

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: DAVID M. BARASCH, CHAIR  
Richard G. Jewell, Kathy M. Manderino, Sean Logan, Dante Santoni, Jr., William H. Ryan, Jr., Merritt C. Reitzel, Members, Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding, Secretary of Agriculture; Jennifer Langan, representing Joseph Torsella, State Treasurer; Robert P. Coyne, representing C. Daniel Hassell, Secretary of Revenue

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CHAIRMAN: Good morning, everyone.

I'm David Barasch the Chairman of the Gaming Control Board. Before we begin, I'm going to ask everyone to please turn off your phones and electronic devices. What you hear in the background is I believe Dante - Commissioner Santoni who's stuck someplace between Reading and Harrisburg behind an overturned tractor trailer, and that is the sound of his door opening or closing. But Dante is part of this. He's part of the group so he's part of the quorum for this morning.

Good morning, Dante.

MR. SANTONI: Good morning, everyone.

CHAIRMAN: Okay.

With us today is Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding, the Secretary of Agriculture, Jen Langan representing Joe Torsella the State Treasurer, and Bob Coyne representing the Secretary of Revenue, Dan Hassell.

Thank you all for being here. A quorum of the Board being present and on the phone I call today's meeting to order.

First, the Pledge of Allegiance.

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1 (WHEREUPON, THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED.)

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3 CHAIRMAN: By way of announcements,  
4 the Board had an Executive Session yesterday, October  
5 3rd, to discuss personnel matters and conduct quasi-  
6 judicial deliberations relating to matters being  
7 considered by the Board today.

8 Next, I will have consideration a  
9 motion approving the minutes and transcript of the  
10 August 9th meeting.

11 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
12 the Board approve the minutes and transcript of the  
13 August 9th, 2017 meeting.

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? Motion is  
20 granted.

21 Before we proceed, I would just like  
22 to comment, I did say last time this might be  
23 Commissioner Ryan's last meeting. I can see he's  
24 still among us.

25 MR. RYAN: I refuse to leave.

1                    CHAIRMAN: Does anybody have any  
2 comments at this point?

3                    MR. JEWELL: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I was  
4 on the phone last time and didn't have a chance to  
5 comment briefly on Commissioner Ryan being with us and  
6 soon to be not with us. I'd just like to say a couple  
7 words about Bill.

8                    A lot of folks don't realize that he  
9 has nearly completed 30 years - 30 years of senior  
10 public service here to the citizens of the  
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Elected in 1987 as the  
12 District Attorney of Delaware County, he served two  
13 terms. It's the only County of the 67 in our  
14 Commonwealth that hadn't - that has a term limit so he  
15 can only serve two.

16                    He was in private practice for a year  
17 and then when Mike Fisher was elected as the Attorney  
18 General, Mike asked him to come to Harrisburg to head  
19 up the criminal division side of the AG side. When  
20 General Fisher moved over to the Third United States  
21 Circuit Court of Appeals, and his first deputy Jerry  
22 Pappert became the Attorney General, he asked  
23 Commissioner Ryan if he would be the first deputy.

24                    He served as first deputy both to  
25 General Pappert and for many years to Tom Corbett -

1 General Corbett when Tom was the Attorney General.  
2 And then left at the end of - actually was the acting  
3 Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.  
4 And then came as the Governor's appointment, then by  
5 Governor Corbett as the Chairman of the Gaming  
6 Commission.

7                   So, Bill, your service noted, very  
8 significant for the citizens of this Commonwealth.  
9 It's been an honor to have served with you, and to  
10 have the benefit of your counsel and the pleasure of  
11 your company. Congratulations.

12                   MR. RYAN: Thank you, Dick, for those  
13 kind words. Coming from someone of your stature from  
14 the other side of the state, I certainly appreciate  
15 it.

16                   CHAIRMAN: All right.

17                   Then we will proceed. If you're still  
18 here next time, we probably don't have any further  
19 eulogies.

20                   MR. RYAN: I'll give another one.

21                   CHAIRMAN: Okay.

22                   Under new business, Kevin O'Toole?

23                   MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chairman  
24 Barasch. Good morning members of the Board.

25                   On or about October 1st of every year,

1 the Board issues several key reports. In a subsequent  
2 meeting we'll talk a little bit about our Diversity  
3 Report that is expected to be issued this week. But  
4 today, the Executive Director's report, I would like  
5 to give some emphasis to the fact that we have  
6 recently issued our 12th Annual Report of the  
7 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. It's in a bright  
8 red color this year. And the points that I would like  
9 to make is that it - it really does further a  
10 tradition of the Gaming Control Board to issue an  
11 outstanding annual report, one that is full of - of  
12 information that is useful in a lot of different  
13 contexts, it provides narrative summaries of all of  
14 our Bureaus and offices as to how they fulfill their  
15 part of the mission of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control  
16 Board.

17           It provides charts and graphs of - of  
18 the accomplishments that can be put in the statistical  
19 format. It includes a statement of revenue and  
20 expenditures prepared by our Bureau of Financial  
21 Management. It contains detailed information about  
22 all 12 of the operating casinos in Pennsylvania, which  
23 includes information regarding the revenues in the  
24 past fiscal year, and the taxes that those casinos  
25 have paid to the Commonwealth during that past fiscal

1 year.

2                   It's always - it - it's always  
3 important to note that not from the beginning, but  
4 about five or six years ago, we began including a log  
5 of Executive Sessions. So, this report contains our  
6 log for fiscal year '16 and '17, it provides the date  
7 of each Executive Session held by the Gaming Control  
8 Board, it - and it identifies a link within our  
9 webpage where you can go and access the agenda for  
10 that Executive Session.

11                   I would also like to make the comment  
12 that within the annual report is the description of  
13 our Speakers Bureau. The Speakers Bureau is  
14 coordinated by our Office of Communications through  
15 Doug Harbach, Richard McGarvey, Doreen Edwards. And  
16 this past fiscal year they scheduled and appeared at  
17 approximately 40 speaking engagements, many of which  
18 the Commissioners accompany the Office of  
19 Communication. We're very appreciative of - of the  
20 effort by the Commissioners who participate in that  
21 activity.

22                   It's an outstanding opportunity to  
23 exchange ideas and perspectives with - with residents  
24 of the Commonwealth, with community and business  
25 groups, to give them a better perspective on - on the

1 casino industry in Pennsylvania and the regulatory  
2 oversight of that industry. So, our full Annual  
3 Report can be accessed by the public on our webpage at  
4 gamingcontrolboard.pa.gov. That's my report for  
5 today.

6 Thank you, Chairman.

7 CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Kevin.

8 Any comments or questions?

9 David Rhen, Office of Financial  
10 Management.

11 MR. RHEN: Good morning.

12 CHAIRMAN: Good morning.

13 MR. RHEN: Today I have two points of  
14 discussion. The first is an overview of the Board's  
15 expenditures for the first quarter of the fiscal year.  
16 And second is a presentation of Proposed 2018-19  
17 Fiscal Year Budget.

18 So, with that, a brief summary of the  
19 first quarter expenses. During the first quarter  
20 expenses totaled \$8.1 million, expenditures increased  
21 by 126 percent - \$126,000 or 1.6 percent from last  
22 year. Ninety (90) percent of expenses for the first  
23 quarter were for payroll, which totaled \$7.3 million.  
24 This was up 3.9 percent or \$274,000 from last year.  
25 Salaries and overtime totaled \$4.3 million, and

1 benefits totaled \$3 million. Benefit expenses as a  
2 percentage of salaries increased slightly to 71  
3 percent from salaries this year from 70 percent last  
4 year.

5                   Operating and fixed assets  
6 expenditures combined total \$821,000 with a ten - for  
7 a ten percent overall expenses. This is down \$148,000  
8 with 15 percent from the same quarter last year. The  
9 decrease is simply the result of timely differences as  
10 we are early in the fiscal year. The top three  
11 operating and fixed asset expenses were rentals which  
12 totaled \$379,000, services including fees for  
13 fingerprints used in background investigations at  
14 \$133,000 and telecommunication expenses at \$104,000.

15                   Unless there are any questions I'll  
16 discuss the '18/'19 budget.

17                   CHAIRMAN: Please proceed.

18                   MR. RHEN: Next for your consideration  
19 is the Proposed Fiscal Year of 2018-'19 Budget  
20 Request. The proposed request is \$42,015,000 for  
21 administration and \$2 million for statutorily mandated  
22 Local Law Enforcement Grants.

23                   Overall, the budget requests \$350,000  
24 or .8 percent higher than the current year budget.  
25 The increase essentially is the result of hiring new

1 staff for the potential opening of a new casino during  
2 the fiscal year and salary increases for current  
3 staff. The Board's budget includes \$36.8 million for  
4 personnel and benefits and \$5.3 million for operating  
5 and fixed asset expenses. Personnel expenses  
6 comprised 87 percent of the overall budget and  
7 includes funding for 295 positions.

8           The benefit rate does include 71.9  
9 percent of salary expenses. The operating and fixed  
10 asset budget is \$5.3 million or 13 percent of the  
11 overall request. The majority of these expenditures  
12 will be for real estate leases, investigative expenses  
13 and telecommunication and data costs. The proposed  
14 budget will be funded through the combination of \$6.5  
15 million in restrictive revenue, including application  
16 license fees and chargebacks of gaming lab costs to  
17 manufacturers and \$35,515,000 in drawdowns from escrow  
18 accounts funded by casino operators.

19           That concludes my presentation of the  
20 budget. I'd be happy to take any questions, otherwise  
21 I would appreciate your consideration of the motion to  
22 approve the 2018-19 budget request.

23           CHAIRMAN: Any questions for Dave from  
24 the Board?

25           MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that

1 the Board adopt the 2019-19 Proposed Budget as  
2 described by the Office of Financial Management.

3 MR. JEWELL: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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6 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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8 CHAIRMAN: Any opposed? Motion is  
9 adopted.

10 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, if I can I  
11 have one question of Mr. Rhen.

12 Dave, going back to the fiscal year  
13 just ended in June 30th, I would assume that most of  
14 the transactions have been taken care of and the wrap  
15 is close to being put on the past fiscal year.

16 Would that be an accurate statement?

17 MR. RHEN: Yes, we're tying up some  
18 loose ends this month but by the end of the month we  
19 should be complete.

20 MR. RYAN: And did the Board come in  
21 under budget that year?

22 MR. RHEN: It should have a - a  
23 surplus or a lapse of about \$1.1 million.

24 MR. RYAN: And that's - as I  
25 understand it even with a plus of about a half a

1 million dollars for computers that we all expect is  
2 not - one time, certainly a - an expenditure that  
3 won't be repeated in the next fiscal year.

4 Correct?

5 MR. RHEN: That's correct. A large  
6 portion of the savings were due to the declines in our  
7 complement levels from the prior year when we were  
8 setting last year's budget.

9 MR. RYAN: Okay.

10 Thank you, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN: Office of Chief Counsel  
12 (OCC), Doug.

13 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Good morning,  
14 Chairman and Members of the Board. Our first agenda  
15 item relates to a Local Law Enforcement Grant, which  
16 Assistant Chief Counsel Denise Miller-Tshudy is here  
17 to present.

18 ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Good  
19 morning. The application that is before you today is  
20 for Chester County District Attorney's Office. They  
21 have submitted an application requesting a two-year  
22 grant for a total of \$442,089. Year one would be  
23 \$230,145, and year two for \$211,944.

24 This would be the second grant if the  
25 Board were to award it. They have - intend to use the

1 grant fund to continue to establish gaming initiative,  
2 the focus will be on identifying and investigating and  
3 prosecuting unlawful gaming devices, bookmaking,  
4 unlawful lotteries, dice games, and dog and cock  
5 fighting. The grant will be used - as in the past,  
6 will be used for the payment of one salary for a full-  
7 time investigator, a part-time investigator, training  
8 for the investigators and prosecutors, surveillance  
9 equipment and the cost of their audits.

10 Their application does meet the  
11 technical guidelines of the Board and it is now ready  
12 for your consideration.

13 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments?  
14 Hearing none, may I have a motion?

15 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
16 the Board approve the Local Law Enforcement Grant  
17 Application of the Chester County District Attorney's  
18 Office as described by the OCC.

19 MR. LOGAN: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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22 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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24 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion is  
25 adopted.

1                   ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Thank you.

2                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

3                   ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Today, we have two  
4 Petitions before you for consideration. Each of the  
5 matters can be decided on the documents of record as  
6 they are uncontested. For each of the matters, the  
7 Board has, in advance of this meeting, been provided  
8 with the petition, OEC's Answer, as well as any  
9 evidentiary materials filed of record.

10                                 The first Petition before the Board is  
11 that of Caree Dodson. And it's her Petition for  
12 removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List.

13                                 On January 3rd, 2015, Ms. Dodson, who  
14 was under the age of 21 at the time, attempted to  
15 enter Valley Forge's gaming floor by using a fake  
16 identification to try to obtain a Casino Access Pass.  
17 As a result of the incident, the Office of Enforcement  
18 Counsel (OEC) filed a Petition to place her on the  
19 Exclusion List. She did not respond and the Board  
20 issued an Order on July 13, 2016 placing her on the  
21 Exclusion List for at least one year from the date of  
22 the Board's Order.

23                                 It's now been over a year since she  
24 was placed on the List, and she's now 22 years of age,  
25 and has requested removal. OEC is not objecting to

1 the removal and it's her Petition now that's before  
2 the Board for approval.

3 CHAIRMAN: Thanks, Doug. Questions or  
4 comments from the Board?

5 May I have a motion?

6 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
7 the Board grant Caree Dodson's Petition for removal  
8 from the PGCB Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

9 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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12 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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14 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
15 adopted.

16 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: The second Petition  
17 before the Board is Vincent Procopio's request to be  
18 removed from the Exclusion List.

19 By way of background, in 2009, Mr.  
20 Procopio pled guilty to charges resulting from his  
21 part in an illegal sports betting ring operating out  
22 of the poker room at the Borgata Hotel and Casino in  
23 Atlantic City. Subsequently, in 2011, Mr. Procopio  
24 was placed on New Jersey's Exclusion List.

25 As a result of the conviction, and

1 upon verification, Mr. Procopio frequented  
2 Pennsylvania's casinos. The OEC filed a Petition to  
3 place him on our Exclusion List. In February of 2012,  
4 a hearing was held and a Report and Recommendation  
5 issued by a Board Hearing Officer recommending that  
6 Mr. Procopio be placed on the Exclusion List. On May  
7 2nd, 2012, the Board adopted that recommendation and  
8 placed Mr. Procopio on the Board's Involuntary  
9 Exclusion List.

10                   On July 27th, 2017, counsel for Mr.  
11 Procopio filed a Petition requesting his removal from  
12 the Exclusion List. The request avers that Mr.  
13 Procopio was released from prison for good behavior  
14 after serving seven months out of an almost one-year  
15 sentence. His five-year probation was terminated  
16 after three years and he's been removed from the New  
17 Jersey Exclusion List. That he has not had any  
18 contact with law enforcement authorities since 2008  
19 and that he's complied with all the requirements  
20 placed on him as a result of being on the Board's  
21 Exclusion List. He also provided letters attesting to  
22 his rehabilitation and character.

23                   It's now been over five years since he  
24 was placed on the List by this Board. And having no  
25 evidence that he has violated the Board's Order, OEC

1 has not objected to the request to remove him from the  
2 Exclusion List. I - for the record, the Board's  
3 Regulations allow a person to be placed on the  
4 Exclusion List request a removal after five years and  
5 that's what this request is.

6 And with that explanation it's ready  
7 for the Board's consideration.

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

9 Any questions or comments from the  
10 Board?

11 May I have a motion?

12 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
13 the Board grant Vincent Procopio's Petition for  
14 removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List as  
15 described - described by the OCC.

16 MS. REITZEL: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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19 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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21 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
22 adopted.

23 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: Next presenting  
24 Withdrawals and one Report and Recommendation is  
25 Deputy Chief Counsel Steve Cook.

1                   ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning.

2                   CHAIRMAN: Good morning.

3                   ATTORNEY COOK: The Board has received  
4 several unopposed Petitions to withdraw applications  
5 or surrender the credentials of the following  
6 individuals and entities. Rosemary Williams, Thomas  
7 Tryger, Elite Casino Marketing Group, Inc., James  
8 Daryl Owen, Jakob Rothwangl, Karin-Joyce Tjon,  
9 Jacqueline Beato, Richard A. Ditton 2014 Special  
10 Trust, and Jess M. Ravich.

11                   The OEC has no objections to any of  
12 these Petitions. And as a result, if the Board were  
13 to grant same they'd be doing so in each case without  
14 prejudice to the various requestors.

15                   These matters are ripe for the Board's  
16 consideration.

17                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

18                   Questions or comments from the Board?

19                   Do I have a motion?

20                   MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move  
21 that the Board issue Orders to approve the Withdrawals  
22 and Surrenders as described by the OCC.

23                   MR. RYAN: Second.

24                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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1 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

5 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board  
6 today for consideration is one Report and  
7 Recommendation received from the Office of Hearings  
8 and Appeals (OHA).

9 The Report and Recommendation, which  
10 pertains to the Emergency Suspension of Samantha  
11 Kline's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit, was  
12 forwarded to the Board along with the complete  
13 evidentiary record in the matter, prior to today's  
14 meeting. Additionally, Ms. Kline has been notified  
15 that the Board would be taking the matter up today and  
16 if she wanted to come forward to briefly address the  
17 Board, she had the right to do so. If Ms. Kline is  
18 present in the room today, I'd ask her to come forward  
19 at this time.

20 Briefly, Ms. Kline was issued a Gaming  
21 Employee Permit in June 2016 and worked as a security  
22 officer at Sugarhouse Casino.

23 On July 6th, 2017, the OEC filed a  
24 request for Emergency Suspension of Ms. Kline's permit  
25 after receiving notice that she had been arrested and

1 charged with several offenses including a - a felony  
2 charge for aggravated assault on a police officer.  
3 Specifically, it is alleged that, on June 9th, 2017,  
4 the police were sent to Ms. Kline's home at the  
5 request of her mother. Upon arriving at the home, an  
6 officer requested that Ms. Kline step outside. She  
7 declined, shutting the door on the - on the officer.  
8 After hearing noises and fearing for Ms. Kline's  
9 safety, the officer forced his way into the home and  
10 was thereafter assaulted by Ms. Kline. At that time,  
11 she was taken under - taken into custody on drug  
12 paraphernalia and what was believed to be marijuana  
13 were seized from the property. As a result of these  
14 allegations and the criminal charges, including the  
15 felony that I referenced, the Executive Director  
16 issued an Emergency Suspension as requested by  
17 Enforcement Counsel.

18                   Subsequently, a hearing on the  
19 validity of the Emergency Suspension was held on July  
20 26th, 2017. Both the OEC and Ms. Kline attended that  
21 hearing. Enforcement Counsel putting into the record  
22 evidence of the arrest and the underlying allegations.  
23 Ms. Kline's only testimony at that hearing was that  
24 she had made application for the ARD program and was  
25 waiting to hear whether she was going to be accepted

1 into that program. Notwithstanding that testimony,  
2 because the felony charge remained pending the Hearing  
3 Officer's recommendation to the Board is that a  
4 suspension remain in place. And that is the  
5 recommendation for the Board's consideration at this  
6 time.

7 CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments  
8 from the Board?

9 May I have a motion?

10 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
11 the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued  
12 by the OHA regarding the suspension of Samantha  
13 Kline's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described  
14 by the OCC.

15 MR. LOGAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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18 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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20 CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

21 The motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY SHERMAN: And that concludes  
23 the matters of the OCC.

24 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Chairman  
25 and Member of the Board.

1                   Before the Board today will be one  
2 Slot Machine Supplier, one Gaming Junket Enterprise  
3 License renewal, one Gaming Related Gaming Service  
4 Provider, and 523 Principal, Key, Gaming and  
5 Non-Gaming Employee Applicants. In addition, there  
6 will be the consideration of 18 Gaming Service  
7 Provider Applicants.

8                   The first matter for your  
9 consideration is the approval of American Gaming and  
10 Electronics, a Slot Machine Supplier Licensee.  
11 American Gaming and Electronics is a Nevada-based  
12 company that services slot machines and associated  
13 equipment. The Bureau of Investigations and  
14 Enforcement (BIE) has completed its investigation of  
15 the company. And the Bureau of Licensing has provided  
16 you with the background investigation and suitability  
17 report regarding the approval. As a result, the Slot  
18 Machine Supplier License is ready for your  
19 consideration. I have provided you with the draft  
20 Order for this entity and ask that the Board consider  
21 the Order to approve the Slot Machine License for  
22 American Gaming and Electronics.

23                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
24 has no objection.

25                   CHAIRMAN: Any questions or comments

1 from the Board?

2 May I have a motion?

3 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
4 the Board approve the Supplier License Application of  
5 American Gaming and Electronics as described by the  
6 Bureau of Licensing.

7 MR. JEWELL: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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10 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

14 MR. HANNON: Also for your  
15 consideration is the renewal of a Gaming Junket  
16 Enterprise License for Benz Gaming, LLC. Benz Gaming  
17 is a New Jersey based junket company. The BIE has  
18 completed its investigation of this company and the  
19 Bureau of Licensing has provided you with the  
20 background investigation and suitability report for  
21 this Applicant. I have provided you with the draft  
22 Order and ask that the Board consider the renewal of  
23 the license for Benz Gaming, LLC.

24 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
25 has no objection.



1 approval of a Gaming Related Gaming Service Provider  
2 Certification for Double Back Jack, LLC doing business  
3 as Second Chance Blackjack.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
5 has no objection.

6 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from  
7 the Board?

8 May I have a motion?

9 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
10 the Board approve the Gaming Related Gaming Service  
11 Provider Certification application for Double Back  
12 Jack, LLC as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

13 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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16 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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18 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
19 adopted.

20 MR. HANNON: Also for your  
21 consideration is the approval of one Principal  
22 License. Prior to this meeting, the Bureau of  
23 Licensing provided you with the proposed Order for the  
24 one Principal. I ask that the Board consider the  
25 Order approving this license.

1                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
2 has no objection.

3                   CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from  
4 the Board?

5                   May I have a motion?

6                   MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
7 the Board approve the issuance of Principal Employee  
8 License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

9                   MS. REITZEL: Second.

10                  CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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12 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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14                  CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
15 adopted.

16                  MR. HANNON: Next there are Temporary  
17 Principal and Key Employee Licenses. Prior to this  
18 meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided you with an  
19 Order regarding the issuance of Temporary Licenses for  
20 one Principal and six Key Employees. I ask that the  
21 Board consider the Order approving these licenses.

22                  ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
23 has no objection.

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

1                   MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move  
2 that the Board approve the issuance of Temporary  
3 Principal and Key Employee Credentials as described by  
4 the Bureau of Licensing.

5                   MR. RYAN: Second.

6                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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8 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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10                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
11 adopted.

12                   MR. HANNON: In addition, there are  
13 Gaming Permits and Non-Gaming Registrations. Prior to  
14 this meeting, the Bureau of Licensing provided you  
15 with a list of 352 individuals to whom the Bureau has  
16 granted Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 149  
17 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted  
18 Registrations under the authority delegated to the  
19 Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a  
20 motion approving the Order.

21                   ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
22 has no objection.

23                   CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments for  
24 the Board? May I have a motion?

25                   MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that

1 the Board approve the issuance of Gaming Employee  
2 Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming Employee  
3 Registrations as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

4 MR. LOGAN: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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7 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

11 MR. HANNON: Also, there are  
12 Recommendations of Denial for one Gaming Employee  
13 Applicant and one Non-Gaming Employee Applicant. In  
14 each case the Applicant was notified he or she was  
15 being recommended for denial and failed to request a  
16 hearing within the specified timeframe. The Bureau of  
17 Licensing has provided you with Orders addressing the  
18 Applicants who the OEC has recommended for denial. I  
19 ask that the Board consider a motion approving the  
20 denials.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
22 continues to request denial in each instance.

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

25 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that

1 the Board deny the Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee  
2 Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

3 MR. JEWELL: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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6 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

10 MR. HANNON: Next for your  
11 consideration are Withdrawal Requests for Key, Gaming  
12 and Non-Gaming Employees. In each case the permit or  
13 registration is no longer required.

14 For today's meeting I have provided  
15 the Board with a list of 1 Key, 25 Gaming Employees  
16 and 6 Non-Gaming Employees for Withdrawal for  
17 approval. I ask that the Board consider the Order  
18 approving the list of Withdrawals.

19 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
20 has no objection.

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

23 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
24 the Board approve the Withdrawals as described by the  
25 Bureau of Licensing.

1                   MR. LOGAN:    Second.

2                   CHAIRMAN:   All in favor?

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4   (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

8                   MR. HANNON:   Next we have an Order to  
9   certify the following Gaming Service Providers, the  
10   Norwood Company, Chopstick Asian Cuisine,  
11   Incorporated, Villa Pizza of Pennsylvania.  I ask that  
12   the Board consider the Order approving these Gaming  
13   Service Providers for Certification.

14                   ATTORNEY PITRE:   Enforcement Counsel  
15   has no objection.

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

18                   MR. LOGAN:    Mr. Chairman, I move that  
19   the Board approve the Applications for Gaming Service  
20   Provider Certification as described by the Bureau of  
21   Licensing.

22                   MS. MANDERINO:   Second.

23                   CHAIRMAN:    All in favor?

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25   (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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2 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
3 adopted.

4 MR. HANNON: Finally for your  
5 consideration are Gaming Service Provider  
6 Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you  
7 with an Order and an attached list of 15 Registered  
8 Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the  
9 Board consider the Order registering these Gaming  
10 Service Providers.

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel  
12 has no objection.

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

15 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
16 the Board approve the Application of Gaming Service  
17 Provider Registrations as described by the Bureau of  
18 Licensing.

19 MS. REITZEL: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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22 (WHERUEPON, AYES RESPOND.)

23 ---

24 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
25 adopted.

1                   MR. HANNON: That is it for the Bureau  
2 of Licensing.

3                   CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Sean.  
4 Office of Enforcement.

5                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC will present  
6 23 matters today for the Board's consideration,  
7 consisting of five Consent Agreements, two  
8 Revocations, two Suspensions and 14 Involuntary  
9 Exclusions.

10                   The first matter on OEC's part of the  
11 agenda is - for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
12 Agreement between the OEC and Category 1 Licensee  
13 Downs Racing, LP doing business as Mohegan Sun Pocono.  
14 The Consent Agreement will be presented by Assistant  
15 Enforcement Counsel John Crohe. I see Mohegan  
16 representatives are present at this time, I would  
17 request any individuals that are not licensed  
18 attorneys in the Commonwealth, please stand and be  
19 sworn.

20                   ATTORNEY STEWART: We're licensed  
21 attorneys.

22                   ATTORNEY PITRE: And introduce  
23 themselves into the record.

24                   ATTORNEY STEWART: Good - good  
25 morning, Board Members. This is Mark Stewart,

1 S-T-E-W-A-R-T, with Eckert Seamans. With me is  
2 Michael Epps.

3 ATTORNEY EPPS: Michael Epps, I am the  
4 new President of Legal and Compliance at Mohegan Sun.

5 CHAIRMAN: Welcome.

6 ATTORNEY EPPS: Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: And with that, I'll  
8 turn it over to Mr. Crohe.

9 ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning,  
10 Chairman and Members of the Board. John Crohe,  
11 C-R-O-H-E, with the OEC.

12 The next matter on the agenda for the  
13 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement reached  
14 between Mohegan Sun Pocono and the OEC regarding an  
15 incident wherein the Board's regulations governing the  
16 game of poker and the requirement to notify Casino  
17 Compliance when a deck is discovered to contain  
18 incorrect cards were violated.

19 On July 4th, 2016, a Table Games  
20 Dealer discovered a two - discovered two eight of  
21 clubs in the same deck while dealing poker. The  
22 dealer stopped playing, reported this incident to the  
23 lead supervisor. The dealer further reported that the  
24 deck had been in play at multiple tables. The deck  
25 had been in play for 4 hours and 25 minutes before the

1 error was discovered. The lead supervisor collected  
2 the deck, negated the hand, and returned all bets from  
3 the hand to the players at the table.

4 It was then discovered that the  
5 compromised poker deck was also missing a nine of  
6 spades. The lead supervisor reported the incident to  
7 the poker chip manager by way of e-mail and advised  
8 the lead supervisor who relieved him at the coinciding  
9 shift change on the matter. The subsequent lead  
10 supervisor immediately examined all replacement decks  
11 and insured that they were constructed properly.

12 A Card, Dice, Tiles Discrepancy Report  
13 was not generated and notice was never given to Casino  
14 Compliance. This incident was not discovered by the  
15 Board until July 23rd, 2016, when a patron sent a  
16 letter of complaint to Mohegan Sun and copied this  
17 Board. The OEC and Mohegan Sun Pocono respectfully  
18 request that the Board approve this Consent Agreement  
19 and Stipulations of Settlement, which would require  
20 Mohegan Sun Pocono to implement policy and procedures  
21 to prevent further similar incidents, and that Mohegan  
22 Sun Pocono pay civil penalty of \$25,000 as well as  
23 \$2,500 for costs incurred by the Board staff in  
24 connection with investigations into this matter.

25 CHAIRMAN: Comments?

1                    ATTORNEY STEWART: Mr. Chairman and  
2 Members of the Board, as - as was expressed by Mohegan  
3 Sun Pocono in August, it is deeply regretful about the  
4 situation, particularly the lack of reporting to the  
5 appropriate agencies within the Board. It has taken  
6 steps to address that, to reemphasize and - and stress  
7 the very - very importance of that type of timely  
8 reporting. And we stand before you for questions if  
9 you have any.

10                   CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions  
11 from the Board?

12                   MR. LOGAN: So, a patron filed the  
13 complaint? Not on that same day but some time period  
14 after? What was the time period after the -?

15                   ATTORNEY CROHE: It was approximately  
16 three weeks after the incident.

17                   MR. LOGAN: So, how did the patron,  
18 three weeks later, know about it?

19                   ATTORNEY CROHE: The patron was one of  
20 the players at the table when the incident occurred,  
21 felt as if he should've been compensated sometime  
22 thereafter and then sent in a letter -.

23                   MR. LOGAN: So, there was discussion  
24 on the day that the event - the deck was compromised?

25                   ATTORNEY STEWART: It was discovered

1 and corrected, yes. The deck was taken out of -.

2 MR. LOGAN: It was discovered by the  
3 patron? I'm just - I'm - I'm having a hard time  
4 following it. So, the patron's there, there's a  
5 compromised deck - how did he or she on that day  
6 realize it was a compromised deck?

7 ATTORNEY CROHE: It - it was apparent  
8 to the patrons as the game of poker, when the cards  
9 came out, the players realized that two of the same  
10 cards should not be in the deck. So, it was witnessed  
11 by the patrons at the table and then the dealer  
12 realized simultaneously.

13 MR. LOGAN: So, then it took three  
14 weeks for that patron - there were many at the table  
15 then to file a complaint.

16 ATTORNEY CROHE: That's correct.

17 MR. LOGAN: Okay.

18 ATTORNEY STEWART: And - and Mohegan  
19 Sun Pocono has reached out both verbally and in  
20 writing to apologize to all the patrons who were at  
21 the table, including the one that wrote the letter.

22 CHAIRMAN: Are there any other  
23 questions?

24 MR. JEWELL: I do have a couple  
25 questions.

1                   Obviously you've indicated - you've  
2 emphasized what your policies are - reemphasized. But  
3 you also said, Mr. Stewart, that you took other steps.  
4 Could you let us know what those other steps were?

5                   ATTORNEY STEWART: Well, there was  
6 individual discipline of the employees as actually  
7 discussed at the August meeting. Records of  
8 discussion were held and the appropriate progressive  
9 discipline measures were - were implemented.

10                  MR. JEWELL: Thank you, sir.

11                  CHAIRMAN: I don't want to beat a  
12 dying horse but I have to say I think everybody here  
13 on the Board recognizes mistakes happen. That's not  
14 what this is about. It's failure obviously by Downs  
15 to follow proper procedure, which undermines the  
16 integrity of the of operations at your casino and  
17 undermines the confidence of this Board. So,  
18 hopefully we won't be seeing this again?

19                  ATTORNEY STEWART: Absolutely not, Mr.  
20 Chairman.

21                  CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

22                               May I have a motion?

23                  MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move  
24 that the Board approve the Consent Agreement between  
25 OEC and Downs Racing, LP as described by OEC.

1                   MR. RYAN:    Second.

2                   CHAIRMAN:   All those in favor?

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4   (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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6                   CHAIRMAN:   All opposed?   Motion's  
7 adopted.   Thank you.

8                   ATTORNEY PITRE:   The next matter on  
9 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
10 Agreement between the OEC and Category 2 Licensee  
11 Holdings Acquisition Co., LP doing business at Rivers  
12 Casino.   Representatives from Rivers Casino are  
13 present and at this time, I would request that those  
14 individuals introduce themselves for the record, and  
15 that anyone not an attorney please stand and be sworn.

16                   ATTORNEY DONNELLY:   Jeff Donnelly with  
17 the Agreement on behalf of the Rivers Casino.

18                   ATTORNEY CISNEROS:   Danielle Cisneros,  
19 C-I-S-N-E-R-O-S, Senior Counsel Rivers Casino.

20                   MS. DAVIS:    Lorraine Davis, Director  
21 of Compliance.

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23   LORRAINE DAVIS,  
24 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
25 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS

1 FOLLOWS:

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3 ATTORNEY PITRE: The Consent Agreement  
4 will be presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel  
5 Tamara Haken.

6 ATTORNEY HAKEN: Good morning,  
7 Chairman, Members of the Board. Tamara Haken,  
8 H-A-K-E-N.

9 This proposed Consent Agreement  
10 involves a violation of Table Games Procedures at  
11 Rivers Casino. On January 3rd, 2017, the Rivers  
12 Director of Compliance self-reported to the Bureau of  
13 Casino Compliance that five tournaments had been held  
14 without being submitted for scheduling approval. BCC  
15 completed a Compliance Review on January 4th, 2017 and  
16 concluded that Rivers Casino failed to submit the 2017  
17 Poker Tournament Schedule to the Bureau of Gaming  
18 Operations and Executive Director for review and  
19 approval prior to holding the five tournaments between  
20 January 1st and January 3rd, 2017.

21 At this time, the OEC requests that  
22 the Board approve this Consent Agreement between the  
23 parties. The terms of the settlement include that  
24 within five days the Board's - of the Board's Order  
25 approving this Consent Agreement, Rivers Casino shall

1 pay a civil penalty of \$20,000. Also within five days  
2 of the Board's Order approving this Consent Agreement,  
3 Rivers shall pay the Board \$2,500 for the costs  
4 incurred by OEC BIE and other related staff in  
5 connection with this matter.

6 If you have any questions we would be  
7 happy to address them at this time.

8 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

9 Any comments?

10 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Yes, thank you.

11 It accurately reflects where we are.  
12 I want to emphasize this was a scheduling error and  
13 that means we had followed - my client followed  
14 procedures on these poker tournaments and they were on  
15 file, and the actual procedures were not changed. We  
16 - the company was without the management at that time  
17 and Ms. Davis was very green, having just come to  
18 property. The failure was to alert the Gaming Board  
19 as to the schedule when these particular events would  
20 - would take place. And that's a fairly - the  
21 procedures were approved, the game was - the  
22 tournaments were played in the appropriate manner and  
23 we self-reported it.

24 CHAIRMAN: Any other questions from  
25 the Board?

1           MR. RYAN: If I may. Mr. Donnelly, so  
2 what happened here was somebody who should've done it  
3 didn't do it because of lack of information not lack  
4 of knowledge. Would that be accurate?

5           ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Well, the - it was  
6 a - they dropped the ball. The Table Game Manager  
7 should've called up to the local folks and said we're  
8 having - you know, the tournament - I don't know what  
9 they call it, Tournament X that's already been filed.  
10 But we - we've been running these for a year and a  
11 half and they've been continuing. We're going to run  
12 a couple of them in January - five of them in January.  
13 He failed to make that phone call.

14           CHAIRMAN: Actually, I have a question  
15 for Enforcement Counsel.

16           Five tournaments were held without us  
17 being notified. If there's a tournament - just for my  
18 own education, would this be something that our CCRs  
19 would be aware of just from being there?

20           ATTORNEY PITRE: Yes, they would.

21           CHAIRMAN: But they wouldn't  
22 necessarily know whether or not they are properly  
23 scheduled.

24           ATTORNEY PITRE: Because the - the  
25 tournaments - the tournaments, as Mr. Donnelly said,

1 were previously approved, the procedures and  
2 everything the - everything about the tournament was  
3 fine, and that's what the CCRs - their first  
4 inclination to be - would be to check. They - I  
5 assume they assumed that Rivers would've said - made a  
6 phone call or sent an e-mail to Gaming Operations and  
7 to the Executive Director saying we're running these  
8 tournaments on these dates. That never happened. And  
9 Rivers self-reported, that information to BCC.

10 CHAIRMAN: Got it. Thanks, Cyrus.

11 Other questions from the Board? If  
12 not, may I have a motion?

13 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move the  
14 Board approve the Consent Agreement between the OEC  
15 and Holdings Acquisition Company, LP as described by  
16 the OEC.

17 CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

18 MR. LOGAN: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN: Thank you. All in favor?

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21 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

22 ---

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

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on

1 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a second  
2 Consent Agreement between the OEC and Holdings  
3 Acquisition Co, LP doing business at the Rivers  
4 Casino.

5 CHAIRMAN: Same individuals?

6 ATTORNEY PITRE: This matter will be  
7 presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel Sarah  
8 Kolesar.

9 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning,  
10 Chairman Barasch and Members of the Board. Sarah  
11 Kolesar, K-O-L-E-S-A-R, with the OEC.

12 The proposed Consent Agreement  
13 involves three self-exclusion violations which  
14 occurred at the Rivers Casino. On October 23rd, 2016,  
15 Y.L., a self-excluded individual, went to the Rivers  
16 Casino and actively gamed for approximately four hours  
17 and 35 minutes. During this time, Y.L. was issued a  
18 players card and registered for Table Games Tournament  
19 by casino personnel. Y.L.'s presence in the casino  
20 was discovered on October 24, 2017.

21 On July 29, 2016, D.A., a  
22 self-excluded individual went to the Rivers Casino and  
23 actively gamed for approximately 80 minutes. During  
24 his time at the Rivers Casino, D.A. received two  
25 separate cash advances for the DiTronics office

1 without being identified as a self-excluded person.  
2 D.A. was ultimately discovered by Table Games  
3 Personnel and his winnings in the amount of \$5,512  
4 were confiscated.

5                   On April 17, 2017, B.W., a  
6 self-excluded individual went to the Rivers Casino and  
7 actively gamed for approximately 8 hours and 17  
8 minutes. During this time, B.W. was issued a players  
9 card. B.W.'s presence in the casino was discovered by  
10 casino personnel on April 19, 2017.

11                   Further, the Rivers Casino promptly  
12 reported all three violations to the Bureau of Casino  
13 Compliance and the Pennsylvania State Police. All  
14 three self-excluded individuals were issued lifetime  
15 bans from the Rivers Casino and cited for trespass by  
16 the Pennsylvania State Police.

17                   At this time, the OEC requests that  
18 the Board approve the Consent Agreement between the  
19 parties. The terms of the settlement include that  
20 within five days of the Board's Order approving this  
21 Consent Agreement, the Rivers Casino shall pay civil  
22 penalty of \$22,500. Also within five days of the  
23 Board's Order approving this Consent Agreement, the  
24 Rivers Casino shall pay the Board \$2,500 for the costs  
25 incurred by OEC, BIE and other related staff in

1 connection with this matter.

2 If you have any questions, I would be  
3 happy to address them at this time.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

5 Any comments?

6 ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Only - thank you.  
7 Only that of the three counts, one was an oversight by  
8 DiTronics and they did check but the person - clerk  
9 who was putting in the information put in the wrong  
10 birthdate, so he - he came up a green - that person  
11 was not barred. The other two - the others, we  
12 self-reported them and the persons - we issued  
13 discipline and retrained in both cases.

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

16 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
17 the Board approve the Consent Agreement between the  
18 OEC and Holdings Acquisition Co, LP as described by  
19 the OEC.

20 MR. JEWELL: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

22 ---

23 (WHERUEPON, AYES RESPOND.)

24 ---

25 CHAIRMAN: Opposed? Motion's adopted.

1                    ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on  
2 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent  
3 Agreement between the OEC and Category 2 Licensee  
4 Sugarhouse HSP Gaming, LP doing business at Sugarhouse  
5 Casino.

6                    Representatives from Sugarhouse Casino  
7 are present and at this time I request that these  
8 individuals introduce themselves for the record and  
9 anyone who is not an attorney please stand and be  
10 sworn.

11                    MR. DILACQUA: Anthony DiLacqua,  
12 D-I-L-A-C-Q-U-A.

13                    ---  
14                    ANTHONY DILACQUN,  
15 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND  
16 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS  
17 FOLLOWS:

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19                    MR. DILACQUA: I do.

20                    ATTORNEY PITRE: The matter will be  
21 presented by Assistant Enforcement Counsel James  
22 Armstrong.

23                    ATTORNEY ARMSTRONG: Thank you.  
24 Chairman and Commissioners, the next matter presented  
25 for the Board's consideration, it is a Consent

1 Agreement between the OEC and Sugarhouse Casino  
2 regarding one incident of underage gambling involving  
3 one individual.

4                   Commissioners, on June 30th, an  
5 underage patron at Sugarhouse with four other  
6 individuals who were later determined to be his  
7 brother, their parents, and his brother's girlfriend.  
8 Security requested identification from the brother but  
9 did not request identification from the underage  
10 patron. They were all granted admission into the  
11 gaming floor.

12                   The underage patron was on the gaming  
13 floor for 40 minutes. During that time he played a  
14 slot machine and interacted with various Sugarhouse  
15 personnel. In one instance a security officer stamped  
16 his hand when he left the bar area but did not request  
17 identification. Eventually the underage patron and  
18 his brother attempted to buy-in in a roulette game and  
19 they were asked for identification by the Table Games  
20 Supervisor. The brother produced valid identification  
21 but the underage patron produced his high school ID.

22                   While the supervisor was summoning  
23 security the underage patron left the area. The  
24 underage patron was located by security in the parking  
25 garage where he and his parents were questioned by

1 security officers about his age and identification.  
2 Prior to the Pennsylvania State Police arriving on the  
3 scene the underage patron and his parents left the  
4 garage in their vehicle. The brother and his  
5 girlfriend remained at the garage and cooperated with  
6 police after they arrived properly identifying the  
7 underage patron.

8           It was determined that the underage  
9 patron was only 19 years of age. The underage patron  
10 was issued a formal eviction notice and a citation for  
11 being underage on the casino floor. The three  
12 security officers involved in the issue were issued  
13 final written warnings.

14           Commissioners, the OEC and Sugarhouse  
15 Casino respectfully request that the Board approve the  
16 proposed Consent Agreement with the Stipulation of  
17 Settlement which requires, amongst other things, that  
18 Sugarhouse pay a civil penalty in the amount of  
19 \$10,000 and a fee of \$2,500 for costs incurred by the  
20 OEC and other staff involved in this investigation.

21           Mr. Donnelly is here on behalf of  
22 Sugarhouse and will be glad to answer any questions  
23 you may have.

24           ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Thank you.

25           I want to make a couple points.

1 Number one, this person was seen by three of our  
2 employees, Sugarhouse employees, and apparently he  
3 looked over 35 because originally he wasn't carded.  
4 And then he passed through another person on the  
5 floor, looked at him but thought he passed age, and  
6 then finally was caught by a supervisor on the floor  
7 who again carded him. And at that time for the first  
8 time carded him and saw that he wasn't.

9                   We issued discipline to the two -  
10 final warning to the two persons who had seen him on  
11 the floor and - the one who had let him in and the  
12 person who saw him on the floor and didn't card him.  
13 And - and we performed our own investigation and found  
14 out there was a third person on our team who  
15 interacted with him. We self-reported that as well,  
16 self-reported this and we disciplined that person.  
17 It's tough when kids come in and have fake IDs or look  
18 overage. And it pains me especially - I - I know I'm  
19 preaching to the choir but to the extent people are  
20 watching this, I think two things kind of get my goat  
21 on this case. Number one, this particular underage  
22 was in with his parents and his parents allowed him in  
23 and walked him through and then left the facility  
24 before the State Police could come. And apparently  
25 they have no consequences of this whereas our guards

1 are getting severe consequences. And that irks me.  
2 I'm irked at the parents and I'm trying to send a  
3 message to the legislature as well.

4           The second thing is this particular  
5 underage left before the State Police came and will  
6 apparently suffer no consequences, yet our working  
7 guards suffer consequences. And I urge the  
8 legislature as we have in the past and I know you  
9 have, this Board has too, to have more stringent  
10 sanctions on underage kids.

11           For example, there was an underage kid  
12 who enters the casino and is caught, loses his or her  
13 license for six months. And that's been an effective  
14 deterrent in Jersey because the word gets out if you  
15 get caught in a casino, you're going to lose your  
16 license.

17           MR. RYAN: By license you mean license  
18 to drive?

19           ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Driver's license,  
20 yeah, for six months. And I've had a number of  
21 people, not 100, but I've had a number of clients  
22 calling me up and say, oh, my son lost his license,  
23 can you help, can you go to Municipal Court and get it  
24 back? I tried it once and it's - it's no go. And the  
25 courts enforce it. Bang, your license is gone and



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CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

ATTORNEY DONNELLY: Commissioner Ryan, thank you for your service, I've enjoyed appearing before you. I'm Glad Commissioner Jewell told us all about you. I didn't know half of that stuff. Good luck in your future.

MR. RYAN: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN: Just for the record, that motion was adopted.

ATTORNEY PITRE: The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between the OEC and Mr. Peter Jeanette. If Mr. Jeanette or his attorney is present, please come forward. The matter will be presented by Senior Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller.

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

The OEC has entered into a Consent Agreement with Peter Jeanette prepared for the Board's consideration at this time. This Consent Agreement arises from an incident at Parx East from October 21st, 2016. In that incident Mr. Jeanette crafted a handwritten note and left the note on the table that

1 was being set up for an NAACP event at Parx East that  
2 evening. The content of the note threatened physical  
3 violence and contained a racial epithet. A Parx  
4 Casino guest services manager found the note while  
5 setting up for the event. The Parx Casino Security  
6 Department provided additional security for the event  
7 that evening and no incident occurred at the event.  
8 Mr. Jeanette was identified as the author of the note  
9 the next day. For his actions Mr. Jeanette was  
10 charged by Pennsylvania State Police with ethnic  
11 intimidation, harassment and four counts of disorderly  
12 conduct.

13                   On May 10th, 2017, Mr. Jeanette  
14 pleaded guilty to ethnic intimidation, harassment and  
15 two counts of disorderly conduct. Mr. Jeanette was  
16 sentenced to 18-months of probation and payment of  
17 court costs. Mr. Jeanette has been permanently banned  
18 from Parx Casino and indefinitely banned from Parx -  
19 from Parx Racing for his actions.

20                   Since this incident, Mr. Jeanette has  
21 entered a racial sensitivity program. On May 23rd,  
22 2017, the OEC filed a petition to place Mr. Jeanette  
23 on the Board's List of Excluded Persons. Prior to a  
24 hearing on the matter, the parties have entered into a  
25 Consent Agreement to settle this outstanding matter.

1 Terms of the Agreement include a provision that Mr.  
2 Jeanette shall be placed on the Exclusion List for one  
3 year. Mr. Jeanette is also required to complete the  
4 racial sensitivity class that he has entered into and  
5 to provide evidence of the program's completion to the  
6 OEC. Mr. Jeanette may file a petition for his removal  
7 from the Exclusion List any time after one year. Mr.  
8 Jeanette is barred from filing the petition for early  
9 removal from the Exclusion List.

10           The OEC will not object to said  
11 petition if Mr. Jeanette has not been convicted of any  
12 gambling or gaming related crimes, has not entered or  
13 attempted to enter any Pennsylvania casinos and has  
14 provided the required paperwork evidencing his  
15 completion of the racial sensitivity program. Mr.  
16 Jeanette is represented by counsel in this matter,  
17 however, Mr. Jeanette's counsel has indicated to the  
18 OEC that he will not be in attendance today.

19           But I'm available to answer any  
20 questions you may have on this matter. Otherwise, I  
21 request that the Board consider to the motion to  
22 approve the Consent Agreement as described.

23           CHAIRMAN: Are there any questions or  
24 comments from the Board on this matter? May I have a  
25 motion?

1                   MR. LOGAN: Yeah. Just speaking for  
2 myself that's a disgusting act, it's unacceptable, and  
3 it can't be tolerated. Therefore, I move that the  
4 Board reject the Consent Agreement between the OEC and  
5 Peter Jeanette as described by the OEC.

6                   ATTORNEY MANDERINO: Second.

7                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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9 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

13                   ATTORNEY PITRE: The next four matters  
14 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
15 the OEC has filed complaints seeking the suspension of  
16 2 Non-Gaming Employee Registrations and Revocation of  
17 2 Gaming Employee Occupation Permits issued by the  
18 Board. Each complaint has been filed with the Board's  
19 OHA and properly served upon the person named in each  
20 complaint. The person named in each complaint failed  
21 to respond within 30 days, as required by Board  
22 regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a Request for  
23 Default Judgment and properly served the same upon  
24 each named individual. Therefore, the facts in each  
25 complaint are deemed admitted. All filed documents

1 have been provided to the Board and the matters are  
2 presently ripe for Board consideration. In each  
3 instance, we'll provide a brief summary of the facts  
4 and request the appropriate Board action.

5 ATTORNEY FERRELL: Good morning,  
6 Chairman and Members of the Board. Benjamin Ferrell,  
7 F-E-R-R-E-L-L.

8 The next matter for consideration is  
9 the complaint to suspend Meagan Daleandro's Gaming  
10 Employee Occupation Permit. On May 6th, 2017, Mrs. -  
11 Ms. Daleandro was arrested by the Darby Township  
12 Police Department and charged with one felony and two  
13 misdemeanor offenses. After officers during the  
14 traffic stop found Ms. Daleandro visibly impaired and  
15 in possession of a white substance suspected to be  
16 cocaine. Those charges remain pending. Additionally  
17 on February 11, 2017, Ms. Daleandro was involved in a  
18 vehicle accident when she struck another vehicle and  
19 fled the scene after checking with the driver of the  
20 vehicle and giving that driver false insurance  
21 information. On March 23rd, 2017, the Lansdowne  
22 Borough Police Department arrested and charged Ms.  
23 Daleandro with two felony, five misdemeanor and two  
24 summary offenses. The felony counts were withdrawn at  
25 a preliminary hearing and the remaining charges remain

1 pending. At this time, OEC requests that the Board  
2 issue an Order suspending Ms. Daleandro's Gaming  
3 Employee Occupation Permit.

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

6 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
7 that the Board approve the suspension of Meagan  
8 Daleandro's Non-Gaming Employee Registration as  
9 described by the OEC.

10 MS. REITZEL: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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13 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

17 ATTORNEY POKINIEWSKI: Good morning,  
18 Chairman and fellow Board Members. John Pokiniewski,  
19 P-O-K-I-N-I-E-W-S-K-I, with the OEC.

20 The next matter on the agenda for the  
21 Board's consideration is the suspension of a  
22 Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Michael  
23 Giannetti. Mr. Giannetti was arrested and criminally  
24 charged with 1 felony, 9 misdemeanors and 19 summaries  
25 resulting from Mr. Giannetti trying to elude police in

1 his vehicle. At this time, OEC requests that the  
2 Board suspend the Non-Gaming Employee Registration  
3 issued to Mr. Giannetti.

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

6 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move  
7 that the Board approve the suspension of Michael  
8 Giannetti's Non-Gaming Employee Registration as  
9 described by the OEC.

10 MR. RYAN: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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13 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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15 CHAIRMAN: Opposed? Motion's adopted.

16 ATTORNEY HAKEN: Good morning, again,  
17 Chairman, Members of the Board. Tamara Haken,  
18 H-A-K-E-N, with the OEC.

19 The next matter on the agenda for the  
20 Board's consideration is the revocation of the Gaming  
21 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Kaitlyn Goodman.  
22 Ms. Goodman was previously employed as a Slot  
23 Attendant at Hollywood Casino until May of 2017. On  
24 April 12th, 2017, Ms. Goodman was observed skimming  
25 abandoned vouchers and stealing totes. Ms. Goodman

1 was terminated after confessing to the behavior. OEC  
2 requests that the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
3 issued to Kaitlyn Goodman be revoked.

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

6 MR. RYAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
7 the Board approve the revocation of Kaitlyn Goodman's  
8 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the  
9 OEC.

10 MR. SANTONI: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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13 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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15 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
16 adopted.

17 ATTORNEY HAKEN: The next matter on  
18 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
19 revocation of the Gaming Employee Occupation Permit  
20 issued to Trey Brown. Mr. Brown was previously  
21 employed as a Table Games Dealer at Hollywood Casino  
22 until May of 2017. Between April 5th and May 19th,  
23 2017, Mr. Brown conducted a fraudulent scheme with the  
24 help of a patron accomplice to deprive money from  
25 Hollywood Casino by cheating during the performance of

1 his job duties.

2 Mr. Brown was terminated and arrested  
3 by the Pennsylvania State Police and charged with two  
4 felony counts and 128 misdemeanor counts related to  
5 his fraudulent scheme. Mr. Brown's charges remain  
6 pending in the Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas.  
7 As a result, the OEC requests that the Gaming Employee  
8 Occupation Permit issued to Trey Brown, be revoked.

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

11 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move  
12 that the Board approve the revocation of Trey Brown's  
13 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit as described by the  
14 OEC.

15 MR. JEWELL: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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18 (WHERUEPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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20 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
21 adopted.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters  
23 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which  
24 the OEC has filed petitions seeking the involuntary  
25 exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed

1 facility are inimical to the interests of the  
2 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein. In each  
3 instance, the petition for exclusion has been filed  
4 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the  
5 individual named in the petition. The individual  
6 named in the petition failed to respond within 30  
7 days, as required by Board regulation. As a result,  
8 the OEC filed a Request for Default Judgment in each  
9 instance and properly served the same upon each named  
10 individual. Therefore, all facts in each petition are  
11 deemed admitted. All filed documents have been  
12 provided to the Board and the matters are presently  
13 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each instance,  
14 if the Board orders a proposed exclusion each  
15 individual's photo, personal identifiers, and a  
16 summary of the inimical conduct will be placed on the  
17 Board's public website.

18 ATTORNEY HAKEN: Good morning, once  
19 again. Tamara Haken with the OEC. The next two  
20 matters on the agenda for the Board's consideration  
21 arise from the same events. I will present the facts  
22 and then request the individual actions if I may.

23 Between April 5th and May 19th, 2017,  
24 Trey Brown and Nathaniel Stazewski conducted a  
25 fraudulent scheme to deprive - to deprive money from

1 Hollywood Casino. Trey Brown was a Dealer and Nathan  
2 - Nathaniel Stazewski was a patron. They fraudulently  
3 engaged in play whereby Mr. Brown would signal to Mr.  
4 Stazewski what numbers to bet on and then read out  
5 dice values and Zippo that were not the values  
6 appearing on the dice, hiding the actual values from  
7 view.

8                   Mr. Brown was terminated and both Mr.  
9 Brown and Mr. Stazewski were arrested by the  
10 Pennsylvania State Police, and Mr. Brown was charged  
11 with two felony counts and 128 misdemeanor counts.  
12 And Mr. Stazewski was charged with three felony counts  
13 and 12 misdemeanor counts related to this fraudulent  
14 scheme. Both men's charges remain pending in the  
15 Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas. As a result of  
16 these events, OEC requests first that the Board issue  
17 an Order placing Trey Brown on the Involuntary  
18 Exclusion List.

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

21                   MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
22 the Board approve the addition of Trey Brown to the  
23 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the  
24 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? Motion's  
6 adopted.

7                    MR. JEWELL: Make a comment, one of  
8 the most fundamental things that this Board does and  
9 Title IV requires is prescription that we ensure that  
10 the gaming in this Commonwealth remains fair. What we  
11 just heard you describe is a heinous violation of  
12 that. And we all should understand is we've seen here  
13 today that there are both criminal and civil  
14 consequences that are quite serious when you violate  
15 that prescription.

16                    CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Any other  
17 comments? Proceed.

18                    ATTORNEY HAKEN: Further, OEC requests  
19 that that Board issue an Order placing Nathaniel  
20 Stazewski on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

23                    MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
24 the Board approve the addition of Nathaniel Stazewski  
25 to PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the

1 OEC.

2 MS. MANDERINO: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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5 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

9 ATTORNEY HAKEN: The next matter on  
10 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
11 Involuntary Exclusion of Jesse Forry. On two  
12 occasions, May 28th and June 3rd, 2017, Mr. Forry  
13 stole credit vouchers belonging to other patrons. As  
14 a result, OEC requests that the Board issue an Order  
15 placing Jesse Forry on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

18 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
19 the Board approve the addition of Jesse Forry to the  
20 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the  
21 OEC.

22 MS. REITZEL: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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25 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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2 CHAIRMAN: All oppose? Motion's  
3 adopted.

4 ATTORNEY HAKEN: The next matter on the  
5 agenda for the Board's consideration is the  
6 Involuntary Exclusion of Alfredo Lopez. On both  
7 February 20th and 22nd, 2017, Mr. Lopez with the  
8 assistance of a companion and fellow patron, deprived  
9 Hollywood Casino of a purple \$500 chip from the float  
10 area of a roulette table by taking a chip and then  
11 immediately handing it off to his companion, who took  
12 it to the cashier cage to cash it out. As a result,  
13 OEC requests that the Board issue an Order placing  
14 Alfredo Lopez on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

17 MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move for  
18 the Board to approve the addition of Alfredo Lopez to  
19 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by  
20 the OEC.

21 MR. RYAN: Second.

22 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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24 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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1                    ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, Mr.  
2 Chairman and Members of the Board. Michael Roland,  
3 R-O-L-A-N-D, with the OEC.

4                    The next five matters on the agenda  
5 arise from the same fact pattern and each involves a  
6 request to place the individual on the Involuntary  
7 Exclusion List. On February 5th, 2017, underage  
8 patrons Wendy Reyes-Chajon and Maria Ramirez-Guevara,  
9 both aged 19, gained access to the gaming floor at  
10 Sands Casino by providing the legitimate  
11 identifications of Esthefani Benalcazar, age 22, and  
12 Leticia Navarro, age 24.

13                    Once the underage patrons were  
14 successfully on the gaming floor Kevin Veliz, age 24,  
15 retrieved the identifications from them and returned  
16 the identifications to Ms. Benalcazar and Ms. Navarro  
17 so they too could gain access to the floor. Underage  
18 patron Wendy Reyes-Chajon was the gaming floor for  
19 approximately 39 minutes before being approached by  
20 security. Underage patron Maria Ramirez-Guevara was  
21 on the gaming floor for approximately 13 minutes  
22 before being approached by security.

23                    Ms. Reyes-Chajon and Ms.  
24 Ramirez-Guevara were both charged by Pennsylvania  
25 State Police with carrying a false identification

1 card. Ms. Benalcazar and Ms. Navarro and Mr. Veliz  
2 were not criminally charged. The matter is now before  
3 the Board to consider the placement of Esthefani  
4 Benalcazar on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

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

12 MR. LOGAN: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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15 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

19 ATTORNEY ROLAND: The matter is now  
20 before the Board to consider the placement of Wendy  
21 Reyes-Chajon on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion  
22 List.

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

25 MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that

1 the Board approve the addition of Wendy Reyes-Chajon  
2 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by  
3 the OEC. I further move that Ms.  
4 Reyes-Chajon may petition for removal from the List  
5 after her 22nd birthday.

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? The motion's  
12 adopted.

13 ATTORNEY ROLAND: The matter is now  
14 before the Board to consider the placement of Maria  
15 Ramirez-Guevara on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion  
16 List.

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

19 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, I move  
20 the Board approve the addition of Maria  
21 Ramirez-Guevara to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List  
22 as described by the OEC. I further move that Ms.  
23 Ramirez-Guevara may petition for removal from the list  
24 after her 22nd birthday.

25 MS. REITZEL: Second.

1                    CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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3 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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5                    CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
6 adopted.

7                    ATTORNEY ROLAND: The matter is now  
8 before the Board to consider the placement of Leticia  
9 Navarro on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

12                   MS. REITZEL: Mr. Chairman, I move  
13 that the Board approve the addition of Leticia Navarro  
14 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by  
15 OEC. I further move that Ms. Navarro may petition for  
16 removal from the list after one year.

17                   MR. RYAN: Second.

18                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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20 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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22                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
23 adopted.

24                   ATTORNEY ROLAND: And the matter is  
25 now before the Board to consider the placement of

1 Kevin Veliz on the 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 Kevin Veliz to the  
6 PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the  
7 OEC.

8 MR. SANTONI: Second.

9 MR. RYAN: I further move the Mr.  
10 Veliz may petition for removal from the List after one  
11 year.

12 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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14 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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16 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? Motion's  
17 adopted.

18 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is the request  
19 to place Bryan Thomas Leone on the Involuntary  
20 Exclusion List. On December 26th, 2016, underage  
21 patron Brian Thomas Leone gained access to the gaming  
22 floor at Sands Casino with the use of a fraudulent  
23 identification. He was on the gaming floor for  
24 approximately 19 minutes and gamed at one Blackjack  
25 table for approximately 15 minutes. Mr. Leone was

1 charged by the Pennsylvania State Police for carrying  
2 a false identification card to which he's already  
3 entered a guilty plea. The matter is now before the  
4 Board to consider the placement of Brian Thomas Leone  
5 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

8 MR. SANTONI: Mr. Chairman, I move  
9 that the Board approve of the addition of Brian Thomas  
10 Leone to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as  
11 described by the OEC. I further move that Mr. Leone  
12 may petition for removal from the list after his 22nd  
13 birthday.

14 MR. JEWELL: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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17 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

21 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Next is the request  
22 to place Ahmad Awadalla on the Involuntary Exclusion  
23 List. On April 2nd, 2017, underage patron Ahmad  
24 Awadalla attempted and failed to gain access to the  
25 gaming floor at Sands Casino with the use of

1 fraudulent identification. Mr. Awadalla was charged  
2 by Pennsylvania State Police with carrying a false  
3 identification card and the matter is now before the  
4 Board to consider the placement of Ahmad Awadalla to  
5 the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

8 MR. JEWELL: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
9 the Board approve the addition of Ahmad Awadalla to  
10 the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by  
11 the OEC. Further move that Mr. Awadalla may petition  
12 for removal from the list after his 22nd birthday.

13 MR. LOGAN: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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16 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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

20 ATTORNEY FERRELL: Next matter for  
21 your consideration is the petition to put a Nicholas  
22 Karagiannis on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.  
23 On April 7th, 2017, Mr. Karagiannis, while under 21  
24 years of age, used a fraudulent driver's license to  
25 obtain a casino access card at Valley Forge Casino

1 Resort, accessed the gaming floor, gamed and consumed  
2 alcoholic beverages.

3           The Pennsylvania State Police charged  
4 Mr. Karagiannis with one count each of underage on the  
5 Gaming Floor, underage gaming, carrying a false -  
6 false identification and purchase of - purchasing  
7 alcohol by a minor in a licensed facility. On May  
8 1st, 2017, Mr. Karagiannis pled guilty to the Gaming  
9 related charges. On May 22nd, 2017, Mr. Karagiannis  
10 pled guilty to carrying a false identification.

11           At this time, OEC requests that the  
12 Board issue an Order placing Nicholas Karagiannis on  
13 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

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

16           MR. LOGAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that  
17 the Board approve the addition of Nicholas Karagiannis  
18 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List as described by  
19 the OEC.

20           I further move that Mr. Karagiannis  
21 may petition for removal from the list after his 22nd  
22 birthday.

23           CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

24           MS. MANDERINO: Second.

25           CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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2 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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4 CHAIRMAN: All opposed? The motion's  
5 adopted.

6 ATTORNEY FERRELL: My apologies on the  
7 last one. Benjamin Ferrell for OEC.

8 Next matter for your consideration is  
9 the petition to place Brandon Abner on the Board's  
10 Involuntary Exclusion List. On April 14th, 2017, Mr.  
11 Abner stole \$75 in chips from patrons and attempted to  
12 steal chips from other patrons at Valley Forge Casino  
13 Resort.

14 On May 10th, 2017, the Pennsylvania  
15 State Police charged Mr. Abner with one count of theft  
16 by unlawful taking and three counts of attempted theft  
17 by unlawful taking. The theft by unlawful taking  
18 charge remains pending and the remaining charges have  
19 been dismissed. At this time, OEC requests the Board  
20 issue an Order placing Brandon Abner on the  
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 CHAIRMAN: Questions or comments from  
23 the Board?

24 MS. MANDERINO: Mr. Chairman, comment.  
25 I was sleeping at the switch on the last second 'cause

1 all I kept thinking was there's 23 young people who we  
2 have now put on a public website, whose chances when  
3 they're looking for their next job and their employer  
4 or potential employer googles their name are going to  
5 pop up, and that may be something that prohibits them  
6 from getting perhaps their first professional job.

7                   And I just think this matter is  
8 serious as to the extent that anybody is watching and  
9 we can send that message that there are consequences  
10 beyond what you may think for something that just  
11 seems like a fun - a fun night and maybe getting away  
12 with getting on the casino. It's really just not  
13 worth it and those are my comments before we make this  
14 last vote to place someone on the Exclusion List.

15                   CHAIRMAN: May I have a motion?

16                   MS. MANDERINO: You may.

17                   Mr. Chairman, I move the Board approve  
18 the addition of Brandon Abner to the PGCB Involuntary  
19 Exclusion List as a described by the OEC.

20                   MS. REITZEL: Second.

21                   CHAIRMAN: All in favor?

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23 (WHEREUPON, AYES RESPOND.)

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25                   CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

1 The motion's adopted.

2 ATTONREY PITRE: And that concludes  
3 our business.

4 CHAIRMAN: Thank you very much, Cyrus.  
5 That concludes today's agenda of  
6 today's meeting. Our next scheduled public meeting  
7 will be held Wednesday, November 8th, in this room.  
8 The meeting will begin at ten o'clock in the morning.  
9 May I have a motion to adjourn this meeting?

10 MS. REITZEL: Motion to adjourn.

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? Motion's  
17 adopted. Thank you one and all.

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19 HEARING CONCLUDED AT 11:26 A.M.

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## CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Chairman Barasch was reported by me on 10/4/17 and that I, Rhonda K. Thorpe, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

  
Court Reporter  
Rhonda K. Thorpe