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BEFORE: DAVID BARASCH, CHAIR
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CHAIRMAN: Good morning. I'm David Barasch, Chairman of the Gaming Control Board. Before we begin, I'll read you your Miranda rights to turn off all your electronic devices or put them on silent. With us today is Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell Redding, the Secretary of Agriculture; Jennifer Langan, representing Joe Torsella, the State Treasurer; and Bob Coyne, representing Secretary of Revenue, Daniel Hassell. Thank you for coming.

Commissioner Jewell, which you may have heard is on the telephone, he's out of town. He will part of the quorum. He's over the phone. Good morning, Dick.

MR. JEWELL: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. Good morning, everybody.

CHAIRMAN: I call the proceedings - we have a quorum. I'll call the proceedings to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, please.

(WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.)

CHAIRMAN: Before we begin today, I

1 have two opening comments. First, I'd like to wish
2 our newest member, Merritt Reitzel, welcome to the
3 Board. We've had a lot of turnover recently and it's
4 nice to see another new face.

5 I would just caution you, Merritt,
6 that you have very large shoes to fill since you have
7 to replace the court jester, Mr. Moscato.

8 MS. REITZEL: I'll do my best.

9 CHAIRMAN: Hopefully you can fill his
10 shoes.

11 Secondly, today is likely to be Bill
12 Ryan's last day with us as a board, and I thought it
13 was appropriate to make a couple comments. For the
14 past six years Bill has served this Board with honor,
15 dedication and a clear commitment to the public
16 interest, four years as Chairman of this Board and,
17 most recently, the last two years, as a fellow member
18 of the board. There's so many new faces. We're in an
19 odd situation. I've been here for less than two
20 years. Dick Jewell on the phone is the most senior
21 guy. He's got me beat by a couple months. So, the
22 rest of us are all, in one version or another,
23 rookies.

24 Having said that, the Bill I've come
25 to know over the past two years, as I first described,

1 is 100 percent dedication to the public interest. I
2 think I feel that bill brought a unique perspective as
3 a former prosecutor. I kind of liked that. He has
4 immense amount of governmental and administrative
5 knowledge, which he has contributed a great deal to
6 the Board's operations, most notably an unshakable
7 independence of thought, Bill, and a keen, pragmatic,
8 no-nonsense approach to regulation.

9 On behalf of the current and former
10 members of the Board, mostly from the former members
11 at this point, but certainly, Bill, we want to extend
12 you health, happiness and fulfillment wishes for the
13 next chapter of your life and your career. And I want
14 to thank you for your service and you have all our
15 best wishes, Bill.

16 MR. RYAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

17 CHAIRMAN: Anybody else have a
18 comment?

19 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, thank you.
20 I just - as the Chairman said, a lot of new members.
21 I'm one of the newest oldest members, I guess as my
22 seniority moves up, but I've been here for about seven
23 or eight months. And I just want to thank Bill for
24 his knowledge of the gaming industry and his
25 integrity.

1 I learned a lot from you, Bill. I
2 want to thank you for that. And I also would like to
3 wish you the very best in whatever you do and thank
4 you for all your support and great knowledge.

5 MR. RYAN: Thank you.

6 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, let me echo
7 both your words and Commissioner Santoni. I think one
8 of three members here that voted for gambling in 2006,
9 when we debated and discussed the role of a
10 Commissioner and the duties and responsibilities. We
11 had folks like Commissioner Ryan, very thoughtful in
12 his background, which you went into, private and
13 public service. And he really, over the six years,
14 had a nice balance of strengthening the industry that
15 so many rely on and protecting the Commonwealth's
16 interests. So, while I only served with him for six
17 months or so, he taught us a lot. I'm one of two non-
18 lawyers on the Board, so I always relied on his
19 leaning over in executive sessions and giving me the
20 legalese on that. So, I appreciate that. I'll miss
21 it. And the Board will miss it. So, we appreciate
22 your service.

23 MR. RYAN: Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN: Anything else? We'll
25 proceed for the moment.

1 Before we begin the meeting, the formal
2 part of the meeting, we have several presentations of
3 Service Awards to Gaming Control employees. Kevin
4 O'Toole. Kevin?

5 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chairman
6 Barasch. Good morning, members of the Board. On
7 behalf of myself and all of our staff, we would like
8 to thank Commissioner Ryan also for the significant
9 contribution to the success of our agency and also for
10 challenging all of us as employees to be the best
11 casino regulators that we can be. Thank you, Bill.

12 And I, too, would like to represent
13 the staff and welcome our new Commissioner,
14 Commissioner Reitzel. We all look forward to working
15 with you.

16 MS. REITZEL: Thank you.

17 MR. O'TOOLE: So, today we're
18 continuing the tradition that we began in June of 2015
19 and recognizing employees who have demonstrated
20 loyalty and commitment to their profession by reaching
21 that milestone of ten years of continuous employment
22 with the Gaming Control Board.

23 We have five honorees today. And
24 helping me is our Human Resource Specialist, Joe Bott.
25 These five employees are part of 131 employees out of

1 our current complement of 293 who have worked for us
2 for ten or more years. That's nearly 45 percent of -
3 of our - of our employees.

4 So, recognizing, as the Chairman said,
5 that there's some rookies on the Board, please rely
6 upon us because we're veterans for the most part. So,
7 I would like to ask the five honorees to stand up and
8 come forward.

9 Okay. So, our first honoree doesn't
10 really require any introduction, but it is Richard
11 McGarvey. Richard was hired on June 2nd of 2007 as
12 the Deputy Director of Communications, a position that
13 he still holds today with our agency. So, if you were
14 to look at the job description for Deputy Director,
15 you would not see the vast majority of the work that
16 Richard does for our agency because he takes on and
17 volunteers for any project that we have going on in
18 the agency.

19 Richard is our photographer. Richard is a
20 key spokesperson for the agency, and many functions
21 that are scheduled within our Speakers Bureau, Richard
22 prepares public meeting rooms so that it's ready to go
23 every month for the - for the agency. And he also
24 coordinates all of the annual reports, which we have
25 at least three. So, Richard, we thank you very much

1 for your work and we congratulate you.

2 Our next honoree is Adam Thompson.
3 Didn't - there we go. It's probably me. So, Adam was
4 hired on June the 11th, 2007 as an electronics
5 engineer for our bureau of Gaming Laboratory
6 Operations, a position that he continues to serve the
7 agency in today.

8 Adam's job requires him to test all
9 gaming software and other electronic equipment that is
10 submitted to our lab to ensure that it meets the
11 standards of fairness that we have established for all
12 gaming equipment in - in Pennsylvania.

13 So, Adam, that is so crucial to the
14 success of our - of our agency. Adam is truly a back
15 of the house expert that doesn't get out front too
16 often. So, we're really glad that he came and we
17 thank you for your work, Adam, and congratulations.

18 Patti Hinson is our next honoree.
19 Patti was hired on August the 6th of 2007 as a
20 Clerical Support Specialist for our Bureau of Gaming
21 Laboratory Operations. Today, Patti serves as the
22 executive Secretary for the Gaming Lab. So, Patti, in
23 her role, works very closely with Adam, our engineer -
24 one of our engineers, and our statisticians. And
25 Patti does a fantastic job of making sure that on an

1 annual basis over 500 letters and communications that
2 are very complex they disclose all the results of the
3 testing that Adam and his colleagues do, and she
4 processes all those letters. They go out to the
5 manufacturers, advising them of the results of the
6 products that they have submitted. So, we
7 congratulate you, Patti, and thank you for your work.

8 Harry Schmidt is our next honoree.
9 Harry, and I'm going to give - is representing not
10 only himself but the largest group of employees that
11 we currently have, those employees who work in the
12 casino on a day-to-day basis to help ensure that
13 operations are - are going properly and in compliance
14 with the regs.

15 Harry is a Casino Compliance
16 Representative. He has been assigned in the past to
17 Harrah's Philadelphia and is currently assigned to
18 Valley Forge Casino and Resort.

19 Harry and his colleagues do a
20 fantastic job not only in handling patron complaints
21 that are so important, but we rely - his supervisors,
22 myself and his colleagues, we rely on Harry because
23 he's taken it upon himself to really become an expert
24 in the rules of the game, in particular craps. So, we
25 rely upon that knowledge and we thank you for your

1 work, and congratulations.

2 MR. SCHMIDT: Thank you.

3 MR. O'TOOLE: And then our final
4 honoree today is Lisa Boltz. Lisa was hired on
5 September the 4th of 2007 as an Administrative
6 assistant in our Office of Professional
7 Responsibility. Currently, Lisa holds the position of
8 Investigative Analyst for the Bureau of investigations
9 and Enforcement (BIE). You will see Lisa's byline in
10 the Bureau of Licensing's binder for every public
11 meeting through Lisa's work in conducting
12 investigative reviews of gaming service providers,
13 which is very important work in our industry.

14 Lisa, congratulations and thank you
15 for your work.

16 Thank you. That concludes my remarks.

17 CHAIRMAN: Before we proceed,
18 Commissioner Ryan has some comments.

19 MR. RYAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
20 think it's appropriate that we have five outstanding
21 people who - whose service we recognize this morning
22 because the agency is about all of the men and women
23 who work so hard each and every day to protect casino
24 gaming here in Pennsylvania. And the five of you have
25 shown that you can do that very well. You also show

1 that you have been loyal to the agency and you have
2 put in an awful lot of time. And for that I
3 congratulate each and every one of you.

4 When I got here six years and a couple
5 days ago I knew a little about gaming, but I will
6 concede not very much. I was able to learn a lot. It
7 took a while, but I was able to learn a lot about the
8 industry. I was able to learn about what we do here
9 at the Board. And I was surprised at how well the
10 industry runs in the state. And to be honest, I was
11 surprised at how well the agency also runs. And the
12 combination has been a huge benefit to people of
13 Pennsylvania. I won't go into the numbers. I think
14 all of you know them very, very well.

15 But despite all the concerns before
16 gaming became a reality and despite a few bumps and
17 bruises at the beginning, I think the people of
18 Pennsylvania can look at the casino industry here in
19 Pennsylvania and say, hey, it works and works well.
20 It's good for government revenue, but more
21 importantly, it provides a lot of benefit to
22 communities throughout the State of Pennsylvania, and
23 the ladies and gentlemen of the Gaming Board staff are
24 a big reason why.

25 I've been able to work with many of

1 you. Some of us have left the agency over the last
2 six years, but it's been my privilege to work with all
3 of you at the agency. It has been a great experience,
4 a learning experience. I can only say that I wish all
5 of you well and I hope you all are able to continue to
6 do what you like to do so much on into the future.

7 The agency has changed a lot in the
8 last 10, 11 years. My guess is it's going to change
9 even more over the next five, six, seven years. The
10 problems that arise are going to be different from the
11 ones that I saw when I got here. And those problems
12 were different from the ones that existed four, five,
13 six years before then. But the people of Pennsylvania
14 can be assured that at least when it comes to the
15 enforcement, when it comes to the issue is gaming fair
16 here in Pennsylvania, is the law being enforced, the
17 people can know that the answer to those questions is
18 yes. And that's because of the dedication of all of
19 you here at the Gaming Board.

20 So, with that I say thank you. Thank
21 you for the privilege, the opportunity to work with
22 all of you, and again, best wishes to all of you going
23 forward. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN: By way of announcements,
25 the Board held an Executive Session yesterday,

1 September 12th, to conduct quasi-judicial
2 deliberations relating to personnel matters. And
3 that's before the Board today.

4 Next we have consideration of a motion
5 to approve the minutes and transcripts of the July
6 12th and July 31st meeting. May I have such a motion?

7 MR. LOGAN: I move to approve the
8 minutes and transcript to the July 12th and July 31st,
9 2017 meetings.

10 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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13 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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15 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

16 Motion's adopted.

17 On the new business we'll now hear
18 from Administrative Director, Claire Yantis. Claire?

19 MS. YANTIS: Good morning, Chairman
20 and Board members. The Office of Human Resources has
21 two motions for your consideration today.

22 The first motion before you is
23 relative to the hiring of Janel Latterner, who has
24 been selected as a Forensic Accountant in the BIE's
25 Financial Investigations Unit.

1 Ms. Latterner has completed the PGCB
2 interview process, background investigation and drug
3 screening and is recommended for hire by Director of
4 BIE, Paul Mauro, and Financial Investigations
5 Supervisor Andrew Gutshall.

6 Unless you have any questions, I ask that
7 the Board consider a motion to hire Ms. Latterner as
8 indicated.

9 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
10 the Board?

11 May I have a motion?

12 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
13 that the Board approve the applicant as proposed by
14 the Administrative Director.

15 MS. REITZEL: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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18 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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20 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

21 Motion's adopted.

22 MS. YANTIS: The second motion seeks
23 to adopt amendments to the PGCB classification and
24 compensation structure. As you're aware, the current
25 PGCB classification and compensation structure was

1 originally adopted by the Board in January of 2010
2 based on a comparison of data across public sector
3 markets. The last increase to the ranges occurred in
4 2016 in order to stay consistent with pay ranges in
5 other Commonwealth agencies.

6 Effective July 1st, 2017, the
7 Commonwealth's standard pay schedule, which is the
8 primary comparator for our pay ranges, was adjusted
9 resulting in PGCB pay ranges being below pay ranges
10 for comparable positions in other administrative
11 agencies.

12 Based on my analysis of this
13 comparative benchmark data, we have adjusted the
14 executive and non-union management pay ranges by two
15 percent with an effective date of July 1st, 2017.
16 This results in the PGCB pay ranges remaining
17 competitive with and comparable to the Commonwealth's
18 standard pay schedule.

19 I would be happy to answer any
20 questions regarding the changes to the compensation
21 structure.

22 CHAIRMAN: Motions or comments from
23 the Board? If not, may I have a motion?

24 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
25 that the Board adopt the amendment to the

1 classification and compensation structure as proposed
2 by the Administrative Director.

3 MR. RYAN: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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6 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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8 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

9 Motion's adopted.

10 MS. YANTIS: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Claire.

12 Doug Sherman, Chief Counsel.

13 ATTORNEY SHERMAN:

14 Good morning, Chairman, members of the
15 Board. Our first agenda items relate to three Local
16 Law Enforcement Grant requests, which Assistant Chief
17 Counsel Denise Miller-Tshudy is here to present.

18 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Good morning.

19 CHAIRMAN: Good morning.

20 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: The first
21 grant that I have for your consideration is an
22 application by two applicants. The co-applicants are
23 the Lackawanna District Attorney's Office and the
24 Dunmore Police Department.

25 The co-applicants are requesting a

1 one-year grant in the amount of \$115,080. If the
2 award is granted by the Board, it is the first award
3 for either of the applicants.

4 The applicants intend to use the grant
5 funds to tackle unlawful gaming in the county through
6 law - law enforcement and by education. Educational
7 component of the grant will be focused on young
8 people, educating them regarding the dangers of online
9 gaming, consequences of underage gaming and unlawful
10 gaming. The grant will be used to defray costs of
11 training for three officers over time, the rental of
12 an undercover vehicle, purchase of capital equipment
13 and the educational component with billboards
14 throughout the county.

15 The proposal meets the guidelines that
16 the Board has set forth, and we request a motion to
17 approve the grant application.

18 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
19 the Board? May I have a motion?

20 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
21 the Board approve the Local Law Enforcement Grant
22 Application of the Lackawanna County District
23 Attorney's Office and Dunmore Police Department, as
24 described by the Office of Chief Counsel (OCC).

25 MR. SANTONI: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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3 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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5 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

6 Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: The second
8 grant that I have to present to you is from the
9 Delaware County District Attorney's Office. The
10 Delaware County District Attorney's Office is
11 requesting a two-year grant for a total of \$500,000 or
12 \$250,000 per year. If awarded, this will be Delaware
13 County's fifth grant.

14 The Office proposes to continue to
15 fund its Grant Task Force, which is made up of two
16 Assistant District Attorneys as well as one detective.
17 The Task Force works in cooperation with local law
18 enforcement as well as with the schools, the courts,
19 probation and also the treatment centers to identify
20 unlawful gaming and to help train those entities with
21 the issues surrounding unlawful gaming.

22 The grant's budget will pay for
23 salaries and benefits, overtime, public outreach,
24 training and will be used to purchase surveillance
25 equipment for the investigators.

1 The proposal meets the Board's
2 guidelines and it is ready for the Board's
3 consideration.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

5 Any questions or comments from the
6 Board? If not, may I have a motion?

7 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
8 the Board approve the Local Law Enforcement Grant
9 Application for the Delaware County District
10 Attorney's Office, as proposed by the OCC.

11 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: In favor, aye?

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14 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

17 Motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: And the final
19 matter that I'm bringing for you is the Lawrence
20 County District Attorney's Office. Now, the Board
21 provided them or awarded them with a two-year grant in
22 April of 2016.

23 Currently, the office is operating
24 under year two, which is a \$50,000 grant. It pays for
25 half the salary and benefits of one detective. It

1 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

2 The motion's adopted.

3 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Ms. Miller-
5 Tshudy.

6 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Today the Board has
7 just one Petition before it for consideration, and
8 that Petition is Al Davis's Request for
9 Reconsideration from his placement on the Board's
10 Involuntary Exclusion List. The Board has, in advance
11 of this meeting, been provided with all documents
12 filed of record.

13 Briefly, on July 12th, 2017, this
14 Board issued an Order placing Mr. Davis on the
15 Exclusion List after he allegedly took \$60 of chips
16 from the dealer's cloak at a gaming table at Harrah's
17 Philadelphia Casino and subsequently got into some
18 sort of altercation with a security officer.

19 On August 1st, 2007 - '17, Mr. Davis
20 sent a request to the Board to be removed from the
21 Exclusion List, stating that he did not know he was on
22 the list until he entered the casino and was informed
23 of that fact. Mr. Davis was under the mistaken
24 belief, according to him, that he would not be placed
25 on the list since his criminal charges were dropped

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CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next presenting Withdrawals and Reports and Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Steve Cook.

ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning.

The Board has received several enclosed petitions to withdraw the applications and surrender - surrender the credentials of the following individuals and entities: Robert B. Risnuchok, Jr.,; Mary J. British - Britsch, Stacy Dewalt, Elizabeth Tranchina, Michael Whitemaine, Suzanne trout, Arnold Block, Michael Hart, Eric Hausler, Jean Marie Wilkens, Lee Wielansky, alan Glazer, Jeffrey Goldstein, Robert Goldstein, Richard Goldstein, Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc., Eagle I Acquisition Corp., Robert Azinian; Reed Cordish; Fumiaki Tanaka; Tomokazu Godai, Scott Richards and Thomas Diehl.

The OEC has reviewed each of these petitions and has no objections to the withdrawals and surrenders. And as a result, if the Board were to grant same, they would be doing so without prejudice to each request.

CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any questions

1 or comments from the Board? If none, may I have a
2 motion?

3 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
4 the Board issue orders to approve the withdrawals and
5 surrenders as described by the OCC.

6 MR. SANTONI: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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9 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 Motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
14 for consideration are four Reports and Recommendations
15 received from the OHA. In each of these matters the
16 complete evidentiary hearing as well as the Report and
17 Recommendation have been provided to the Board in
18 advance of this meeting. And additionally, in each
19 case the individual that is subject to the Report and
20 Recommendation has been notified that the Board will
21 be taking their matter up today. If any of these
22 matter - or persons are present and wish to briefly
23 address the Board, I would ask them to come forward
24 when the matter is called.

25 The first Report and Recommendation

1 pertains to Christopher Brown. On August 24th, 2016,
2 the OEC filed a complaint requesting Mr. Brown be
3 placed on the Board's Exclusion List after discovering
4 that on May 29th, 2016 he left his ten-year-old son
5 unattended in his vehicle at the Valley Forge Casino
6 for approximately 27 minutes.

7 The uncontested facts show that Mr.
8 Brown went to the casino to take advantage of a give-
9 away and, in fact, he did leave the casino with that
10 promotional item. However, prior to receiving his
11 promotion, he stopped and gamed for approximately
12 eight minutes.

13 Mr. Brown was permanently evicted from
14 Valley Forge; however, no criminal charges were filed
15 against him.

16 Upon his request for a hearing, a
17 hearing was held on March 2nd, 2017. The OEC appeared
18 at that hearing. Mr. Brown did not appear and,
19 therefore, it was conducted in his absence.

20 Thereafter, Mr. Brown requested the
21 record to be reopened and a second hearing was
22 scheduled. He was notified of that second hearing
23 and, again, he did not appear.

24 As a result, the OEC is the only party
25 to put evidence into the record. The evidence

1 corroborated the facts I just stated to the Board.
2 And as a result, the recommendation to the Hearing
3 Officer is that Mr. Brown be placed on the Board's
4 Exclusion List. And that is the recommendation before
5 the Board.

6 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

7 Questions or comments from the Board.
8 May I have a motion?

9 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
10 that the Board adopt a Report and Recommendation
11 issued by the OHA regarding placement of Christopher
12 Brown on PGCB's Involuntary Exclusion List as
13 described by the OCC.

14 MR. LOGAN: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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17 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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19 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

20 The motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY COOK: Trey Brown is the next
22 matter before the Board. Mr. Brown was issued a
23 Gaming Employee Permit in July of 2015 and worked as a
24 Table Games Dealer at the Hollywood Casino.

25 On June 9th, 2017, the OEC requested

1 the emergency suspension of Mr. Brown's Gaming Permit
2 after receiving notice that he had been arrested and
3 charged with numerous crimes, including felony-graded
4 offenses relating to his employment at the Hollywood
5 Casino.

6 The Executive Director, pursuant to
7 the Board's regulations, issued emergency - an
8 emergency suspension of Mr. Brown's Permit and the
9 matter was referred to the OHA to conduct an
10 evidentiary hearing.

11 In its request the OEC alleged that
12 between April 5th, 2017 and May 19th, 2017 Mr. Brown
13 and a co-conspirator defrauded the casino of over
14 \$59,000 while Mr. Brown was dealing Sic Bo and his co-
15 conspirator was a patron at the table.

16 A hearing in this matter was held on
17 June 29th, 2017. Mr. Brown did not attend that
18 hearing despite receiving notice. And as a result,
19 the only evidence put into the record was that
20 presented by OEC that Chris described.

21 After hearing this evidence, the
22 Report and Recommendation issued by the Hearing Office
23 recommends that the suspension remain in place.

24 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
25 the Board? May I have a motion?

1 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
2 the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued
3 by the OHA regarding the suspension of Trey Brown's
4 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, as described by the
5 OCC.

6 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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9 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 The motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY COOK: The next report and
14 Recommendation before the Board stems from the request
15 to be removed from the Self-Exclusion List. On March
16 21st, 2017 an individual with the initials L.H. filed
17 a request for removal from the Voluntary Self-
18 Exclusion list, stating that when he placed himself on
19 the list he was going through a stressful time in his
20 life, unrelated to gaming, and he did not realize at
21 that time that he had chosen to be excluded for his
22 lifetime.

23 A hearing in this matter was scheduled
24 and held on May 31st, 2017. The OEC appeared,
25 offering evidence. Despite receiving notice, L.H. did

1 not appear at that hearing and it was held in his
2 absence.

3 Pursuant to the Findings of Fact in
4 the Report and Recommendation, on September 1st, 2010,
5 L.H. entered the Hollywood Casino and requested
6 placement on the Lifetime Self-Exclusion List. The
7 Casino Compliance representative who placed Mr. - or
8 L.H. on the list testified that he conducted the
9 mandatory interview, went through all the required
10 procedures and that L.H. appeared coherent, sober and
11 not under duress.

12 Ultimately, having heard this
13 evidence, the Hearing Officer recommends that L.H.
14 remain on the Self-Exclusion List, and that is the
15 recommendation before the Board.

16 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
17 the Board? May I have a motion?

18 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
19 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendations
20 issued by the OHA regarding the request for removal of
21 L.H. from the Involuntary Self-Exclusion List, as
22 described by the OCC.

23 MS. REITZEL: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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1 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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3 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

4 Motion's adopted.

5 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Report and
6 Recommendation before the Board today pertains to
7 Matthew Sykes. In December of 2016 Mr. Sykes
8 submitted a Gaming Employee Permit Application to work
9 as a Table Games Dealer at the SugarHouse Casino. In
10 his application Mr. Sykes acknowledged that he had
11 failed to file several federal income tax returns and
12 had outstanding federal and state tax obligations.

13 On April 13th, 2017, the OEC issued a
14 Notice of Recommendation of Denial of this application
15 based upon these tax issues.

16 Mr. Sykes requested a hearing, which
17 was held on June 14th, 2017. But as with the other
18 cases, he also did not attend that hearing and it was
19 held in his absence. The OEC put into the record
20 evidence of his non-compliance with both federal and
21 state taxes and, as a result, the Report and
22 Recommendation issues in this matter recommends that
23 his application be denied. However, with the caveat
24 that, should he come into compliance with federal and
25 state taxing authorities, that he be allowed to

1 reapply.

2 CHAIRMAN: Question or comments from
3 the Board? Do we have a motion?

4 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation
6 issued by the OHA regarding the denial of Matthew
7 Sykes' Gaming Employee Occupation Permit Application,
8 as described by the OCC.

9 MR. RYAN: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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12 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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14 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

15 Motion adopted.

16 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: And that concludes
17 all matters of the OCC.

18 CHAIRMAN: Susan Hensel, Director of
19 the bureau of Licensing.

20 MS. HENSEL: Thank you, Chairman
21 Barasch and members of the Board.

22 Before the Board today will be one
23 Table Game Manufacturer License and 566 Principal Key
24 Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee Applicants. In
25 addition, there will be the consideration of six

1 Gaming Service Provider Applicants.

2 The first matter for your
3 consideration is Alfastreet. Alfastreet is a
4 Slovenia-based company that manufactures multi-player
5 electronic table game products, including electronic
6 versions of Blackjack and Roulette and boat and
7 horseracing simulations.

8 Should the Board approve a license for
9 Alfastreet, the company has asked that the Board allow
10 it to pay a reduced licensing fee of \$5,000 rather
11 than the full \$50,000 licensing fee for an initial
12 one-year Manufacturing License.

13 Under the Gaming Act, the Board may
14 modify the fee for a table game manufacturer if it
15 determines that that fee will unreasonably limit table
16 game devices or associated equipment. Consistent with
17 this provision of the Act, the Bureau of Licensing has
18 adopted a reduced licensing fee policy which has been
19 presented to the Board in the past.

20 Under the policy, a reduction of the
21 licensing fee to \$5,000 is warranted if there are
22 between one and ten manufacturers of a product and the
23 anticipated sales are under 4100,000 over a 12-month
24 period.

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CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

The motion's adopted.

MS. HENSEL: Also for your

consideration is the approval of Principal and Key Employee Licenses. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided you with a Proposed Order for one Principal Affiliate and seven principal and nine Key Employee Licenses. I ask that the Board consider the Order approving these licenses.

ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel

has no objection.

CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from

the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion?

MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move

that the Board approve the issuance of Principal and Key Employee Licenses as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

MR. LOGAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

(WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

Motion's adopted.

1 granted Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 135
2 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted
3 Registrations under the authority delegated to the
4 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a
5 motion approving the Order.

6 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
7 has no objection.

8 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
9 the Board? May I have a motion?

10 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
11 the Board approve the issuance of the Gaming Employee
12 Occupation Permit and the Non-Gaming Employee
13 Registrations as described by the bureau of Licensing.

14 MS. REITZEL: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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17 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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19 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

20 Motion's adopted.

21 MS. HENSEL: Also, there are
22 Recommendations of Denial for three Non-Gaming
23 Employee Applicants. In each case the applicant was
24 notified that he or she was being recommended for
25 denial and failed to request a hearing within the

1 specified timeframe. The Bureau of Licensing has
2 provided you with Orders addressing these applicants
3 who the OEC has recommended for denial. I ask that
4 the Board consider a motion approving the denials.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
6 continues to request denial in each instance.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

8 Questions or comments from the Board?
9 May I have a motion?

10 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
11 that the Board deny the Non-Gaming Employee
12 applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

13 MR. RYAN: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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16 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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18 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

19 Motion's adopted.

20 MS. HENSEL: Next for your
21 consideration are Withdrawal Requests for Key, Gaming
22 and Non-Gaming Employee. In each case the permit or
23 registration is no longer required.

24 For today's meeting I have provided
25 the Board with a list of two Key Employees, 12 Gaming

1 Employees and one Non-Gaming Employee Withdrawal for
2 approval. I ask that the Board consider the Order
3 approving the list of Withdrawals.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
5 has no objection.

6 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
7 the Board? May I have a motion?

8 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
9 the Board approve the Withdrawals as described by the
10 Bureau of Licensing.

11 MR. SANTONI: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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14 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

17 Motion's adopted.

18 MS. HENSEL: Next we have an Order to
19 certify the following Gaming Service Providers, 76
20 Carriage Company, Inc.; Graphic Controls Acquisition
21 Corporation, doing business as Graphic Controls; and
22 Promotion Group Central, Inc. I ask that the Board
23 consider the Order approving these Gaming Service
24 Providers for Certification.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel

1 has no objection.

2 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
3 the Board? May I have a motion?

4 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 that the Board approve the Applications for Gaming
6 Service Provider Certification as described by the
7 Bureau of Licensing.

8 MR. LOGAN: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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11 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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13 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

14 Motion's adopted.

15 MS. HENSEL: Finally for your
16 consideration are Gaming Service Provider
17 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
18 with an Order and an attached list of three Registered
19 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the
20 Board consider the Order registering these Gaming
21 Service Providers.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel
23 has no objection.

24 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
25 the Board? May I have a motion?

1 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
2 the Board approve the Application of Gaming Service
3 Provider Registrations as described by the Bureau of
4 Licensing.

5 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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8 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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10 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

11 Motion's adopted.

12 MS. HENSEL: That concludes the
13 Bureau of Licensing's matters.

14 CHAIRMAN: OEC.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC will present
16 24 matters today for the Board's consideration,
17 consisting of four Consent Agreement, three
18 Revocations and 17 Involuntary Exclusions.

19 The next matter on the agenda for the
20 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between
21 the OEC and Category 1 Licensee Presque Isle Downs,
22 Inc. I believe Mr. Favre is here on behalf of Presque
23 Isle Downs. The Consent Agreement will be presented
24 by Assistant Enforcement Counsel John Pokiniewski.
25 I'd ask that Mr. Favre stand and be sworn.

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JEFF FAVRE,

CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND
HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS
FOLLOWS:

ATTORNEY POKINIEWSKI: Good morning,
Chairman, fellow commissioners. My name is John
Pokiniewski, P-O-K-I-N-I-E-W-S-K-I, with the OEC.

The next matter for your consideration
is a proposed Consent Agreement between OEC and the
Presque Isle Downs, Inc.

Between January 11th, 2017 and January
13th, 2017, 17 table game violations of the Board's
regulations occurred at Presque Isle during the play
of Blackjack.

Specifically, on January 11th, 2017, a
Blackjack dealer shuffled the cards without a patron
being present to visually inspect the cards with table
games management present at the table observing and
failing to correct the dealer's actions in violations
of the Board's approved regulations.

Again, on January 11th, 2017, on seven
separate occasions table games dealers tapped into a
Blackjack table and failed to remove the first card

1 from the shoe and place it in the discard rack before
2 dealing any cards to a player, in violation of the
3 Board's approved regulations.

4 On January 13th, 2017, on nine
5 separate occasions multiple table games dealers tapped
6 into a Blackjack table and failed to remove the first
7 card from the shoe and place it in the discard rack
8 before dealing any cards to a player, in violation of
9 the Board's approved regulations.

10 Under the terms of the agreement,
11 Presque Isle would pay a civil penalty of \$10,000 as
12 well as a \$2,500 investigation fee.

13 At this time, OEC requests that the
14 Board approve this Consent Agreement.

15 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
16 the Board? May I have a motion?

17 MR. LOGAN: They did or did not self-
18 report?

19 ATTORNEY POKINIEWSKI: Did they report
20 to -?

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: Did they self-report
22 the incident?

23 MR. LOGAN: I'm sorry. Did they self
24 report or -?

25 ATTORNEY POKINIEWSKI: Yes. Some

1 employees of Presque Isle made mention to BCC
2 representatives at Presque Isle.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: So, the matter was
4 self-reported by the dealer.

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

8 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 the Board approve the Consent Agreement between the
10 OEC and Presque Isle Downs, Inc., as described by the
11 OEC.

12 MS. REITZEL: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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15 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

18 Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter
20 that's on the agenda for the Board's consideration is
21 a Consent Agreement between the OEC and Category 3
22 Licensee Valley Forge Convention Center Partners, LP.
23 I believe Mr. Fabius is here on behalf of Valley
24 Forge. I'd ask that he introduce his guest and that
25 all non-attorneys stand and be sworn.

1 The Valley Services representative,
2 who was presented the hotel key, failed to scan the
3 patron's ID, which would have shown that the patron
4 was on the Voluntary Self-Exclusion List. The Valley
5 Services representative issued the patron a casino
6 access card, which the patron then used to access the
7 gaming floor. Once on the gaming floor, the patron
8 played craps for approximately 30 minutes and cashed
9 out of the game with \$271.

10 The patron was on the gaming floor
11 for approximately one hour. After leaving the gaming
12 floor, the self-excluded patron was discovered to have
13 been on the gaming floor by the Pennsylvania State
14 police, who notified Valley Forge Security. The self-
15 excluded patron was discovered in a hotel room and
16 escorted out of the facility. The self-excluded
17 patron was cited by the Pennsylvania State Police with
18 criminal trespass.

19 Under the terms of the proposed
20 Consent Agreement Valley Forge has agreed to pay a
21 civil penalty of \$10,000 as well as the \$2,500
22 investigative costs incurred by the agency.

23 At this time OEC would request the
24 Board approve -.

25 CHAIRMAN: Does Valley Forge have

1 anything they want to add?

2 ATTORNEY FABIOUS: We - again, Michael
3 Fabius from the law firm Ballard Spahr. We take - we
4 concur in the facts and take responsibility for the
5 error.

6 We'll note, Commissioner, relative to
7 your question before, that the matter was self-
8 reported by the casino to the PGCB. With that, we
9 would like to take questions and indulge Eric for one
10 minute to introduce himself since this is his first
11 opportunity, I'll let him do that.

12 CHAIRMAN: That'd be fine.

13 MR. PEARSON: Hello. Good morning.
14 This is my first opportunity to come before the Board.
15 I'm Eric Pearson. I have been at Valley Forge for
16 coming up on a year in October and mostly wanted to
17 put a face with the name with you all this morning.

18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

19 MR. PEARSON: If you have any
20 questions -.

21 CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions on
22 this matter? If not, thank you for coming. And at
23 this point I'd entertain a motion.

24 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
25 that the Board deny the Non-Gaming Employee

1 Application as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

2 MR. RYAN: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Mr. Chairman, I think
5 it was the wrong - it was the wrong motion.

6 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
7 the Board approve the Consent Agreement between the
8 OEC and Valley Forge Convention Center Partners, LP,
9 as described by the OEC.

10 CHAIRMAN: May I have a second,
11 please?

12 MS. MANDERINO: Second. My apologies.

13 CHAIRMAN: That's okay.
14 All in favor?

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16 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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18 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

19 Motion's adopted. Thank you for
20 coming.

21 ATTORNEY FABIOUS: Thank you very much.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
23 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent
24 Agreement between the OEC and Kevin Davis. If Mr.
25 Davis is present, I'd ask that he come forward. The

1 matter will be presented by Assistant Enforcement
2 Counsel James Armstrong.

3 ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG: Good morning,
4 Chairman and Commissioners. The next matter for the
5 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement reached
6 between OEC and Kevin Davis in regard to a petition to
7 place Mr. Davis on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
8 List.

9 Commissioners, on December 6th of 2016
10 a security check at SugarHouse Casino determined that
11 Mr. Davis' identification was as fake Illinois
12 driver's license. Security questioned Mr. Davis about
13 his identification. Mr. David presented his true
14 identification, a Connecticut driver's license which
15 indicated he was only 20 years old.

16 The Pennsylvania State Police issued
17 Mr. Davis a citation for carrying false
18 identification. He was issued a formal Eviction
19 Notice from SugarHouse Casino. As a result, OEC filed
20 a petition to place Mr. Davis on the Board's
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 Subsequently, Mr. Davis, through his
23 counsel, reached a Consent Agreement with OEC.

24 Commissioners, OEC and Mr. Davis
25 request that the Board approve the Consent Agreement

1 and Stipulation of Settlement entered into between the
2 parties to resolve the Exclusion Petition. The terms
3 of the settlement include provisions that Mr. Davis
4 will be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
5 List until at least his 22nd birthday or one year
6 after the Board's approval of the Consent Agreement,
7 whichever shall occur last.

8 Mr. Davis will be barred from
9 petitioning the Board for early removal from the
10 Exclusion List or requesting a hearing concerning his
11 removal until the agreed-upon exclusion period has
12 elapsed and Mr. Davis' photographed physical
13 description, date of birth and a summary of his
14 inimical conduct will be placed on the Board's public
15 website.

16 I'm ready to answer any questions you
17 may have.

18 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

19 Any questions or comments? If not,
20 may I have a motion?

21 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
22 the Board approve the Consent Agreement between the
23 OEC and Kevin Davis as described by the OEC and Mr.
24 Davis be placed on the Board's Exclusion List for at
25 least one year, at which time he may petition for

1 removal from the list.

2 MR. SANTONI: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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5 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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7 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

8 Motion's adopted.

9 ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on
11 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent
12 Agreement between the OEC and Gaming Occupation
13 Permittee Russell Long. If Mr. Long is present, I'd
14 ask that he come forward.

15 The matter will be presented once
16 again by Assistant Enforcement Counsel James
17 Armstrong.

18 ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG: Chairman and
19 Commissioners, the Bureau of Casino Compliance
20 referred a regulatory violation to OEC that involved
21 Russell Long, a Gaming Permittee, who at the time of
22 this incident was employed as a security officer at
23 SugarHouse Casino.

24 The matter involved Mr. Long allowing
25 a self-excluded patron to leave SugarHouse Casino

1 without being properly processed and without proper
2 notifications being made to the Bureau of Casino
3 Compliance, the Pennsylvania State Police and the
4 SugarHouse Surveillance Department.

5 OEC requested the BIE to conduct an
6 investigation into the alleged violations. The
7 investigation revealed that a self-excluded patron
8 entered SugarHouse's poker room and played poker for
9 more than four hours. When he was out of money, the
10 self-excluded patron went to the Cash Advance Services
11 Booth, where his self-excluded status was determined
12 by the cashier, who immediately called security.

13 Mr. Long and another security officer
14 requested to the Cash Advanced Services booth and took
15 custody of the self-excluded patron and escorted him
16 to the back of the house. Surveillance coverage
17 showed that before they reached the security office
18 Mr. Long released the self-excluded patron and allowed
19 the individual to leave the casino without making the
20 proper notifications. It soon came to the attention
21 of the Bureau of Casino Compliance and the Casino
22 Compliance Representative contacted the Security
23 Office and spoke with Mr. Long about the self-excluded
24 patron incident.

25 Mr. Long claimed that the self-

1 excluded patron told him that he came to SugarHouse
2 only to use the cash advance services for safety
3 reasons. Mr. Long admitted that he accepted the self-
4 excluded patron's explanation and released him without
5 following SugarHouse's policy regarding self-excluded
6 patrons.

7 Mr. Long also acknowledged that by not
8 further investigating the self-excluded patron and by
9 not following proper procedure, he violated the
10 Board's regulations and SugarHouse's internal
11 controls.

12 As a result of the violations, OEC
13 filed a Complaint to revoke Mr. Long's Permit.
14 Subsequently, Mr. Long reached a Consent Agreement
15 with OEC. The terms of the settlement included the
16 provision that Mr. Long's Gaming Employee Permit would
17 be suspended for a period of 30 days.

18 Commissioners, OEC and Mr. Long
19 request that the Board approve the Consent Agreement?

20 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
21 the Board? May I have a motion?

22 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that the Board approve the Consent Agreement between
24 the OEC and Russell Long as described by the OEC.

25 MR. LOGAN: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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3 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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5 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

6 Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next three
8 matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions
9 in which the OEC has filed Complaints seeking the
10 revocation of two Gaming Employee Occupation Permits
11 and one Non-Gaming Registration issued by the Board.

12 Each Complaint has been filed with the
13 Board's OHA and properly served upon the individual
14 named in each Complaint. The individual named in each
15 Complaint failed to respond within 30 days, as
16 required by Board regulation. As a result, the OEC
17 filed a request for default judgment in each instance
18 and properly served the same upon each named
19 individual. Therefore, the facts in each Complaint
20 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
21 provided to the Board. And the matters are presently
22 ripe for Board consideration. In each instance we'll
23 provide a brief summary of the facts and request the
24 appropriate the Board action.

25 ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG: James Armstrong

1 for the OEC.

2 Chairman and Commissioners, next on
3 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a
4 Complaint to revoke the Gaming Employee Permit issued
5 by - to Luther Dowell for cheating while dealing
6 Blackjack at SugarHouse Casino.

7 Mr. Dowell was captured on
8 surveillance coverage several times cheating with two
9 patrons, allowing the patrons to win hands they should
10 have lost or by not collecting losing bets. Mr.
11 Dowell was terminated from SugarHouse and is not
12 presently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.
13 Accordingly, OEC requests that the Board revoke Mr.
14 Dowell's Gaming Employee Permit.

15 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
16 the Board? May I have a motion?

17 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
18 the Board approve the revocation of Luther Dowell's
19 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the
20 OEC.

21 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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24 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

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

The next matter for the Board's
consideration is the revocation of Carlton Williams'
Gaming Employee Permit. While working as a Cage
Cashier at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack,
Mr. Williams admitted to stealing five \$1,000 gaming
chips from the age. Mr. Williams was criminally
charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking as
a result of his actions. This charge remains pending
against Mr. Williams at this time. As such, the OEC
would respectfully request that the Board revoke the
Gaming Employee Permit of Carlton Williams.

CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
the Board? May I have a motion?

MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
that the Board approve the revocation of Carlton
Williams' Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as
described by the OEC.

MR. RYAN: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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3 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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5 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

6 Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining 17
8 matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions
9 in which the OEC has filed petitions seeking the
10 involuntary exclusion of individuals whose presence in
11 a licensed facility are inimical to the interests of
12 the Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein.

13 In each instance, the Petition for
14 Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and
15 properly served upon the individual named in the
16 petition. The individual named in the petition failed
17 to respond within 30 days, as Board regulation. As a
18 result, the OEC filed a request for default judgment
19 in each instance and properly served the same upon
20 each named individual. Therefore, all facts in each
21 petition are deemed admitted. All filed documents
22 have been provided to the Board and the matters are
23 presently ripe for the Board's consideration.

24 In each instance, if the Board orders a
25 proposed exclusion, each individual's photo, personal

1 identifiers, and a summary of the inimical conduct
2 will be placed on the Board's public website.

3 ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning.

4 Once again, Dustin Miller on behalf of
5 the OEC. Next for the Board's consideration is the
6 placement of Jamarr Jefferson on the Board's Exclusion
7 List.

8 While wagering at a Roulette table at
9 Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack Mr.
10 Jefferson capped a \$500 wager. As a result of his
11 illegal actions Mr. Jefferson won \$1,000. Mr.
12 Jefferson was criminally charged with one count of
13 knowing by trick or fraud to win or reduce a lost and
14 also one count of theft by deception.

15 On June 8th of 2017 Mr. Jefferson pled
16 guilty to one count of disorderly conduct as a result
17 of his actions. As such, the OEC respectfully
18 requests that the Order - the Board issue an Order
19 placing Jamarr Jefferson on the Exclusion List.

20 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
21 the Board? May I have a motion?

22 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
23 the Board approve the addition of Jamarr Jefferson to
24 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion list as described by
25 the OEC.

1 MR. SANTONI: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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4 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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6 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

7 The motion's adopted.

8 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning,

9 Chairman Barasch, members of the Board. Sarah
10 Kolesar, K-O-L-E-S-A-R, on behalf of the OEC.

11 The next matter for the Board's
12 consideration is the involuntary exclusion of Jordan
13 L. Miller. On two occasions occurring on February
14 20th and 22nd, 2017, Mr. Miller assisted a co-
15 conspirator in depriving Hollywood Casino of a purple
16 \$500 chip from the float area of the Roulette table by
17 surreptitiously accepting the stolen chip from his co-
18 conspirator immediately after his co-conspirator stole
19 it and thereafter immediately taking the stolen chip
20 to the cashier cage to exchange it for cash.

21 Because of Mr. Miller's criminal
22 action, Hollywood Casino was deprived of a total of a
23 thousand dollars. As a result, OEC requests that the
24 Board issue an Order placing Jordan L. Miller on the
25 Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 the Board approve the addition of Michael David
2 Trautman from the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as
3 described by the OEC. I further move that Mr.
4 Trautman may petition for removal from the list after
5 one year.

6 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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9 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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11 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

12 Motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY FERRELL: The next matter for
14 your consideration is to place Chase Burch on the
15 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

16 On April 14th, 2017, Mr. Burch
17 attempted to enter the gaming floor at Lady Luck
18 Casino, Nemaquin, while under 21 years of age by
19 using a fraudulent identification. The Pennsylvania
20 State Police charged Mr. Burch with one count of
21 carrying a false identification card. On July 17th,
22 2017 Mr. Burch pled guilty to that charge.

23 At this time OEC requests that the
24 Board issue an Order placing Chase Burch on the
25 Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 persons.

2 Based upon the foregoing, the OEC asks
3 that the Board place Yefim Teresh on the Board's
4 Excluded Persons List.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board? May I have a motion?

7 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
8 that the Board approve the addition of Yefim Teresh
9 from the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described
10 by the OEC.

11 MR. RYAN: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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14 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

17 Motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY MILLER: The next matter
19 today is a request for placement on the Board's
20 Excluded Persons List involving Desarae Kleidon. Ms.
21 Kleidon was caught stealing the purses of two Parx
22 Casino patrons. Ms. Kleidon was criminally charged
23 and convicted for her actions.

24 Based upon the foregoing, the OEC
25 requests that the Board place Desarae Kleidon on the

1 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
3 the Board? May I have a motion?

4 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
5 the Board approve the addition of Desarae Kleidon to
6 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
7 the OEC.

8 MR. SANTONI: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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11 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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13 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

14 Motion's adopted.

15 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, Mr.
16 Chairman and members of the Board. Michael Roland,
17 R-O-L-A-N-D, with the OEC. Next is a request to place
18 Brianya McKenzie on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

19 On April 17th, 2017, underage patron
20 Brianya McKenzie, age 20, attempted and failed to gain
21 access to the gaming floor at Sands Casino by
22 providing false identification. Ms. McKenzie was
23 charged by the Pennsylvania State Police with carrying
24 a false identification card, and that charge remains
25 pending. The matter is now before the Board to

1 consider the placement of Brianya McKenzie on the
2 Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

3 CHAIRMAN: Questions of comments from
4 the Board? May I have a motion?

5 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
6 that the Board approve the addition of Brianya
7 McKenzie to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as
8 described by the OEC. I further move that Ms.
9 McKenzie may petition for removal from the list after
10 her 22nd birthday.

11 MR. LOGAN: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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14 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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16 CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

17 Motion's adopted.

18 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
19 place Justin Nelson on the Involuntary Exclusion List.
20 On April 23rd, 2017, underage patron Justin Nelson,
21 age 20, attempted and failed to gain access to the
22 gaming floor at Sands Casino by providing a false
23 identification. He was turned away earlier that same
24 day after providing his actual identification, which
25 indicated he was underage. Mr. Nelson was not charged

1 by the Pennsylvania State Police.

2 The matter is now before the Board to
3 consider the placement of Justin Nelson on the Board's
4 Involuntary Exclusion List.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board? May I have a motion?

7 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
8 the Board approve the addition of Justin Nelson to the
9 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the
10 OEC. I further move that Mr. Nelson can petition for
11 removal from the list after one year.

12 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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15 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

18 Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is a request to
20 place Rose Bach on the Involuntary Exclusion List. On
21 January 19th, 2017, underage patron Rose Bach, age 20,
22 attempted and failed to gain access to the gaming
23 floor at Sands Casino by providing false
24 identification. Ms. Bach was charged by the
25 Pennsylvania State Police with carrying a false

1 identification card, to which she has pled guilty.

2 The matter is now before the Board to
3 consider the placement of Rose Bach on the Board's
4 Involuntary Exclusion List.

5 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
6 the Board? May I have a motion?

7 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
8 the Board approve the addition of Rose Bach to the
9 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the
10 OEC. I further move that Ms. Bach may petition for
11 removal from the list after one year.

12 MS. REITZEL: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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15 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

18 Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Good morning, Mr.
20 Chairman, members of the Board. My name is Ashley
21 Gabrielle, G-A-B-R-I-E-L-L-E, OEC. I'll present the
22 final eight matters.

23 Next on the agenda is a request to
24 place Callious Dennis on the Involuntary Exclusion
25 List. Mr. Dennis cheated at Mt. Airy by past posting

1 a wager while claims had been pulled in poker. Mr.
2 Dennis was criminally charged for his actions.

3 At this time the OEC requests that the
4 Board add Callious Dennis to the Board's Involuntary
5 Exclusion List.

6 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
7 the Board? May I have a motion?

8 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
9 that the Board approve the addition of Callious Dennis
10 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
11 the OEC.

12 MR. RYAN: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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15 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

18 Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
20 agenda is a request to place Patricia Edwards on the
21 Involuntary Exclusion List. Ms. Edwards left her ten-
22 year-old son in the car while she engaged in gaming
23 activity at Mt. Airy.

24 At this time, the OEC requests that
25 the Board add Patricia Edwards to the Board's

1 Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 CHAIRMAN: How long was the individual
3 in the car and what age?

4 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: He was ten years
5 old. He was unattended for approximately 24 minutes.

6 CHAIRMAN: Any other questions or
7 comments from the Board? May I have a motion?

8 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
9 the Board approve the addition of Patricia Edwards to
10 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
11 the OEC.

12 MR. SANTONI: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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15 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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17 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

18 Motion's adopted.

19 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
20 agenda is a request to place Monika Jaworowski on the
21 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Jaworowski used a
22 false identification card while underage in an attempt
23 to gain access to the gaming floor at Mt. Airy Casino.

24 At this time, the OEC requests that
25 the Board add Monika Jaworowski to the Board's

1 Involuntary Exclusion List.

2 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
3 the Board? May I have a motion?

4 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
5 that the Board approve the addition of Monika
6 Jaworowski to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as
7 described by the OEC. I further move that Ms.
8 Jaworowski may petition to be removed from the list
9 after one year.

10 MR. LOGAN: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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13 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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15 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

16 Motion's adopted.

17 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
18 agenda is a request to place Oliva McKay on the
19 Involuntary Exclusion List. Ms. McKay used a false
20 identification card while underage in an attempt to
21 gain access to the gaming floor at Mt. Airy Casino.

22 At this time, the OEC requests that
23 the Board add Olivia McKay to the Board's Involuntary
24 Exclusion List.

25 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments? May

1 I have a motion?

2 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
3 the Board approve the addition of Olivia McKay to the
4 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the
5 OEC. I further move that Ms. McKay may petition for
6 removal from the list after her 22nd birthday.

7 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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10 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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12 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

13 The motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
15 agenda is a request to place Chelsea Plocker on the
16 Involuntary Exclusion List. Ms. Plocker used a false
17 identification card while underage in an attempt to
18 gain access to the gaming floor at Mt. Airy Casino.

19 At this time, the OEC requests that
20 the Board add Chelsea Plocker to the Board's
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
23 the Board? May I have a motion?

24 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move
25 the Board approve the addition of Chelsea Plocker to

1 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
2 the OEC. I further move that Ms. Plocker may petition
3 for removal from the list after her 22nd birthday.

4 MS. REITZEL: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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7 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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9 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

10 The motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
12 agenda is a request to place Adrian Sela on the
13 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Sela attempted to use
14 another person's valid identification card as his own
15 in an attempt to gain access to the gaming floor at
16 Mt. Airy Casino while he was underage.

17 At this time the OEC requests that the
18 Board add Adrian Sela to the Board's Involuntary
19 Exclusion List.

20 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
21 the Board? May I have a motion?

22 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move
23 that the Board approve the addition of Adrian Sela to
24 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
25 the OEC. I further move that Mr. Sela may petition

1 for removal from the list after his 22nd birthday.

2 MR. RYAN: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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5 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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7 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

8 Motion's adopted.

9 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
10 agenda is a request to place Saul Williams on the
11 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Williams aided and
12 abetted his 15-year-old son in an attempt to allow a
13 minor access to the gaming floor at Mt. Airy.

14 At this time OEC requests that the
15 Board add Saul Williams to the Board's Involuntary
16 Exclusion List.

17 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
18 the Board? May I have a motion?

19 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that
20 the Board approve the addition of Saul Williams to the
21 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the
22 OEC.

23 MR. SANTONI: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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1 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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3 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

4 Motion's adopted.

5 ATTORNEY GABRIELLE: Next on the
6 agenda is a request to place David Yoon on the
7 Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Yoon used a false
8 identification card while underage in an attempt to
9 gain access to the gaming floor at Mt. Airy Casino.

10 At this time the OEC requests that the
11 Board add David Yoon to the Board's Involuntary
12 Exclusion List.

13 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from
14 the Board? May I have a motion?

15 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move
16 that the Board approve the addition of David Yoon to
17 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by
18 the OEC. I further move that Mr. Yoon may petition
19 from the list after one year.

20 MR. LOGAN: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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23 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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25 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

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Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY PITRE: Commissioner Ryan, on behalf of the OEC we'd like to thank you for your service. Most of all, thank you for your frankness, frank assessment of things. And also we knew coming in - when you first arrived that you would put us under the microscope that we needed to be put under to ensure that gaming was being regulated fairly and in the right way.

We appreciate everything that you've done and we wish you success in the future.

MR. RYAN: Thank you, Cyrus, for your kind words. I've enjoyed working with you. Good luck to you and everybody in OEC. You do an excellent job.

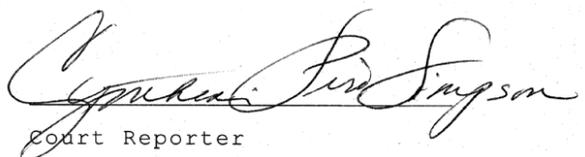
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