

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

GAMING CONTROL BOARD

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PUBLIC MEETING

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BEFORE: MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

DENISE J. SMYLER, CHAIR

Frank Dermody

Sara Manzano-Díaz

T. Mark Mustio (phone)

Nedia Ralston

Frances J. Regan

Shawn Dillon

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Strathmeyer, Designee,

Department of Agriculture

Patrick Browne, Member, Acting Secretary,

Christin Heidingsfelder, Designee

Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Designee,

Pennsylvania Treasury

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

- KEVIN O'TOOLE, Executive Director
- DAVID RHEN, Director of Financial Management
- DANETTE BIXLER-GEORGE, Director of Human Resources
- STEVE COOK, Chief Counsel
- CHAD ZIMMERMANN, Deputy Chief Counsel
- SEAN HANNON, Director, Bureau of Licensing

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

- CYRUS PITRE, Chief Enforcement Counsel
- ASHLEY GABRIELLE, Senior Enforcement Counsel
- THOMAS MONAGHAN, Assistant Enforcement Counsel
- STEVEN GORMAN, Assistant Enforcement Counsel
- JUAN SANCHEZ, Assistant Enforcement Counsel

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OPCO, LLC

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ELICE TROWBRIDGE, ESQUIRE

Stadium Casino:HANGLY, ARONCHICK, SEGAL, PUDLIN & SCHILLER

MARK ARONCHICK, ESQUIRE

JASON LEVINE, ESQUIRE

ALSO PRESENT:

CHRISTOPHER K. BAUER, PE, MCMANN ASSOCIATES

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CHAIR: Good morning and Happy New Year. I'm Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board. I would like to ask everyone to please silence their cellphones and all electronic devices. Also, while masks are no longer mandatory, please feel free to wear one if you believe it is required or necessary for your own well-being. Can you just tell Kristen?

Okay.

With six Board Members present, and the Commissioner Mark Mustio on the phone, I'd like to call today's meeting to order. Commissioner Mustio, can you hear us?

MR. MUSTIO: Yes, I can.

CHAIR: Oh, great. We can hear you also.

MR. MUSTIO: Good.

CHAIR: In addition to the seven Board Members, we also have our Ex-Officio Members, Pat Browne, Acting Secretary for the Department of Revenue; Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell Redding, Acting Secretary for the Department of Agriculture and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacy

1 Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you all for joining
2 us.

3 As the first order of business, I'd
4 like to ask everyone to please stand and join me in a
5 recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

6 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

7 CHAIR: By way of announcements, the
8 Board held an Executive Session yesterday, Tuesday,
9 January 24th, to discuss personnel matters and to
10 conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to
11 matters coming before the Board.

12 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

13 CHAIR: Okay.

14 We are back on the record. We will
15 now proceed with the remainder of the Public Board
16 Meeting.

17 Our first order of regular business
18 this afternoon is consideration of a motion to
19 approve the Board Meeting Transcript and Minutes.
20 May I have a motion to approve the Transcript and
21 Minutes of the Board's October 19th, 2022 meeting?

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
23 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
24 approve the Minutes and Transcript of October 19th,
25 2022 Meeting.

1 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
6 adopted.

7 We will now hear from Executive
8 Director, Kevin O'Toole.

9 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair
10 Smyler.

11 CHAIR: Afternoon, Kevin.

12 MR. O'TOOLE: And members of the
13 Board, good afternoon instead of good morning.

14 Okay.

15 That's fine. This morning I would
16 like to report that on Monday and Tuesday of this
17 week, Board Staff oversaw a two-day test period in
18 preparation for the opening of the Category 4 Mini
19 Casino at Parx Casino Shippensburg. This casino
20 facility will be the 17th land-based casino in the
21 Commonwealth and it consists of 73,000 square feet of
22 gaming space with 500 slot machines, 48 electronic
23 table game terminals and a retail Sportsbook.

24 Director, Chris Schroder of our Bureau
25 of Casino Compliance has led our team in the

1 preparation for this opening. The observations made
2 during the two test dates by our staff, and following
3 discussions being held today, the Board will issue -
4 well, the Board will ensure that all aspects of the
5 casino opening will meet operational requirements
6 pursuant to the Pennsylvania Racehorse Development
7 and Gaming Act.

8 On another note, since this is the
9 January meeting, I tend to like to talk about the
10 performance of the casino industry during the
11 previous calendar year, and it's usually a very good
12 story and this year is certainly no exception.

13 Our Office of Communications issued
14 two press releases last week that summarized the
15 gaming performance of the land-based casinos, along
16 with those gambling initiatives that were adopted by
17 the legislature via Act 42 of 2017, the online gaming
18 operations, the Sports Wagering Operations, the VGT
19 Truck Stop Operators and the Fantasy Sports Contest
20 Operators. And those two press releases consisted of
21 one summarizing the month of December 2022, and the
22 other for the full calendar year.

23 With respect to the month of December
24 2022, it was an exceptional month, ending with over
25 472 million dollars in total gaming revenue from all

1 sources regulated by the Board. This was the largest
2 revenue production for a single month to date.

3 With respect to the full Calendar Year
4 of 2022, the total gaming revenue from all sources
5 exceeded 5.2 billion dollars. That 5.2 billion
6 dollars can be broken down into two main categories.
7 First the land-based casinos contributed 65 percent
8 of the 5.2 billion dollars. And secondly, both
9 online gaming operations, and the VGT's, and the
10 fantasy sports contest and sports wagering, they
11 contributed 35 percent of the 5.2 billion dollars.

12 On the land-based side, the revenue
13 for Calendar Year 2022 was over five percent better
14 than the previous calendar year or 2021. And on the
15 gambling expansion initiatives, the gaming revenue in
16 Calendar Year 2022 was a little over 20 percent
17 higher than Calendar Year 2021, so both categories
18 did improve year over year with a little bit higher
19 percentage for the online gambling activities.

20 As we begin 2023, there are
21 indications that the land-based casinos may be
22 successful at keeping their gaming operations moving
23 forward to reach their goals of generating even
24 higher levels of both gaming and non-gaming revenue.
25 Two particular factors that - that I looked at were

1 that a number of casinos have completed construction
2 on new hotels or additions to existing hotels and
3 some have commenced the construction phase for a new
4 hotel. Hotels have a very positive impact on casino
5 operations. And as you can leverage, your - your
6 hotel - you can leverage their gaming activity by
7 rewarding your better players with free overnight
8 stays, as well as just generate the public at-large
9 to come and visit your hotel. Usually it brings with
10 it additional food and beverage outlets and it's a
11 very positive development.

12 Also, as we've seen in other previous
13 years, the casinos review their Gaming Floor
14 continually to ensure that they have the best
15 possible gaming product to offer to the public in
16 their casino. And the manufacturers of slot machines
17 certainly come up with newer and better slot machines
18 almost every year. New games, new twists and turns.
19 And those individuals who enjoy gambling, and there
20 certainly are a lot out there, really do like new
21 products.

22 And the same thing is true with table
23 game manufacturers. We have seen a number of our
24 casinos in Pennsylvania bring in a new emphasis to
25 electronic table game units and then develop them

1 with better technology and it will be interesting to
2 see how well they do in the upcoming year.

3 To conclude my remarks, I would like
4 to recognize the accomplishments of the Pennsylvania
5 gaming industry and in particular their leadership
6 teams. They have certainly been very successful in
7 Calendar Year 2022. The industry and the leadership
8 teams engage in efforts every day to ensure that they
9 are meeting the highest levels of customer service
10 for the gaming public. There's nothing more
11 important than having excellent customer service in
12 an industry like the casino industry.

13 That, along with the installation of
14 the newest slot machines and the newest table game
15 products have contributed significantly to the
16 continued success of Pennsylvania gaming and it
17 appears to be optimistic as we move forward in 2023.
18 Thank you very much, Chair.

19 CHAIR: Great report. Thank you,
20 Kevin. Next, is Dave Rhen, Director of Financial
21 Management. Dave?

22 MR. RHEN: Good afternoon, Chair
23 Smyler and Board Members. Today I'd like to provide
24 an update on Board expenses accrued the first half of
25 Fiscal Year created July 1 through December 31st. As

1 a reminder, the appropriation for this fiscal year
2 for general operations, which includes the oversight
3 of casinos, iGaming and sports wagering is
4 \$48,189,000.

5 It's funded from two primary sources. The first is
6 \$40,489,000 from chargebacks against the percentage
7 of the casino operator revenue and second is
8 restricted revenue, 7.7 million dollars, which comes
9 primarily from license fees, chargebacks for the
10 operations of the gaming lab and the license
11 application fees.

12 So to date, expenditures have totaled
13 \$21,172,200. We are on target for the year and
14 expenditures are in line with expectations, totaling
15 44 percent of the total appropriation through the
16 first half. Ninety (90) percent, or 19.1 million
17 dollars, of the Board expenses to date have been
18 through payroll, with the remaining ten percent or
19 2.1 million dollars for the operating and fixed asset
20 sides of the budget.

21 Overall expenditures for the first
22 half of the fiscal year are up 1.3 million dollars
23 from the same period the last fiscal year. This is
24 primarily due to increases on the payroll side due to
25 new casino openings and an increase in the personnel

1 complement to meet the demands of gaming expansion.

2 Payroll expenses are 19.1 million - or
3 yeah, payroll expenses of 19.1 million dollars are up
4 1.2. million dollars or 6.6 percent from the same
5 period last year and include 11.7 million dollars for
6 salaries and leave payouts, and 7.4 million dollars
7 for benefits. Benefits as a percentage of salaries
8 are 62 percent of salary costs.

9 Operating and fixed-asset expenses
10 total 2.1 million dollars, essentially, unchanged
11 from the same period last fiscal year. And the
12 primary expenses in this category are \$722,000 for
13 real estate rentals and leases and \$605,000 for
14 services, which are primarily inter-agency billings
15 for services that the Board receives from other state
16 agencies.

17 That concludes my remarks.

18 CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or
19 comments for Dave?

20 Thank you very much, Dave.

21 MR. RHEN: Thank You.

22 CHAIR: We'll now hear from Danette
23 Bixler-George, Human Resources Director. Danette?

24 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Danette
25 Bixler-George. D-A-N-E-T-T-E, B-I-X-L-E-R, hyphen,

1 G-E-O-R-G-E. Good afternoon, Chair, Board Members.
2 The Office of Human Resources has one motion for your
3 consideration today relative to the hiring of six
4 individuals. All of these individuals have completed
5 the background investigation and drug screening
6 process.

7 The following three individuals are
8 recommended for hire by Christopher Schroder,
9 Director of Casino Compliance. Elizabeth Stippich,
10 as a Casino Compliance Representative at Live!
11 Philadelphia Casino. Edward Chiasson, as a Casino
12 Compliance Representative at Live! Philadelphia
13 Casino. Chase Flythe, as a Casino Compliance
14 Representative at Rivers Pittsburgh Casino.

15 The following two individuals are
16 recommended for hire by Heather Worner, Director of
17 Gaming Laboratory Operations. Dean Pandelarus, as a
18 Statistician and Ryan Jordan as a Statistician.

19 The final individual recommended for
20 hire is by Paul Mauro, Director of Investigations and
21 Enforcement. It is Tyler Bobitz as a Specialized
22 Investigator in the Specialized Investigation
23 Section.

24 Unless you have any questions, I ask
25 that the Board consider a motion to approve the

1 hiring actions as indicated.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
3 the Board?

4 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
5 please?

6 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
7 Dillon moves that the Board approve the applicants
8 for hire as proposed by the Human Resources Director.

9 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

14 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you.

15 CHAIR: Thank you, Danette.

16 Okay.

17 Next up is Office of Chief Counsel
18 (OCC).

19 ATTORNEY COOK: Good afternoon.

20 CHAIR: Good afternoon.

21 ATTORNEY COOK: Today the Board has
22 six Petitions before it for consideration. The
23 Petitions will be decided on the documentary of
24 record by agreement of the parties. In each of these
25 matters, the Board has received all the documents

1 filed of record prior to today's meeting in advance
2 of today's meeting.

3 The first of these Petitions pertains
4 to GW Cumberland Op Co.'s Request for Approval of a
5 Corporate Overhead and Shared Services Agreement with
6 Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc.

7 By way of background, on January 19th,
8 2022, GW Cumberland Op Co. was awarded a Category 4
9 Slot Machine License and does business as Parx Casino
10 Shippensburg. Parx Casino Shippensburg is scheduled
11 to open in February 2023. And as Kevin just alluded
12 to, they just had their test nights. Greenwood
13 Gaming and Entertainment, Inc., on the other hand,
14 holds a Category 1 Slot Machine License and owns and
15 operates Parx Casino in Bensalem.

16 The Corporate Overhead and Shared
17 Services Agreement between GW Cumberland Op Co. and
18 Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc., will allow
19 Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment to provide
20 services to GW Cumberland Op Co. in connection with
21 the operation and management of its Category 4
22 facility, specifically providing for administrative,
23 corporate, managerial and operation support for GW
24 Cumberland. The Corporate Overhead and Shared
25 Services Assessment (sic) would run through December

1 31st, 2023 and then could automatically renew
2 annually thereafter.

3 The OCC and BIE have reviewed this
4 Agreement and they have no objection to the relief
5 requested, subject to conditions outlined in their
6 Answer, which primarily guarantee appropriate
7 licensure of the parties that will be involved in
8 this Agreement. OEC also has no objection to the
9 Petitioner's Request for Confidentiality, and OEC, in
10 fact, has requested confidentiality of certain
11 information it has also provided of record. And this
12 matter is now ready for the Board's consideration.

13 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
14 the Board?

15 May I have a motion, please?

16 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
18 GW Cumberland Op Co.'s Petition for Approval of
19 Corporate Overhead and Shared Services Agreement as
20 described by the OCC, subject to the conditions that
21 will be outlined in the Board's Order. I further
22 move that the parties' Request for Confidentiality be
23 granted.

24 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 AYES RESPOND

3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

4 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Petition
5 before the Board today is Mount Airy #1, LLC's
6 Petition to Amend two Trusts that have an ownership
7 interest in the licensee. Mount Airy #1, LLC is the
8 holder of a Category 2 Slot Machine License and
9 operates the Mount Airy Casino Resort. Mount Airy is
10 the wholly-owned subsidiary of Mount Airy HoldCo,
11 LLC, and the ownership of HoldCo is vested in seven
12 Trusts. Nicola DeNaples is a beneficiary of both the
13 Grantor Trust-II of Lisa DeNaples and the Grantor
14 Trust-II for the benefit of the Children of Nicholas
15 DeNaples. And based on his status as a beneficiary
16 of these two Trusts, Nicola is a beneficial owner of
17 Mount Airy and is therefore licensed as a Principal.

18 In May of 2022, Mount Airy filed a
19 Petition requesting permission to amend the Trust to
20 remove Nicola as a beneficiary. The Board granted
21 that request with a condition requiring Mount Airy to
22 file a separate Petition seeking approval of the
23 amended Trust documents. Mount Airy filed that
24 specific request in October of 2022. The only change
25 to the Trust is the removal of Nicola as beneficiary,

1 which will reallocate his interests to the remaining
2 beneficiaries.

3 OEC has no objection to the requested
4 relief, subject to the conditions outlined in their
5 Answer, and this matter is now ripe for Board's
6 consideration.

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

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
11 moves that the Board grant Mount Airy #1, LLC's
12 Petition to Approve the Proposed Amendments to the
13 Grantor of Trust to Children of Nicolas DeNaples and
14 the Grantor Trust-II of Lisa DeNaples as described by
15 the Office of Chief Counsel, subject to the
16 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's
17 Order.

18 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
23 adopted.

24 ATTORNEY COOK: Next is another
25 Petition from Mount Airy #1, LLC Requesting an

1 Amendment to the Grantor of - to other Grantor
2 Trusts. As mentioned previously, a Category 2 Slot
3 Machine Licensee, Mount Airy is wholly-owned by Mount
4 Airy HoldCo, LLC whose ownership is vested in seven
5 Trusts. Julian DeNaples is a beneficiary of both the
6 Grantor Trust for the benefit of the Children of
7 Margaret Mary Glodzik and the Grantor Trust II of
8 Lisa DeNaples. Based on his beneficiary status,
9 Julian has a beneficial interest in Mount Airy and is
10 licensed by the Board as a Principal. Similar to the
11 previous matter, Mount Airy seeks to remove Julian as
12 a beneficiary under the Trusts and, as a result, the
13 implicated Trust have to be amended. Mount Airy also
14 seeks approval of those amended Trusts.

15 OEC has no objection to the request,
16 subject to the conditions outlined in their Answer.
17 And additionally, OEC has no objection to the request
18 for confidentiality relative to the Trust documents
19 and this matter is now ripe for the Board's
20 consideration.

21 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
22 the Board?

23 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
24 please?

25 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Regan moves that the Board grant Mount Airy #1, LLC's
2 Petition Requesting Leave from the Board to Amend and
3 Approve the Amendments to the Grantor Trust-II of
4 Lisa DeNaples and the Grantor Trust-II for the
5 Benefit of Children of Mary Margaret Glodzik DeNaples
6 (sic), as described the OCC, subject to the
7 conditions that will be outlined in the Board's
8 Order.

9 I further move that the Petitioner's
10 Request for Confidentiality be granted.

11 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

15 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
16 adopted.

17 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
18 is the OEC'S Request for Reconsideration of the
19 Board's December 14th, 2022 Order, which granted
20 Sports Information Services Limited's Request to
21 Surrender the Principal License of Veralda AB.

22 By way of background, on October 28th,
23 2022, Sports Information Services Limited, doing
24 business as Kambi, filed a Petition to Surrender the
25 Principal License of Veralda AB. Veralda AB served

1 as a mechanism by which Anders Strohm held interest
2 in Kambi. The Petition to Surrender stated that this
3 interest, that is Mr. Strohm's interest, was
4 transferred into a new entity and that Veralda AB was
5 dissolved in September of 2022.

6 OEC's Answer to this Petition was
7 initially due on November 28th, 2022. However, the
8 Board's BIE initiated a full investigation into this
9 matter and, therefore, OEC requested an extension to
10 file an Answer as they needed to review - as they
11 needed to review the results of BIE's investigation
12 filing - prior to filing an informed Answer.
13 However, due to an administrative error caused by an
14 automated system, the Petition was prematurely placed
15 before the Board and granted on December 14th, 2022.

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17 The request before the Board today is
18 to vacate that December 14th Order and remand the
19 matter back to the Office of Hearings and Appeals
20 (OHA) so as to allow both BIE and OEC time to
21 complete the investigation and file an informed
22 Answer. This request is consistent with the Board's
23 regulation addressing reconsideration of orders if
24 that the request was filed within 15 days of the
25 Order being issued, which is true in this case. And

1 this matter is now ready for the Board's
2 consideration.

3 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
4 the Board?

5 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
6 please?

7 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
8 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
9 OEC's Motion for Reconsideration of the Board's
10 December 14th, 2022 Order granting the Surrender of
11 Veralda AB's Principal Affiliate License as described
12 the OCC. This matter shall be remanded to the OHA
13 for further proceedings.

14 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

19 ATTORNEY COOK: The next Petition
20 before the Board is Raymond Maxwell's Request for
21 Permission to make Early Reapplication for a
22 Credential to the Board - or from the Board.

23 On January 18th (sic), 2018, Mr.
24 Maxwell applied for a Gaming Employee Occupation
25 Permit. Thereafter, on May 15th, 2018, the OEC filed

1 a Recommendation of Denial recommending that Mr.
2 Maxwell's application be denied for his failure to
3 disclose his criminal history, failure to amend his
4 application consistent with reporting his criminal
5 history and failure to cooperate in his
6 investigation. Specifically, Mr. Maxwell failed to
7 disclose a 2012 arrest for possession of marijuana.
8 The Board granted OEC's request and issued an Order
9 on July 10th, 2019 denying Mr. Maxwell's application.

10 On November 15th, 2022, Mr. Maxwell
11 filed a Petition seeking permission to reapply for a
12 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit. Mr. Maxwell
13 included with his Petition a certification explaining
14 the facts surrounding the denial of his application,
15 acknowledging that he was given ample time to amend
16 his application and failed to do so due to his lack
17 of understanding of the investigation - the
18 investigative and suitability process. He further
19 stated that he has now been approved in other states
20 to serve as a Slot Technician, and if given the
21 opportunity, would like to apply to such positions in
22 the Commonwealth.

23 The OEC has no objection to Mr.
24 Maxwell's request and the matter is now ripe for the
25 Board's consideration.

1 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
2 the Board?

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
5 Dillon moves that the Board grant Raymond Maxwell's
6 Petition for Early Reapplication of his Gaming
7 Employee Occupation Permit as described by the OCC.

8 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
9 Manzano-Díaz second.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

12 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
13 adopted.

14 ATTORNEY COOK: The final Petition
15 before the Board today is Melvin Meyer's Request for
16 Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 By way of background, on October 30th,
18 2016 Mr. Meyer struck a Table Games Dealer at Mohegan
19 Sun. He was charged with and pled guilty to
20 Harassment. And consequently the OEC filed a
21 Petition to place Mr. Meyer on the Exclusion List,
22 which the Board granted on April 5th, 2017.

23 Five years later, on April 22nd, 2022,
24 Mr. Meyer attempted to enter Mohegan Sun, was
25 informed that he remained on the excluded persons

1 list, was denied entry and was charged with Defiant
2 Trespass. He later pled guilty and paid all fines
3 associated with that charge.

4 Consistent with the Board's
5 regulations, more than five years after being placed
6 on the list, later in October of 2022, Mr. Meyer
7 filed a request to be removed from the list.

8 OEC, after reviewing the request and
9 Mr. Meyer's history, does not object to that request
10 and the matter is now ripe for the Board's
11 consideration.

12 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
13 the Board?

14 May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
17 Melvin Meyer's Request for Removal from the
18 Involuntary Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
24 adopted.

25 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting

1 Reports and Recommendations, as well as Withdrawals
2 and Surrenders is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad
3 Zimmermann.

4 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,
5 Commissioners, Chad Zimmerman, Z-I-M-M-E-R-M-A-N-N.

6 The next matter before the Board today
7 pertains to several unopposed Petitions to withdraw
8 applications or surrender the credentials of the
9 following individuals and entities.

10 Johan Sigvardsson, Julie Cameron-Doe,
11 Karen Flores, Amir Levy, Clark Warren, Eugene
12 Cherner, Andrew Smith, Lawrence Hanlin, Kyou Won
13 Hwang, Andy Asihwardji, Jaimie R. Wolf, Michael
14 Berkley, Scott Butera, David Gandler, Julie M.
15 Haddon, Alberto Horihuela Suarez, John Janedis,
16 Daniel Leff, Laura Onopchenko, Gina Sheldon, Nicola
17 DeNaples and Julian DeNaples.

18 The OEC has no objections to any of these
19 withdrawals or surrenders. As a result, if the Board
20 chooses to, in nearly every case, it would be doing
21 so without prejudice to the requestor. However, the
22 request for surrender of Nicola DeNaples' Principal
23 License is with prejudice.

24 These matters are all now ripe for the
25 Board's consideration.

1 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
2 the Board?

3 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
4 please?

5 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
6 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board issue
7 Orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as
8 described by the OCC.

9 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
15 Board for consideration are five Reports and
16 Recommendations received from the OHA. These Reports
17 and Recommendations, along with the evidentiary
18 record for each hearing, have been provided to the
19 Board in advance of this meeting. Additionally, the
20 persons involved have each been notified that the
21 Board is considering their matter today and may -
22 that each have the ability to come forward and
23 briefly address the Board. If any of the persons who
24 are the subject of one of these Reports and
25 Recommendations would like to address the Board, I

1 would ask them to come forward when their matter is
2 called.

3 Stephen Knight is the first Report and
4 Recommendation before the Board today. Mr. Knight
5 holds a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and is
6 employed as a Count Room Representative at Harrah's
7 Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack. On October 3rd,
8 2022, the OEC filed a Request for Emergency
9 Suspension of Mr. Knight's Permit after receiving
10 notice that he had been charged with criminal
11 offenses stemming from allegations that he lied on
12 applications to purchase firearms. As a result of
13 these charges, the Board's Executive Director issued
14 an Emergency Order suspending Mr. Knight's Permit as
15 requested by OEC.

16 A hearing in this matter was held on
17 October 20th, 2022. OEC appeared offering testimony
18 and documentary evidence. Mr. Knight appeared but
19 did not present any testimony. Based upon the
20 evidence received, the Report and Recommendation
21 issued in this matter recommends that given the
22 nature of his pending offenses, the suspension of Mr.
23 Knight's Gaming Permit is valid and should remain in
24 effect.

25 This matter is now ready for the

1 Board's consideration.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
3 the Board?

4 May I have a motion, please?

5 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
6 moves that the Board adopt the Report and
7 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
8 OCC that the Emergency Suspension of Steven Knight's
9 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit remain in effect.

10 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?

13 AYES RESPOND

14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
15 adopted.

16 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
17 Board is a Report and Recommendation pertaining to
18 Jameila Mack's request for removal from the Board's
19 Involuntary Exclusion List.

20 On April 21st, 2021, the Board granted
21 the OEC's Request to Enter Default Judgement and
22 place Ms. Mack on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
23 List. The underlying facts in this matter are that on
24 July 3rd, 2020, Jameila Mack, her husband, her
25 husband's mother, left two children ages twelve and

1 five alone in their vehicle for approximately two
2 hours between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00 a.m. while
3 they attended the casino. No criminal charges were
4 filed and Ms. Mack and her husband were permanently
5 evicted from the casino.

6 On July 5th, 2022, Ms. Mack filed a
7 Petition Requesting Early Removal from the
8 Involuntary Exclusion List. A hearing in this matter
9 was held on October 4th, 2022. OEC appeared and
10 presented testimony and documentary evidence. Ms.
11 Mack appeared and testified on her own behalf. She
12 stated that she, her husband, her mother-in-law and
13 her husband's stepfather, along with the children,
14 had been traveling and had been driving for a long
15 time. That they stopped at the casino and that the
16 husband's stepfather was supposed to stay in the car
17 while the children slept. She further stated that
18 she did not know that her husband's stepfather had
19 gone into the casino, leaving the children alone.
20 She also stated that she is the stepmother of the
21 children yet is the only one she feels being held
22 responsible for the children being left in the
23 vehicle. She believes that as the stepmother she
24 should not be the one held responsible for the
25 incident.

1 Subsequent to the hearing, a Report
2 and Recommendation was issued recommending denial of
3 Ms. Mack's Request for Early Removal from the
4 Involuntary Exclusion List, as she did not present
5 evidence of extraordinary circumstances, which would
6 justify her removal from the list before at least
7 five years had run as required by the regulations.

8 This matter is now ready for the
9 Board's consideration.

10 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
11 the Board?

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
14 that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation
15 issued by the OHA as described by the OCC and that
16 Jameila Mack remain on the Involuntary Exclusion
17 List.

18 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
19 seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 AYES RESPOND

22 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

23 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
24 Board is another Report and Recommendation pertaining
25 to a request for early removal from the Involuntary

1 Exclusion List.

2 On September 29th, 2020 the Office of
3 Enforcement Counsel (OEC) filed a Petition to place
4 Rebecca Yandoli on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion
5 List after it was discovered that on November 16th,
6 2019 Ms. Yandoli left her four-year-old daughter
7 alone in a hotel room at Wind Creek Bethlehem at
8 around 1:00 a.m. while she gamed in the casino. Ms.
9 Yandoli's daughter left the hotel room, attempted to
10 enter several other rooms, and then took the elevator
11 to the hotel lobby. Ms. Yandoli was then found on the
12 Gaming Floor, and she was arrested and charged with
13 Endangering the Welfare of a Child. A hearing in
14 this matter was held in April in 2021 and on August
15 11th of that year, the Board issued an Order placing
16 Ms. Yandoli on the Exclusion List.

17 On July 25th, Ms. Yandoli filed her
18 Request for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion
19 List. OEC filed an Answer objecting to the request
20 and a hearing was held in the matter October 25th of
21 2022. OEC appeared and testified and presented
22 documentary evidence. Ms. Yandoli appeared and
23 testified on her own behalf.

24 Ms. Yandoli testified that she
25 successfully completed her probation in July of 2022,

1 approximately three years early, based on her
2 Endangering the Welfare of a Child charge. Ms.
3 Yandoli provided documentation supporting her
4 testimony, which include character reference letters
5 of the strides she had made in her life surrounding
6 her parenting. She stated that she was driven to
7 create a better life for her and her child, and she's
8 trying to put this criminal conduct behind her and
9 has no interest in gaming.

10 Subsequent to the hearing, the Report
11 and Recommendation was issued, recommending denial of
12 Ms. Yandoli's Request for Early Removal from the
13 Exclusion List as she did not present any evidence of
14 extraordinary circumstance that would justify removal
15 from the list prior to five years.

16 This matter's now ready for the
17 Board's consideration.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
19 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
20 please.

21 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
22 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board adopt the
23 Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
24 described by the OCC, and that Rebecca Yandoli remain
25 on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

1 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?

4 AYES RESPOND

5 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
6 adopted.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
8 and Recommendation before the Board stems from a
9 request by a person with the initials E.B. for
10 removal from the Self-Exclusion List.

11 On April 17th, 2022, an individual
12 with the initials E.B. submitted a request through
13 the Board's website to be placed on the Casino
14 Self-Exclusion List, choosing the lifetime exclusion
15 option. On July 30th of 2022, E.B. filed the Instant
16 Petition requesting removal from the list. OEC filed
17 an Answer objecting to the request.

18 A hearing in this matter was held on
19 October 11th of 2022. OEC appeared and presented
20 testimony and documentary evidence. E.B. appeared
21 and testified on his own behalf. OEC provided the
22 testimony from the Director of the Board's Office of
23 Compulsive and Problem Gambling regarding the
24 self-exclusion documents and the acknowledgments that
25 E.B. had signed choosing a self-exclusion period,

1 acknowledging that he was excluding himself from all
2 Pennsylvania casinos and gaming-related activities,
3 including retail sports wagering. E.B. signed all of
4 these forms which told him that he could be banned
5 from other venues, gaming and nongaming, including
6 hotels and restaurants.

7 E.B. testified that he was having
8 trouble controlling his betting while using
9 interactive gaming applications, and that he decided
10 to exclude himself because of the ease and use of
11 frequency with which he would receive gambling
12 notification offers. He further testified that while
13 on the DraftKings' application, he was directed to
14 the website for self-exclusion, and he believed that
15 was in reference to the self-exclusion process for
16 online casinos and not brick-and-mortar casinos. And
17 that he would still like to play sports wagers at
18 land-based casinos until he entered one and -
19 attempted to enter one in May and was denied entry.

20 He further stated that he should have
21 read the forms more thoroughly, that he is concerned
22 that he is unable to go to casinos, restaurants or
23 bars to watch sporting events with his friends. And
24 that in exchange for removal from the casino
25 Self-Exclusion List, he would agree to go on the

1 iGaming Self-Exclusion List.

2 Subsequently, a Report and
3 Recommendation was issued denying - recommending
4 denial of E.B.'s Petition, and that matter is now
5 ready for the Board's consideration.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
7 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

8 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
9 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
10 Recommendations issued by the OHA as described by the
11 OCC, and that E.B. remain on the Self-Exclusion List.

12 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
13 Manzano-Díaz second.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 AYES RESPOND

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

18 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report
19 and Recommendation before the Board today stems from
20 a request to recover funds that were confiscated from
21 an individual while gaming - for gaming while on the
22 Self-Exclusion List. As the Board is aware, when a
23 self-excluded person is found in Pennsylvania
24 casinos, the Act dictates that any winnings possessed
25 by the person may - shall be confiscated from him or

1 her and used to support compulsive and problem
2 gambling programs.

3 On June 15th, 2022, P.H. filed a
4 Petition for Recovery of Funds confiscated from her.
5 A hearing in this matter was held on October 27th,
6 2022. OEC appeared and presented testimony and
7 documentary evidence, and P.H. appeared and testified
8 on her own behalf.

9 The underlying facts in this matter
10 are that on June 14th, 2019, P.H. met face to face
11 with a Casino Compliance Representative at Rivers
12 Casino Philadelphia and submitted a request to be
13 placed on the Self-Exclusion List for a period of one
14 year. At that time P.H. signed all the necessary
15 paperwork for placement on the Self-Exclusion List,
16 which included an acknowledgement that during the
17 period of self-exclusion, P.H. could not collect any
18 winnings or recover any losses resulting from gaming
19 while on the list. And that she would remain on the
20 list unless and until she requested and was granted
21 removal.

22 On October 12th, 2020, while still on
23 the Self-Exclusion List, P.H. gamed at Rivers
24 Philadelphia and won \$1,600 jackpot - a \$1,600
25 jackpot that was confiscated from her after being

1 identified as a self-excluded person. Casino
2 personnel also confiscated P.H.'s remaining credits
3 on the machine which she admitted to staff had
4 previously been won during her time in the casino.
5 The next day, October 13th, 2020, P.H. successfully
6 completed the form for removal from the List.

7 In May 2022, P.H. contacted the
8 Board's Bureau of Compulsive and Problem Gambling
9 requesting that her removal date be modified because
10 she believed that the Self-Exclusion program had been
11 broken, and that her request was denied by the system
12 operating improperly. P.H. also testified at the
13 hearing that what prompted her to enter the facility
14 after - during her period of self-exclusion was that
15 she received an email from the facility regarding a
16 promotional offer surrounding converting change to
17 cash in exchange for potential free play.

18 After hearing all of the evidence
19 presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued
20 recommending that P.H.'s request be denied. And this
21 matter's now ready for the Board's consideration.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
23 the Board? Chad, do we know if the casino is being
24 held accountable for sending out promotional
25 materials to somebody on the Exclusion List?

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: I'd had contact
2 with the Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling,
3 and I will be contacting the Bureau of Casino
4 Compliance as well to - to check in. This obviously
5 was about two-and-a-half years ago, so I will be
6 following up on all of that.

7 CHAIR: Okay. Thank you.

8 Any other questions or comments? May
9 I have a motion, please?

10 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
11 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board reject
12 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
13 described by the OCC, and that P.H.'s Petition be
14 approved in part, given that P.H.'s presence in a
15 licensed facility while on the Self-Exclusion List
16 was prompted by a promotional email received from the
17 facility. She shall have \$800 of the confiscated
18 funds returned to her, and the remainder shall be
19 remitted to the Board's Office of Compulsive and
20 Problem Gambling.

21 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed? Motions carries.

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: That concludes
2 the matters of the Office of Chief Justice.

3 CHAIR: Thank you, Steve and Chad. We
4 got a promotion.

5 ATTORNEY PITRE: Madam Chair, before
6 we move forward I would just ask Chief Counsel not to
7 move forward in the matter involving P.H., as we do
8 have a pending investigation in that matter. As far
9 as the casino is concerned.

10 CHAIR: Okay.

11 That sounds fine. Thank you. We will
12 now have the Bureau of Licensing matters presented by
13 the Director of the Bureau of Licensing, Sean Hannon.
14 Sean.

15 MR. HANNON: Good afternoon Madam
16 Chair and members of the Board. The first matter for
17 your consideration is the approval of SC Gaming OpCo,
18 LLC's Category 4 License. The license approval
19 hearing for this entity is now complete; the Bureau
20 of Investigations and Enforcement (BIE) has completed
21 its investigation of the company, and the Bureau of
22 Licensing has provided you with a background
23 investigation and suitability report regarding the
24 approval. As a result, the license approval is ready
25 for your consideration.

1 I have provided you with a draft Order
2 and ask that the Board consider the Order to approve
3 the Category 4 License for SC Gaming OpCo, LLC.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: The office -.

5 CHAIR: Any - any questions? I'm
6 sorry, go ahead, then.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
8 objection.

9 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
10 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
11 please?

12 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
13 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
14 Category 4 - the Category 4 License as described by
15 the Bureau of Licensing.

16 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston's
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
21 adopted.

22 MR. HANNON: Next is a Management
23 Company License for Bally's Pennsylvania, LLC.
24 Bally's has applied to become the management company
25 for SC Gaming OpCo, LLC. Bally's Pennsylvania, LLC

1 was formed on October 4th, 2021 in Delaware with its
2 principal place of business in Providence, Rhode
3 Island. The BIE has completed its investigation of
4 the company and the Bureau of Licensing has provided
5 you with a background investigation and suitability
6 report. As a result, the license approval is ready
7 for your consideration.

8 I have provided you with a draft Order
9 and ask that the Board consider the Order to approve
10 the Management Company license for Bally's
11 Pennsylvania, LLC.

12 ATTORNEY PITRE: The Office of
13 Enforcement Counsel has no objection.

14 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
15 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

16 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
17 moves that the Board grant the Management Company
18 License as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

24 MR. HANNON: In addition is an
25 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Wazdan

1 PA, LLC. Wazdan develops and distributes online slot
2 machines and table games. Wazdan PA, LLC was formed
3 on October 13th, 2020 with its principal place of
4 business in Florham Park, New Jersey. The BIE has
5 completed its investigation of the company and the
6 Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a
7 background investigation and suitability report. As
8 a result, the license approval is ready for your
9 consideration.

10 I have provided you with a draft Order
11 and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the
12 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Wazdan
13 PA, LLC.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
15 objection.

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

19 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
20 Regan moves that the Board grant the Interactive
21 Gaming Manufacturer License as described by the
22 Bureau of Licensing.

23 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
3 adopted.

4 MR. HANNON: Next we have
5 consideration of a VGT Establishment License for CHR
6 Corp doing business as Rutter's Store Number 80, who
7 was previously approved for a conditional license.
8 VGT Establishments are truck stops seeking to have a
9 Terminal Operator License placed, to place VGTs at
10 their location. The BIE has now completed its
11 investigation, including evaluation that the
12 applicant meets the VGT Establishment eligibility
13 criteria in the Gaming Act. The Bureau of Licensing
14 has provided you with a background investigation and
15 suitability report.

16 The license approval is now ready for
17 consideration. I have provided you with a draft
18 Order and ask that you consider the Order to approve
19 the VGT Establishment License for CHR Corp., doing
20 business as Rutter's Store Number 80 located at 1160
21 Centre Turnpike in Orwigsburg.

22 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
23 objection.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
25 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

1 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
2 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
3 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as
4 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

5 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 CHAIR: All opposed? The motion is
10 adopted.

11 MR. HANNON: Also we have
12 consideration of a Conditional VGT Establishment
13 License for Dandy Mini Marts, Incorporated located at
14 78 White Wagon Road in Sayre.

15 The Board may conditionally license an
16 establishment provided the applicant has never been
17 convicted of a felony, is current on state taxes,
18 submitted a completed application, and has not been
19 convicted of a gambling law violation. A preliminary
20 review of this applicant indicates that they meet
21 these criteria. Please note that this is strictly a
22 conditional approval. Final approval will be based
23 on the applicant meeting all the eligibility criteria
24 provided in the statute. A final eligibility
25 determination will follow investigation and site

1 inspection by the BIE.

2 I have provided you with a draft Order
3 and ask that the Board consider a motion to approve
4 the Conditional VGT Establishment License for Dandy
5 Mini Marts, Incorporated.

6 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
7 objection.

8 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
9 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

10 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
11 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Conditional
12 Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as
13 described by the Bureau of Licensing.

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
15 Manzano-Díaz second.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

19 MR. HANNON: Next, there are
20 principal, principal entity and affiliated licenses.
21 The Bureau of Licensing provided you with a proposed
22 Order for four principals, one principal entity and
23 two affiliates. I ask that the Board consider the
24 Order approving these licenses.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no

1 objection.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
3 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

4 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
5 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board grant
6 the Principal, Principal Entity, and Affiliated
7 Licenses as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

8 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 AYES RESPOND

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

14 MR. HANNON: There are also principal
15 and key employee temporary credentials. The Bureau
16 of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding the
17 issuance of temporary credentials for one principal
18 and 12 key employees. I ask the Board consider the
19 Order approving these credentials.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: Office of Enforcement
21 Counsel has no objection.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
23 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

24 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
25 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Temporary

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

3 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
4 seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

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

9 MR. HANNON: Additionally, for your
10 consideration are gaming employee permits and
11 non-gaming employee registrations. The Bureau of
12 Licensing has provided you with a list of 543
13 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted temporary
14 or full occupation permits and 196 individuals to
15 whom the Bureau has granted registrations under the
16 authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I
17 ask the Board consider a motion approving the Order.

18 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
19 objection.

20 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
21 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

22 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
23 moves that the Board approve the Applications for
24 Gaming Employee Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming
25 Employee Registrations as described by the Bureau of

1 Licensing.

2 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

3 seconds.

4 CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

7 adopted.

8 MR. HANNON: Next there is a

9 Recommendation of Denial for one non-gaming
10 applicant. The applicant was notified that they were
11 being recommended for denial and failed to request a
12 hearing within the specified time frame. The Bureau
13 of Licensing has provided you with the Order
14 addressing the applicant, who the OEC has recommended
15 for denial. I ask the Board consider the Order
16 approving this denial.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC continues to
18 request a denial in this matter.

19 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
20 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

21 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Regan moves that the Board deny the Gaming and Non-
23 Gaming Employee Applications as described by the
24 Bureau of Licensing.

25 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
5 adopted.

6 MR. HANNON: The next matter for your
7 consideration is withdrawal requests. In each case,
8 the license, permit or registration is no longer
9 required. For today's meeting, I have provided the
10 Board with 105 gaming and 11 non-gaming applicants.
11 I ask the Board consider the Order approving these
12 withdrawals.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
14 objection.

15 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
16 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

17 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
18 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board grant the
19 Withdrawal of Key Employee Gaming and Non-Gaming
20 Employee Applications as described by the Bureau of
21 Licensing.

22 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

2 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an
3 Order to renew the gaming service provider
4 certifications for Villa Pizza of Pennsylvania,
5 Incorporated and Chopstick Asian Cuisine,
6 Incorporated as well as initially certify Rycon
7 Construction, Incorporated and Poole Anderson
8 Construction, LLC.

9 I have provided you with a draft
10 Order, and ask the Board consider the Order
11 certifying Villa Pizza of Pennsylvania, Chopstick
12 Asian Cuisine, Incorporated; Rycon Construction,
13 Incorporated and Poole Anderson Construction, LLC.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
15 objection.

16 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
17 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

18 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
19 Dillon moves that the Board approve the Gaming
20 Service Provider Certifications as described by the
21 Bureau of Licensing.

22 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
23 Manzano-Díaz second.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

1 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
2 adopted.

3 MR. HANNON: Finally for your
4 consideration are gaming service provider
5 registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you
6 with an Order and an attached list of 13 registered
7 gaming service provider applicants. I ask that the
8 Board consider the Order registering these gaming
9 service providers.

10 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
11 objection.

12 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
13 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

14 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
15 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
16 approve the game - the Gaming Service Provider
17 Registrations as described by the Bureau of
18 Licensing.

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
24 adopted.

25 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

1 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Next is
2 Chief Enforcement Counsel Cyrus Pitre.

3 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good afternoon. The
4 OEC will present 12 matters today for the Board's
5 consideration in which we will request the approval
6 of one suspension and 11 involuntary exclusions.

7 The next matter on the agenda consists
8 of an enforcement action in which the OEC filed a
9 complaint seeking the suspension of a non-gaming
10 employee registration previously issued by the Board.
11 The complaint has been filed with the Board's OHA and
12 properly served upon the individual named in the
13 complaint. The individual named in the complaint
14 failed to respond within 30 days, as required by
15 Board regulation. As a result, the OEC filed a
16 Request for Default Judgement in the matter and
17 properly served the same upon the Respondent.
18 Therefore, the facts in each - in the complaint are
19 deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
20 provided to the Board and the matter is presently
21 ripe for the Board's consideration.

22 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Steven
23 Gorman will provide a brief summary of the facts and
24 make a request for the appropriate Board action.

25 ATTORNEY GORMAN: Good afternoon

1 Chair, Madam Chair and members of the Board.
2 Assistant Enforcement Counsel Steven Gorman,
3 G-O-R-M-A-N.

4 The next matter on the agenda for the
5 Board's consideration is the suspension of the Non-
6 Gaming Employee Registration issued to Prudence Reed.
7 Ms. Reed was previously employed as an EVT Attendant
8 at Lady Luck Casino.

9 Ms. Reed entered Lady Luck as a patron
10 and gamed at slot machines prior to the end of her
11 post-employment prohibition on wagering at the casino
12 where she was once employed. Ms. Reed was on the
13 Gaming Floor for approximately one hour prior to
14 discovery by Lady Luck Security. Ms. Reed was
15 escorted out of the casino but was not formally
16 evicted. She is not currently employed in the
17 Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

18 At this time the OEC requests that the
19 Board suspend the Non-Gaming Employee Registration
20 issued to Prudence Reed.

21 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
22 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
23 please?

24 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
25 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the

1 suspension of Prudence Reed's Non-Gaming Employee
2 Registration for a period of two weeks for the
3 conduct described by the OEC.

4 CHAIR: Is that two weeks from today's
5 date?

6 MR. DERMODY: I believe so, yes, Madam
7 Chair.

8 CHAIR: Thank you.

9 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
10 seconds.

11 CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

13 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
14 adopted.

15 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters
16 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
17 the OEC filed Petitions seeking the involuntary
18 exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed
19 facility are inimical to the interests of the
20 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein. In each
21 instance the Petition for Exclusion has been filed
22 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the
23 individual named in the Petition. The individual
24 named in each Petition failed to respond within 30
25 days, as required by Board regulation. As a result,

1 the OEC filed a Request for Default Judgement in each
2 matter and properly served the same upon each
3 individual.

4 Therefore, all facts in each Petition
5 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
6 provided to the Board and the matters are presently
7 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each instance
8 if the Board orders the proposed exclusion, each
9 individual's photo, personal identifiers, and a
10 summary of the inimical conduct will be placed on the
11 Board's public website. Once again in each matter,
12 we will provide a brief - a summary of the facts and
13 make a request for the appropriate Board action.

14 ATTORNEY GORMAN: The next matter on
15 the agenda is a request to place Zachary Jackson on
16 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 Zachary Jackson left a 13-year-old
18 child unattended at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino
19 shortly after being turned away from the Gaming Floor
20 by Security. Mr. Jackson told Security that there
21 was another adult waiting in the vehicle in the
22 parking garage who could watch the child.
23 Surveillance tracked the child and Mr. Jackson back
24 to the vehicle and could not see an adult. Mr.
25 Jackson left the child unattended in the lobby before

1 going back to the vehicle and returned to the casino.

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3 Surveillance triggered notification to
4 Security at this time. Meanwhile, Mr. Jackson went
5 back to the Gaming Floor and went to the Sportsbook
6 in order to place a wager. In total, Mr. Jackson
7 left a 13-year-old child unattended for 15 minutes.
8 No criminal charges were filed. Mr. Jackson was
9 permanently evicted from Harrah's Philadelphia.

10 At this time the OEC requests that the
11 Board place Zachary Jackson on the Involuntary
12 Exclusion List.

13 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
14 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

15 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
16 moves that the Board approve the addition of Zachary
17 Jackson to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
18 the conduct described by the OEC.

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 AYES RESPOND

23 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is
24 adopted.

25 ATTORNEY GORMAN: The next matter on

1 the agenda is a request to place Stephen Kachulis on
2 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

3 Mr. Kachulis stole a jacket from the
4 gift shop inside Live! Philadelphia Casino. The shop
5 attendant notified Security, but Mr. Kachulis left
6 the casino prior to apprehension. Two days later Mr.
7 Kachulis returned to Live! Philadelphia gift shop and
8 attempted to steal a water bottle - a bottle of soda
9 while making another transaction. The shop attendant
10 stopped him and made him return the bottle. Live!
11 Security and the Pennsylvania State Police spoke with
12 Mr. Kachulis. No criminal charges were filed and Mr.
13 Kachulis was permanently evicted from Live!
14 Philadelphia.

15 At this time the OEC requests that the
16 Board place Stephen Kachulis on the Involuntary
17 Exclusion List.

18 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
19 the Board? Hearing none, may I have a motion,
20 please?

21 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of
23 Stephen Kachulis to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion
24 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? All opposed?

5 Motion is adopted.

6 Can - just for a moment, I want to
7 just correct the record that Acting Secretary Browne
8 has left, and Christin Heidingsfelder is now
9 representing Acting Secretary Browne for the
10 remainder of the proceedings. Thank you, Christin.

11 ATTORNEY GORMAN: The next matter on
12 the agenda is a request to place Monther Madanat on
13 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 Mr. Madanat illegally moved and
15 pinched his bets while playing poker at Hollywood
16 Morgantown. A Table Games Manager caught Mr. Madanat
17 pinching a \$5 bet and made him return the bet to the
18 table. Surveillance and Table Games Management then
19 reviewed Mr. Madanat's previous plays, and they
20 determined that at least 17 other pinches and illegal
21 moves had occurred. The Pennsylvania State Police
22 charged Mr. Madanat with Misdemeanor Manipulating a
23 Win/Loss, Misdemeanor Fraudulent Claim, and
24 Misdemeanor Theft charges. Mr. Madanat is currently
25 in the Accelerated Disposition Program in Berks

1 County. He was permanently evicted from Hollywood
2 Morgantown.

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

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

9 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
10 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
11 addition of Monther Madanat to the Pennsylvania
12 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for
13 the conduct described by the OEC.

14 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

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

20 ATTORNEY GORMAN: The next two matters
21 on the agenda are related and are requests to place
22 Marlyn Mims and Anthony Pape on the Involuntary
23 Exclusion List. With the Board's permission, I'll
24 read one set of facts and then request that each
25 individual be placed on the Exclusion List.

1 Marlyn Mims and Anthony Pape were
2 driving around the parking lot of Mohegan
3 Pennsylvania attempting to break into various parked
4 cars. Ms. Mims drove Mr. Pape around to different
5 areas of the parking lot and would wait for Mr. Pape
6 to open up any unlocked doors on cars and retrieve
7 any belongings. Mr. Pape tried to open at least ten
8 different vehicles and was able to access at least
9 two of them.

10 Security saw one of the break-ins and
11 notified the Plains Township Police Department.
12 Officers arrived and stopped Ms. Mims and Mr. Pape in
13 their vehicle. All stolen items were recovered. No
14 criminal charges were filed. Mr. Pape and Ms. Mims
15 were both permanently evicted from the casino.

16 At this time the OEC requests that the
17 Board place Marlyn Mims on the Involuntary Exclusion
18 List.

19 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
20 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

21 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
22 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
23 Marlyn Mims to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
24 for the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner

1 Manzano-Díaz second.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
5 adopted.

6 ATTORNEY GORMAN: At this time the OEC
7 requests that the Board place Anthony Pape on the
8 Involuntary Exclusion List.

9 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
10 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

11 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
12 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
13 approve the addition of Anthony Pape in the PGCB
14 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described
15 by the OEC.

16 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 AYES RESPOND

20 CHAIR: All opposed? The motion
21 carries.

22 ATTORNEY GORMAN: The next matter on
23 the agenda is a request to place Matthew Morant on
24 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 Matthew Morant left a 12-year-old

1 child unattended in his vehicle in the parking lot at
2 Valley Forge Casino Resort while he went inside and
3 cashed out two winning Sportsbook wagers. When Mr.
4 Morant first had arrived on the casino property, he
5 attempted to park his vehicle outside the main
6 entrance. Valley Forge Security approached Mr.
7 Morant and told him to move his vehicle. Security
8 noticed that there was a child in the car as Mr.
9 Morant drove to the parking lot and was out of sight.

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11 Mr. Morant parked his car in the
12 parking lot and left the car unattended. Security
13 notified Valley Forge Surveillance of the incident
14 and Mr. Morant's vehicle was located. Security also
15 notified the Pennsylvania State Police and the Upper
16 Merion Township Police Department. Mr. Morant was
17 away from the child for five minutes. No criminal
18 charges were filed, and Mr. Morant was permanently
19 evicted from Valley Forge for his actions.

20 At this time the OEC requests that the
21 Board place Matthew Morant on the Involuntary
22 Exclusion List.

23 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
24 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

25 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
2 Matthew Morant to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
3 for the conduct described by the OEC.

4 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 AYES RESPOND

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

10 ATTORNEY GORMAN: The next matter on
11 the agenda is a request to place Sidney Slaymaker on
12 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

13 Ms. Slaymaker left a two-year-old
14 child and a 14-year-old child unattended in her
15 vehicle in the parking lot of Mohegan Pennsylvania
16 while she was gaming at slot machines. A passing
17 security shuttle saw the 14-year-old sitting in the
18 vehicle with the door open. Security approached the
19 vehicle and notified Surveillance and the Plains
20 Township Police Department. At the same time, Ms.
21 Slaymaker was returning to her vehicle and was
22 stopped by Security. Police responded and spoke with
23 Ms. Slaymaker, but no charges were filed. She was
24 away from the child for two hours and six minutes.
25 She was permanently evicted from Mohegan Pennsylvania

1 for her actions.

2 At this time the OEC requests that the
3 Board place Sidney Slaymaker on the Involuntary
4 Exclusion List.

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

7 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
8 moves that the Board approve the addition of Sidney
9 Slaymaker to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for
10 the conduct described by the OEC.

11 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
12 seconds.

13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

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

17 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good afternoon
18 Madam Chair and members of the Board. Juan Sanchez,
19 S-A-N-C-H-E-Z, Assistant Enforcement Counsel.

20 The next matter on the agenda for the
21 Board's consideration is a request to place Brian
22 Donovan on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

23 While Mr. Donovan was a patron at
24 Valley Forge Casino, he engaged in a verbal and
25 physical altercation, wherein he struck a female

1 patron in the face causing her nose and mouth to
2 bleed. Mr. Donovan was permanently evicted from
3 Valley Forge. Upper Merion Police Department
4 responded and filed criminal charges against Mr.
5 Donovan, to which he pled guilty.

6 At this time the OEC requests that the
7 Board place Brian Donovan on the Board's Involuntary
8 Exclusion List.

9 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
10 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

11 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
12 that the Board approve the addition of Brian Donovan
13 to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the
14 conduct described by the OEC.

15 MR. DERMODY: Commissioner Dermody
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
20 adopted.

21 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The next matter on
22 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
23 to place Alexis Gonzalez-Garcia on the Board's
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 While Mr. Gonzalez-Garcia was a patron

1 at Valley Forge Casino Resort, he entered the casino
2 with two other adults and five children. The ages of
3 the children at the time of the incident were one
4 year old, nine years old, a ten-year-old, and a 14-
5 year-old and the fifth was an infant. Mr. Gonzalez-
6 Garcia left the children unattended inside the casino
7 food court for 72 minutes while he played slot
8 machines. Mr. Gonzalez-Garcia was permanently
9 evicted from the casino, but no criminal charges were
10 filed as a result of this incident.

11 At this time the OEC requests that the
12 Board place Alexis Gonzalez-Garcia on the Board's
13 Involuntary Exclusion List.

14 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
15 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

16 MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair,
17 Commissioner Dermody moves that the Board approve the
18 addition of Alexis Gonzalez-Garcia to the
19 Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's Involuntary
20 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

21 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

1 adopted.

2 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: The next matter on
3 the agenda for the Board's consideration is a request
4 to place Lindsay Veron on the Board's Involuntary
5 Exclusion List.

6 Ms. Veron was a patron at Mount Airy
7 Casino. She stole a wallet of another patron with
8 over \$300 inside. Ms. Veron was permanently evicted
9 from the casino. The Pennsylvania police, State
10 Police were notified and criminal charges were filed.

11 At this time OEC requests the Board
12 place Lindsay Veron on the Board's Involuntary
13 Exclusion List.

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

17 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
18 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
19 Lindsay Veron to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
20 for the conduct described by the OEC.

21 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Commissioner
22 Manzano-Díaz, second.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

1 adopted.

2 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good afternoon,
3 Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N, with the OEC.

4 The final matter on the agenda for the
5 Board's consideration is a request to place Chad
6 Martin on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 Mr. Martin stole a purse that was left
8 behind a patron at a slot machine at Rivers Casino
9 Pittsburgh. As the items in the purse were
10 recovered, no criminal charges were filed. Mr.
11 Martin was permanently evicted from Rivers Pittsburgh
12 for his actions.

13 At this time the OEC requests that the
14 Board place Chad Martin on the Board's Involuntary
15 Exclusion List.

16 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
17 the Board? May I have a motion, please?

18 MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Madam Chair,
19 Commissioner Manzano-Díaz moves that the Board
20 approve the addition of Chad Martin to the PGCB
21 Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described
22 by the OEC.

23 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
24 seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 AYES RESPOND

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

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
5 concludes our business.

6 CHAIR: Thank you. And that concludes
7 today's meeting. The next public meeting of the
8 Board will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023
9 at 10:00 a.m. at this location.

10 And now, may I please have a motion to
11 adjourn the meeting?

12 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
13 to adjourn.

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 AYES RESPOND

18 CHAIR: All opposed? We are
19 adjourned.

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21 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:08 P.M.

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CERTIFICATE

1 I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings,
2 hearing held before Chair Smyler, was reported by me
3 on January 25, 2023 and that I, Derek Richmond, read
4 this transcript, and that I attest that this
5 transcript is a true and accurate record of the
6 proceeding.

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8 Date the 16 day of February, 2023

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12 Court Reporter

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