy Reyes-Chajon	5309	Logan	Manderino	Unanimous	After 22 nd Birthday
2017-394 OEC	Maria Ramirez-Guevara	5310	Manderino	Reitzel	Unanimous	After 22 nd Birthday
2017-395 OEC	Leticia Navarro	5311	Reitzel	Ryan	Unanimous	After One Year
2017-396 OEC	Kevin Veliz	5312	Ryan	Santoni	Unanimous	After One Year
2017-397 OEC	Brian Thomas Leone	5348	Santoni	Jewell	Unanimous	After 22 nd Birthday
2017-398 OEC	Ahmad Awadalla	5283	Jewell	Logan	Unanimous	After 22 nd Birthday
2017-399 OEC	Nicholas Karagiannis	5331	Logan	Manderino	Unanimous	After 22 nd Birthday
2017-400 OEC	Brandon Abner	5292	Manderino	Reitzel	Unanimous	

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Commissioner Reitzel, seconded by Commissioner Ryan, the meeting was adjourned.