

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 (phone)

Shawn Dillon

David S. Hickernell

Sara Manzano-Díaz (absent)

Nedia Ralston

Frances J. Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Stacey Connors, Ex-Officio Member,
Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Ex-Officio Member,
Department of Treasury

Jorge Augusto, Ex-Officio Member,
Department of Agriculture

Reporter: Autumn Karper

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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

Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director

Danette Bixler-George, Human Resources Director

Sean Hannon, Director of Bureau of Licensing

Steve Cook, Chief Counsel

Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel

Office of Enforcement Counsel - Also presenting:

Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel, Michael

Roland, Senior Enforcement Counsel, Thomas Monaghan,

Assistant Enforcement Counsel, Kelci Scirrotto,

Assistant Enforcement Counsel, Juan Sanchez,

Assistant Enforcement Counsel, John Crohe, Senior

Enforcement Counsel

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WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM - CONSENT AGREEMENT

Michael A. Magazzu, Esquire, Executive Director of

Compliance and Risk Management, Wind Creek

Glenn Granitz, Director of Security, Wind Creek

Patrick Ryan, General Manager, Wind Creek

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 CHAIR: Good morning everyone. I'm
4 Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming
5 Control Board. At this time we would like to ask
6 everyone to please silence your cell phones and all
7 electronic devices. Also, while masks are no longer
8 mandatory, please feel free to wear a mask if you
9 feel it is necessary or required for your own well-
10 being. We have five Board Members present this
11 morning, and Commissioner Dermody is present by
12 telephone. Commissioner Dermody, can you hear me?

13 MR. DERMODY: Yes, I can, Madam Chair.

14 CHAIR: Excellent. Thank you so much.
15 I'd also like to announce that due to an unavoidable
16 conflict, Commissioner Manzano-Díaz is unable to join
17 us today. With that being placed on the record, I'd
18 like to now call today's meeting to order.

19 I would also like to note, in addition
20 to the Board Members, we also have our Ex-Officio
21 Members, Jorge Augusto, representing Russell Redding,
22 Secretary for the Department of Agriculture. Stacey
23 Connors, representing Pat Browne, Secretary for the
24 Department of Revenue and Jennifer Langan,
25 representing Stacey Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank

1 you Ex-Officios for joining us.

2 I'd like to ask everybody to please
3 stand and join me in the recitation of the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

5 (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED)

6 CHAIR: By way of announcements, the
7 Board held an Executive Session yesterday, Tuesday,
8 May 21st to discuss personnel matters, pending
9 litigation and to conduct quasi-judicial
10 deliberations relating to matters coming before the
11 Board.

12 Our first order of Business this
13 morning is the consideration of the Board Meeting
14 Transcript and Minutes from the March 20th, 2024
15 meeting. May I have a motion to approve the
16 Transcript and Minutes of the March 20, 2024 Meeting,
17 please?

18 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
19 moves that the Board approve the Minutes and
20 Transcript of the March 20, 2024 Meeting.

21 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
22 Hickernell seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 (AYES RESPOND)

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

3 We will now hear from our Executive
4 Director, Kevin O'Toole. Kevin?

5 MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair
6 Smyler, Members of the Board. My Executive
7 Director's report this morning, I would like to
8 comment on the measurement of success for the
9 licensed and regulated gaming industry in the
10 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Certainly the first
11 measurement tool for commercial success, always
12 points to revenue. Just last week, the American
13 Gaming Association issued a report that stated that
14 the first quarter of 2024, commercial gaming revenue
15 nationwide set a new quarterly high, which marked 13
16 straight months of casino industry growth.

17 Pennsylvania's first quarter revenue
18 from all sources regulated by the Pennsylvania Gaming
19 Control Board totaled \$1.53 billion, an increase of
20 6.56 percent over the gaming revenue for the first
21 quarter of 2023. As reported by the Board's
22 Communication Department, the month of April
23 continued the positive revenue increases by 5.87
24 percent this year over April of 2023. Revenue from
25 all sources totaled \$504 million in April.

1 It is important to note that online
2 gaming activity through slots, tables and sports
3 wagering are experiencing the largest percentage of
4 revenue increases. The land-based casinos on the
5 other hand, are experiencing decreases of 3.2 percent
6 in slot machine revenue and 4.0 percent in table game
7 revenue for the first quarter of 2024 when compared
8 to the first quarter of 2023.

9 However, it is important to measure
10 success from a non-revenue context as well. When the
11 Pennsylvania Racehorse Development and Gaming Act was
12 enacted into law, and when it was amended, the
13 legislature always established goals and objectives
14 that focused on non-revenue components of licensed
15 and regulated gaming.

16 Those goals included ensuring that
17 jobs were created and available for Pennsylvanians,
18 that economic development continued to flourish, and
19 that the horse racing industry through its racing
20 events and breeding programs, would continue to be an
21 important aspect of the agriculture within the
22 Commonwealth.

23 The 17 brick and mortar casinos employ
24 over 15,000 employees. The Category 1 and Category 2
25 casinos average approximately, 1,100 employees per

1 facility. While Category 3 and Category 4 casinos
2 average almost 600 employees per facility. From an
3 economic development perspective, the brick and
4 mortar casinos continue to strive to maintain some of
5 the best casino properties in the country. There are
6 currently eight casino facilities in Pennsylvania
7 that offer hotels as part of its amenities.

8 Additionally, there are 16 locations
9 that significantly modify their gaming floor to
10 provide a first-class retail sportsbook within its
11 facility for patrons who engage in legal sports
12 betting. It is also important to note that our six
13 Category 1 casinos continue to operate horse racing
14 tracks, and they continue to add to the overall
15 entertainment and wagering opportunities for its
16 patrons. It should also be noted that the Racehorse
17 Development Trust Fund is funded through slot machine
18 revenue at the land-based casinos.

19 To conclude, increasing revenue is a
20 goal that Pennsylvania casinos and online operators
21 seek to achieve under much competitive pressure.
22 Apart from revenue, however, the Pennsylvania casinos
23 are successful in their efforts to meet non-revenue
24 related goals and expectations. That's my report for
25 this morning. Thank you.

1 CHAIR: Thank you, Kevin. Now we will
2 hear from our Human Resources Director, Danette
3 Bixler-George. Danette?

4 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Good morning,
5 Chair, Board Members. The Office of Human Resources
6 has one motion today for your consideration relative
7 to the hiring of two individuals. Both individuals
8 have completed the background investigation and drug
9 screening. First, we have Travis Payne, who has been
10 selected as an iGaming Compliance Representative in
11 the Bureau of Gaming Operations. Travis is
12 recommended for hire by Paul Resch, Director of
13 Gaming Operations, and Lee Copello, Director of
14 iGaming Compliance Operations.

15 Next, we have Emma Bernardoni, who has
16 been selected as a Statistician in the Office of
17 Gaming Laboratory Operations. Emma is recommended
18 for hire by Heather Worner, the Director of Gaming
19 Laboratory Operations. Unless you have any
20 questions, I ask that the Board consider a motion to
21 approve the hiring actions as indicated.

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

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIR: Hearing none, may I have a

1 motion, please?

2 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
3 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
4 the applicants for hire as proposed by the Human
5 Resources Director.

6 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Thank you,
13 Danette. Before you leave, I want to acknowledge
14 that today will be your last public appearance before
15 the Board. For those who may not know, Danette is
16 retiring from State Service after 30 years, effective
17 June 14th. Danette has worked throughout the
18 Commonwealth in those 30 years, including ten years
19 at the Fish and Boat Commission, Department of
20 Conservation and Natural Resources, the Department of
21 Military and Veterans affairs, the Human Relations
22 Commission and the Department of Public Welfare,
23 working at the Harrisburg State Hospital. On top of
24 all that, Danette has been our Director of Human
25 Resources for over six years and she has served the

1 Board extremely well during her time here.

2 So on behalf of the Board, Danette,
3 I'd like to thank you for your service and wish you
4 all your best in your retirement. I understand your
5 husband is also present.

6 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Yes, he is.

7 CHAIR: So I want to thank him for
8 sharing you with us for these past six years and he's
9 a very fortunate man. So you will be missed.

10 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Thank you.

11 CHAIR: Thank you.

12 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: With your
13 indulgence -.

14 (APPLAUSE)

15 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: With your
16 indulgence, Chair, with your indulgence, I do want to
17 express a few thoughts, if you don't mind?

18 CHAIR: Certainly.

19 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: So to the Board,
20 particularly present, but also past, I want to thank
21 you for providing me the opportunity to reach a
22 career goal. It has been wonderful to work with you,
23 and I thank you for putting up with me. For you,
24 Chair, in particular, for our frank and honest and
25 open conversations. You are quite the leader and

1 I've been proud to serve with you.

2 CHAIR: Thank you.

3 MS. BIXLER-GEORGE: Kevin and for
4 Claire, I just want say you've been key for helping
5 me reach my goals. I appreciate your extending your
6 hands of trust and friendship to me, as well as the
7 education you've provided to me with regards to
8 gaming in the Commonwealth.

9 To the directors and the employees in
10 this room and otherwise, and those that I've worked
11 with over my career, thank you for working
12 cooperatively with me. Thank you for teaching me,
13 educating me, and for a few, even becoming my
14 mentors. I so much deeply appreciate that.

15 To the staff here that I supervise and
16 the staff that I've supervised over the years, they
17 have always made me look better than I am. And for
18 the staff here in particular, thanks for walking
19 through the challenges with me. We survived COVID
20 and expansion together. I could not have done it
21 without you, And I appreciate so deeply that you have
22 taken me into your lives. And I mean that with all
23 great sincerity.

24 To the taxpayers of the Commonwealth,
25 I have never tried to forget that they pay my salary

1 and my living exists because of them and I hope I
2 served them well. They are my family and friends as
3 well, so I hope I've done them good.

4 To Greg and to my daughter, Tara, you
5 are my support, my backbone, my motivation. I could
6 not do it without you. I love you deeply.

7 And finally, based upon my faith, to
8 God, the Father, the Son and the Spirit who has
9 provided me with a life full of blessings and I look
10 forward to the next adventures that he's taking me
11 on. In the words of Proverbs 16:9, a man sets his
12 course, but the Lord determines my step.

13 He's done so for 30 years of a
14 Commonwealth career and I've been blessed by it and
15 the people surrounding me. I've tried to serve with
16 what his expectations are out of Micah, to act
17 justly, to show mercy and to try to walk humbly.
18 It's been a wonderful, challenging ride and I move
19 on.

20 So to all of you, I want to share this
21 from number six. May the Lord bless you and keep
22 you. May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
23 and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn his face
24 towards you and give you peace. Thank you all and
25 I mean that with great sincerity.

1 (APPLAUSE)

2 CHAIR: Thank you, Danette, and if you
3 change your mind, you know, there's always a place
4 for you here.

5 Next, is our Office of Chief Counsel.

6 ATTORNEY COOK: It's going to be a
7 tough act to follow. I'll try my best. Good
8 morning. Before the Board today are two Petitions.
9 Both of these petitions will be decided on the
10 documentary record as the Office of Enforcement
11 Counsel has no objection to the requested relief. In
12 each of these matters, the Board has, in advance of
13 this meeting, been provided with the complete
14 documentary and evidentiary record, which were filed
15 prior to today.

16 The first Petition before the Board
17 today is Woodland Fayette LLC's request for approval
18 of a charter establishing an independent audit
19 committee. By way of background, Woodlands Fayette,
20 LLC operates the Lady Luck Casino at Nemaocolin, a
21 Category 3 licensed facility in Farmington,
22 Pennsylvania.

23 On June 26, 2023, management of the
24 casino transitioned from a management company, LLN,
25 PA, LLC, to Nemaocolin itself. On June 28th, 2023,

1 the Board renewed Nemaocolin's Category 3 License,
2 imposing a special condition directing Nemaocolin to
3 establish an independent audit committee and to
4 obtain the Board's approval of that committee and its
5 charter once it was established.

6 Per the Board's Order, Woodlands has
7 now filed their Petition for Approval of an Audit
8 Committee Charter, asserting that Nemaocolin has
9 established the audit committee as part of the
10 management transition, has consulted with Board staff
11 from the language of the charter and provided the
12 Office of Enforcement Counsel with the final draft of
13 the charter prior to its adoption and establishment
14 of the committee.

15 After reviewing the final charter, the
16 OEC has no objection to it or the relief requested,
17 subject to conditions outlined in their answer.
18 Additionally, both parties have requested that
19 certain confidential documents of record be
20 maintained as confidential, and this matter is now
21 in this matter is now ripe for the Board's
22 consideration.

23 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

1 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
2 Dillon moves that the Board grant Woodlands Fayette,
3 LLC's Petition to Approve an Audit Committee, as
4 described by the OCC. I further move that the
5 party's request for confidentiality be granted.

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?
9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?
11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR: Motion passes.

13 ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board
14 is request by Sega Sammy Creation, Inc., and GAN
15 Nevada, Inc., for Approval of Change in Control. GAN
16 Nevada, Inc. is licensed with the Board as an
17 Interactive Gaming Manufacturer and a Sports Wagering
18 Manufacturer and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAN
19 UK Limited. Sega Sammy Creation, Inc. is an
20 Applicant for a Slot Machine Manufacturer License.

21 On November 7th, 2023, GAN entered
22 into an agreement and plan of merger with Sega Sammy
23 Creation, Inc. and Arc Bermuda Limited in order to
24 effectuate the purchase by Sega Sammy Creation, Inc.
25 of GAN. GAN will survive the merger as a wholly-

1 owned subsidiary of Sega Sammy Creation. No closing
2 date has yet been scheduled, but the parties expect
3 the closing in this transaction will occur in either
4 late 2024 or early 2025.

5 The OEC has no objection to this chain
6 of control, including the request that certain
7 information be maintained as confidential. OEC's
8 response and failure to object, however, is subject
9 to conditions outlined in their answer, which the OCC
10 also supports, and this matter is now ripe for the
11 Board's consideration.

12 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

15 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
16 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant,
17 Sega Sammy Creation, Inc.'s and GAN's Nevada, Inc.'s
18 Joint Petition for Change in Control as described by
19 the OCC. I further move that OEC's motion to protect
20 confidential information to be granted.

21 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
22 seconds.

23 CHAIR: All in favor?

24 (AYES RESPOND)

25 CHAIR: All opposed?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

3 ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting
4 Withdrawals and Surrenders, as well as Reports and
5 Recommendations is Deputy Chief Counsel Chad
6 Zimmermann.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Good morning,
8 Commissioners. The next matter before Board today
9 pertains to several unopposed Petitions to Withdraw
10 Applications or surrender the credentials of the
11 following individuals and entities. Robert Smith,
12 Radu Stoian, Kate Chesney, Brett Paton, Stewart
13 Baker, Simon Wood, Carol Anderson, Benjamin Levy.
14 Wonderlabz PTY Limited, Anzo Group Limited, Xacton
15 AS, LiveScore Group Limited, Johan Van den Berg,
16 Annelene Jacobson, Amy Lewis, Andrew Dixon, Michael
17 Mee, Robin Tombs.

18 The OEC has no objection to any of
19 these Requests for Withdrawals or Surrenders. As a
20 result, if the Board grants these requests in every
21 case, it would be doing so without prejudice to the
22 requester. These matters are now ready for the
23 Board's consideration.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

25 Hearing none, may I have a motion,

1 please?

2 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
3 Regan moves that the Board issue orders to approve
4 the withdrawals and surrenders as described by the
5 OCC.

6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?

9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

13 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
14 Board for consideration are ten reports and
15 Recommendations from the Office of Hearings and
16 Appeals. These Reports and Recommendations along
17 with the evidentiary record for each hearing have
18 been provided to the Board in advance of today's
19 meeting. Additionally, the persons involved in each
20 have been notified that the Board is considering
21 their matter today and that each would have the
22 ability to come forward and briefly address the
23 Board. If any of the persons who are the subject of
24 one of these Reports and recommendations would like
25 to address the Board today, I would ask them to come

1 forward when their matter is called.

2 Pablo Estrada is the first Report and
3 Recommendation the Board today on October 4, 2023,
4 Mr. Estrada submitted an application for a Non-Gaming
5 Employee Registration to work as a bartender at Live!
6 Casino Hotel in Philadelphia. On November 21st,
7 2023, the OEC sent Mr. Estrada a Notice recommending
8 denial of his Application based on his criminal
9 record. A hearing in this matter was held in January
10 2024. OEC appeared and offered testimony and
11 documentary evidence. Mr. Estrada also appeared and
12 testified on his own behalf.

13 Evidence presented at the hearing
14 showed that Mr. Estrada disclosed on his application
15 that on January 1st, 2023, he had been charged for
16 his participation in a scamming scheme. The Board's
17 Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement reached out
18 to Mr. Estrada, asking him to amend his application
19 and provide more information regarding the charges.
20 Mr. Estrada complied with the request, amending his
21 application to indicate that he had been charged with
22 money laundering.

23 Specifically, Mr. Estrada was accused
24 of wiring approximately \$154,000 in funds that were
25 derived from a specific unlawful activity from a bank

1 account of a company owned by him to an account with
2 another bank. It is also alleged that he
3 participated in various schemes, which included a
4 lottery scam, which created a loss of more than \$4
5 million to 123 separate victims. Mr. Estrada
6 testified that it was his cousin who presented him
7 with this job opportunity, which would require Mr.
8 Estrada to process the payments, which he believed
9 were for different consulting services. He stated he
10 was unaware that the money was obtained fraudulently
11 and that he had no contact with victims.

12 Mr. Estrada pleaded guilty to the
13 money laundering charge, presented letters of
14 recommendation from his current employer where he
15 works as a bartender, as well as from his pretrial
16 services offer officer who supervised him during his
17 criminal case, stating he had complied with all the
18 conditions.

19 Following a hearing, the Report
20 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.
21 Estrada's registration application be denied, and
22 this matter's now ready for the Board's
23 consideration.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
3 moves that the Board adopt the Report and
4 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
5 OCC, and that Pablo Estrada's Application for Non-
6 Gaming Employee Registration be denied.

7 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
8 Hickernell seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Telease Holman
15 Report and Recommendation is next before the Board.
16 On August 30th, 2022, Ms. Holman submitted a Gaming
17 Employee Occupation Permit Application seeking to
18 work as a surveillance agent at Mohegan Sun Pocono.

19 In December of 2022, the OCC sent a
20 notice recommending denial of the Application based
21 on her criminal record. Ms. Holman requested a
22 hearing. However, prior to the hearing being held in
23 April 2023, OEC filed an Amended Notice of
24 Recommendation of Denial, finding that there was an
25 additional criminal charge and updating the

1 information in its original notice. OEC appeared at
2 the hearing and presented testimony and documentary
3 evidence. Ms. Holman also appeared and testified on
4 her own behalf. Evidence presented at the hearing
5 show that between June of 2013 and November of 2022,
6 Ms. Holman had multiple convictions for drug and
7 theft-related offenses.

8 During Ms. Holman's testimony, she
9 stated that her criminal history is a direct result
10 of drug addiction, that she has been receiving drug
11 and alcohol and mental health counseling since 2021.
12 She further admitted that her most recent action of
13 retail theft that she pleaded guilty to and is paying
14 the fines and costs related to that conviction.

15 A Report and Recommendation was issued
16 recommending that Ms. Holman's permit Application be
17 denied. This matter is now ready for the Board's
18 consideration.

19 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
20 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
21 please?

22 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
23 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt
24 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as
25 described by the OCC, and that Release Holman's

1 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit Application be
2 denied.

3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
4 Seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?
6 (AYES RESPOND)

7 CHAIR: All opposed?
8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

10 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report
11 and Recommendation pertains to Kyree Armstrong. Mr.
12 Armstrong currently holds a Gaming Employee
13 Occupation Permit and worked as a Table Games Dealer
14 at Rivers Casino Philadelphia.

15 In August of 2023, the OEC filed a
16 Complaint to revoke Kyree Armstrong's Permit,
17 alleging that on October 19, 2022, while dealing
18 Blackjack, he had numerous dealing violations that
19 caused a loss to the casino where he worked. A
20 review of his previous shifts revealed that Mr.
21 Armstrong had also allowed a patron to pass post bets
22 on two separate occasions causing loss to Rivers
23 Casino.

24 A hearing in this matter was held
25 January 18, 2024. OEC appeared offering testimony

1 and documentary evidence, Mr. Armstrong, despite
2 receiving notice, failed to appear at the hearing.
3 After hearing all the evidence, a Report
4 Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr.
5 Armstrong's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit be
6 revoked and this matter's now ripe for the Board's
7 consideration.

8 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

11 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
12 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
13 Recommendations issued by the OHA, as described by
14 the OCC and that Kyree Armstrong's Gaming Employee
15 Occupation Permit be revoked.

16 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?

19 (AYES RESPOND)

20 CHAIR: All opposed?

21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR: The motion passes.

23 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Danielle Bacon
24 is the next matter before the Board today. Ms. Bacon
25 currently holds a Gaming Employee Occupation Permit

1 and most recently was employed as a Table Games
2 Dealer at Live! Casino Philadelphia.

3 In December of 2023, OEC filed a
4 Complaint to revoke Ms. Bacon's Permit following a
5 patron's complaint that while dealing at a roulette
6 table, Ms. Bacon had moved a patron's losing wager to
7 a winning number when the spin was ultimately
8 determined.

9 A hearing to address the matter was
10 held in February of 2024. OEC appeared and offered
11 testimony, documentary and surveillance evidence.
12 Ms. Bacon appeared and testified on her own behalf.
13 Testimony and evidence presented at the hearing show
14 that between October 18 and October 30, 2023, there
15 were three occasions where Ms. Bacon moved patrons
16 losing wagers to winning wagers or corrected other
17 mistakes made at the table.

18 She was terminated for her actions and
19 ultimately charged with theft and gaming-related
20 misdemeanors. She completed an accelerated
21 misdemeanor diversion program, completed community
22 service, paid her fines and costs, made all
23 restitution. Her criminal charges have since been
24 withdrawn.

25 Ms. Bacon testified that she's worked

1 in the gaming industry for 23 years, working at
2 multiple casinos in numerous states. She has held a
3 permit in the Commonwealth for 14 years, previously
4 working at Valley Forge Casino Resort as the Table
5 Games dealer and then Live! Philadelphia for two and-
6 a-half years before being terminated for her conduct.
7 During her testimony, Ms. Bacon admitted to her
8 actions, stated that she made mistakes while dealing,
9 and that she violated casino policy by trying to fix
10 her mistakes. There was no evidence presented at the
11 hearing showing any collusion between Ms. Bacon and
12 the other patrons.

13 Following a hearing, a Report and
14 Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms.
15 Bacon's permit be revoked and this matter is now ripe
16 for the Board's consideration.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
18 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
19 please?

20 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair
21 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt
22 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as
23 described by the OCC, and that Danielle Bacon's
24 Gaming Employee Occupation Permit be revoked.

25 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 (AYES RESPOND)

4 CHAIR: All opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Eric Hicks is the
8 next Report and Recommendation before the Board
9 today. Mr. Hicks had previously been issued a Non-
10 Gaming Employee Registration in December of 2023 and
11 worked as a games presenter for Evolution U.S., LLC.
12 In January 2024, the OEC filed a Complaint for
13 Emergency Suspension of Mr. Hicks Gaming Employee
14 Registration after receiving notice that he was
15 criminally charged with felony and misdemeanor
16 offenses. As a result of the charges, the Executive
17 Director issued an emergency order suspending Mr.
18 Hicks' registration.

19 A hearing in this matter was held in
20 February of 2024. OEC appeared and provided
21 testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. Hicks failed
22 to appear at the hearing and it was held in his
23 absence. Evidence presented showed that Mr. Hicks
24 had been charged with drug-related offenses.

25 Specifically, he was accused of

1 possessing cocaine base and heroin, slash, fentanyl
2 in a sufficient quantity indicating intent to
3 deliver, which is a felony charge. Consequently, a
4 Report and Recommendation was issued recommending
5 that the emergency suspension of the registration
6 remain in effect and this matter is now ready for the
7 Board's consideration.

8 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
9 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
10 please?

11 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
12 Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report and
13 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
14 OCC and that the emergency suspension of Eric Hick's
15 Non-Gaming Employee Registration remain in effect.

16 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston,
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?
19 (AYES RESPOND)

20 CHAIR: All opposed?
21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR: The motion carries.

23 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
24 Board is a Report and Recommendation pertaining to
25 Juanita Davis's request for removal from the Board's

1 Involuntary Exclusion List. On September 12th, 2018,
2 the Board granted the OEC's request to enter Default
3 Judgment and place Juanita Davis on the Board's
4 Involuntary Exclusion List. The underlying facts in
5 the matter are that on July 17, 2017, Ms. Davis and
6 her companion left a four-year old child alone in her
7 vehicle for approximately 15 minutes while she gamed
8 at Sugarhouse Casino, now Rivers Philadelphia.

9 On October 26, 2023, Ms. Davis then
10 filed a petition requesting removal from the list
11 stating that she had never been notified of her
12 placement on the list originally, that her charges
13 were ultimately dropped in 2018. OEC filed Answer
14 and objected to the request.

15 The hearing in this matter was held
16 February 1st, 2024. Ms. Davis failed to appear for
17 that hearing. OEC appeared, but did not provide any
18 further testimony other than what was previously
19 entered into the record. Following the hearing, the
20 Hearing Officer issued a Report and Recommendation,
21 recommending that the Petition for Removal be
22 dismissed or denied, and this matter is now ready for
23 the Board's consideration.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
3 moves that the Board adopt the Report and
4 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
5 OCC, and that Juanita Davis's Petition for Removal
6 from the Involuntary Exclusion List be dismissed.

7 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
8 Hickernell seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next two
15 Report and Recommendations before the Board today are
16 related and both involve Requests for Early Removal
17 from the Involuntary Exclusion List and they were
18 filed by Diem Nguyen and Tam Nguyen.

19 On October 5th, 2020, the Board issued
20 orders placing Diem Nguyen and Tam Nguyen on the
21 Involuntary Exclusion List by Default Judgment,
22 finding that both of them had been cheating at Rivers
23 by bending and/or marking cards. On October 2nd,
24 2023, both Diem Nguyen and Tam Nguyen filed their
25 requests for removal. OEC filed Answers to both,

1 objecting to the request. Hearings were held in each
2 matter.

3 Tam Nguyen's hearing was held January
4 10th, 2024. OEC appeared and questioned Mr. Nguyen.
5 Mr. Nguyen appeared and testified as an interpreter
6 was provided for him. He testified on his own behalf
7 that he was innocent of the charges that he did not
8 mark cards and he would like to view a video of him
9 marking the cards as he believes the casino is
10 actually discriminating against him for his heritage.

11 Diem Nguyen's hearing was held
12 February 28, 2024. OEC appeared and questioned Ms.
13 Nguyen; an interpreter was provided for her and she
14 testified on her own behalf once again that she is
15 innocent, that she did not mark cards and would also
16 like to see a video of the conduct.

17 Reports and Recommendations were
18 issued in both matters recommending that their
19 request for early removal from the Exclusion List
20 should be denied and both of these matters are ready
21 for the Board's consideration. I would first request
22 a motion for Diem Nguyen's Report and Recommendation.

23 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
24 (NO RESPONSE)

25

1 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

2 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

3 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt
4 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA, as
5 described by the OCC and that Diem Nguyen remain on
6 the Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion passes.

14 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next would be a
15 motion regarding Tam Nguyen's Report and
16 Recommendation.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

18 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

19 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
20 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
21 Recommendation issued by the OHA, as described by the
22 OCC and that Tam Nguyen remain on the Involuntary
23 Exclusion List.

24 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
25 seconds.

1 CHAIR: All in favor?

2 (AYES RESPOND)

3 CHAIR: All opposed?

4 (NO RESPONSE)

5 CHAIR: Motion passes.

6 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the
7 Board is another Report and Recommendation pertaining
8 to a request for removal from the Involuntary
9 Exclusion List. On February 26, 2016, the OEC filed
10 a Petition to place Mr. Turner on the Board's
11 Involuntary Exclusion List, after it was discovered
12 that he had been passing counterfeit bills at Mohegan
13 Sun Pocono and Mount Airy Casino Resort. He pleaded
14 guilty to both state and federal crimes for this
15 conspiracy and was sentenced to lengthy prison terms
16 in both to run consecutively.

17 In August of 2021, Mr. Turner filed a
18 Request for Removal from list as five years had
19 passed from his placement on the Involuntary
20 Exclusion List. OEC filed an Answer objecting to the
21 Request. Hearings and Appeals issued a letter to Mr.
22 Turner indicating that his Petition would be held in
23 abeyance due to his incarceration and would be taken
24 up upon his release from prison.

25 In November of 2023, OHA issued a

1 notice to the parties that Mr. Turner had been
2 released from prison and a hearing would be held
3 December 5th, 2023. Although receiving notice, Mr.
4 Turner did not attend the hearing. OEC appeared and
5 made a motion to enter judgment against Mr. Turner
6 for his failure to appear. Subsequent to the
7 hearing, a Report and Recommendation issued
8 recommending denial of Mr. Turner's petition and that
9 the matter be denied or dismissed and this matter's
10 now ready for Board's consideration.

11 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

14 Mr. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
15 Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and
16 Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
17 OCC and that Michael Turner remain on the Involuntary
18 Exclusion List.

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
20 seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 (AYES RESPOND)

23 CHAIR: All opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

1 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The final Report
2 and Recommendation today stems from a request to
3 recover funds confiscated while on the Self-Exclusion
4 List. As the Board is aware, when a Self-Excluded
5 individual is found in a Pennsylvania casino, the Act
6 dictates that any winnings possessed by the person
7 can be confiscated from him and used to support
8 Compulsive and Problem Gambling programs.

9 On December 22nd, 2023, D.H. filed a
10 Petition requesting recovery of funds that had been
11 confiscated from him. A hearing in this matter was
12 held on February 29th, 2024. OEC appeared and
13 presented testimony and documentary evidence. D.H.
14 appeared and testified on his own behalf.

15 The underlying facts of this matter
16 are that on August 22, 2022, D.H. electronically
17 completed and submitted his request to be placed on
18 the Board's Self-Exclusion List for a period of one
19 year, signing all acknowledgments and an
20 acknowledgement that he was prohibited from
21 collecting any winnings while on the list.

22 On December 13th, 2023, D.H. entered
23 and gamed at Hollywood Casino at the Meadows whilst
24 still on the Self-Exclusion List. Upon learning that
25 he was still on the list, security confiscated

1 \$3,373.25 in gaming chips from him. D.H. was charged
2 with trespass for the incident.

3 During D.H.'s testimony, he
4 acknowledged his enrollment on the List that stated
5 his exclusion period had ended four months prior to
6 the confiscation of his chips. He also testified
7 that he acknowledged during the exclusion process
8 that he would remain on the list until he requested
9 removal. D.H. then further testified however that
10 the he had logged on to the self-exclusion online
11 system and that it stated he had no active self-
12 exclusions, so he did not believe he was on the list
13 at that time.

14 D.H. provided a screenshot of the
15 message with his Petition. After hearing all the
16 evidence presented, a Report and Recommendation was
17 issued recommending that D.H.'s Petition be granted
18 in part, and that he allowed to be recovered the
19 value of the gaming chips he initially purchased in,
20 which is the amount of \$940, plus an additional \$1.25
21 that could not be accounted for when they confiscated
22 his winnings. This matter is now ripe for the
23 Board's consideration.

24 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

2 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
3 Regan moves that the Board adopt in part and reject
4 in part, the Report and Recommendation issued by the
5 OHA, as described by the OCC and moves that D.H.'s
6 Petition should be granted and that \$3,273.25 should
7 be remitted to him.

8 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 (AYES RESPOND)

12 CHAIR: All opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR: Motion passes.

15 ATTORNEY COOK: That concludes the
16 matters of the OCC.

17 CHAIR: Thank you, Chad and Steve. We
18 will now have the Bureau of Licensing matters
19 presented by the Director of the Bureau of Licensing,
20 Sean Hannon. Sean?

21 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam
22 Chair, members of the Board. Today's first licensing
23 matter for your consideration is the Slot Machine
24 Manufacturer License Renewal for Lightning Gaming,
25 Incorporated. The company was formed in Nevada on

1 March 1st, 2007 with its principal place of business
2 in Boothwyn, Pennsylvania. Lightning Gaming
3 manufactures and distributes electronic gaming
4 devices for use at licensed facilities in the
5 Commonwealth.

6 The BIE has completed its
7 investigation of the company, and the BOL has
8 provided you with a Background Investigation and
9 Suitability Report. I have provided you with a draft
10 order and ask the Board consider the order to renew
11 the Slot Machine Manufacturer License for Lightning
12 Gaming Incorporated.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC no objection.

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

16 Hearing none, may I have a motion,
17 please?

18 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
19 moves that the Board grant the Slot Machine
20 Manufacturing Licensing Renewal as described by the
21 BOL.

22 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
23 Hickernell seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 CHAIR: All opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

4 MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter
5 for your consideration is approval of a Slot Machine
6 Manufacturer License for First American Bankcard
7 Incorporated doing business as FABICash. The company
8 was formed in Louisiana on April 15th, 1996 with its
9 principal place of business in Metairie, Louisiana.
10 First American Bankcard is a manufacturer of ticket
11 redemption kiosks. The company was granted interim
12 authorization on November 30, 2023.

13 The BIE has completed its
14 investigation of the company, and the BOL had
15 provided you with a Background Investigation and
16 Suitability Report. I have provided you with a draft
17 order and asked the Board consider the order to
18 approve the Slot Machine Manufacturer License for
19 First American Bankcard Incorporated.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
21 objection.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

25 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

1 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant
2 the Slot Machine Manufacturer License as described by
3 the BOL.

4 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?
7 (AYES RESPOND)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?
9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 MR. HANNON: Next, we have
12 consideration of an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer
13 License for OnAir Entertainment PA, LLC, doing
14 business as ProxyLive Solutions.

15 The company was formed in Delaware on
16 October 31st, 2022 with its principal place of
17 business in Wilmington, Delaware. OnAir
18 Entertainment intends to provide a live gaming studio
19 to licensed operators in the Commonwealth. The BIE
20 has completed its investigation of company and the
21 BOL has provided you with a Background Investigation
22 and Suitability Report. I have provided you with a
23 Draft Order and ask the Board consider the Order to
24 approve the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License
25 for OnAir Entertainment PA, LLC, doing business as

1 ProxyLive Solutions.

2 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
3 objection.

4 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

7 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
8 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Interactive
9 Gaming Manufacturer License as described by the BOL.

10 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
11 seconds.

12 CHAIR: All in favor?
13 (AYES RESPOND)

14 CHAIR: All opposed?
15 (NO RESPONSE)

16 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

17 MR. HANNON: Also is the approval of
18 an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Play'n
19 GO New Jersey, LLC. Formed in New Jersey on
20 September 4th, 2020, Play'n GO's principal place of
21 business is in Highland Park, New Jersey. The
22 Company develops and provides server-based online and
23 mobile gaming related gaming platforms and was
24 granted interim authorization on March 22nd, 2024.
25 The BIE has completed its investigation of the

1 company and the BOL has provided you with a
2 Background Investigation and Suitability Report. I
3 have also provided you a draft order and ask the
4 Board consider the Order to approve the Interactive
5 Gaming Manufacturer license for Play'n GO New Jersey,
6 LLC.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
8 objection.

9 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: May I have a motion?

12 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
13 moves that the Board grant the Interactive Gaming
14 Manufacturing License as described by the Bureau of
15 Licensing.

16 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
17 seconds.

18 CHAIR: All in favor?
19 (AYES RESPOND)

20 CHAIR: All opposed?
21 (NO RESPONSE)

22 CHAIR: Motion passes.

23 MR. HANNON: Next, are Principal, Key
24 Employee and Qualifier Licenses. The Bureau of
25 Licensing provided you with a proposed order for 31

1 Principles, 8 Key Employees and 2 Qualifiers. I ask
2 the Board consider the order approving these
3 licenses.

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
5 objection.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIR: May I have a motion?

9 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
10 that the Board grant the Principal, Key Employee and
11 Qualifier Licenses as described by the BOL.

12 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
13 seconds.

14 CHAIR: All in favor?

15 (AYES RESPOND)

16 CHAIR: All opposed?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR: Motion carries.

19 MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
20 and Key Employee Temporary Credentials. The BOL
21 provided you with an Order regarding the issuance of
22 temporary credentials for 13 Principals and 15 Key
23 Employees. I ask the Board consider the order
24 approving these credentials.

25 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no

1 objection.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

5 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

6 moves that the Board grant the temporary principal
7 and key employee credentials as described by the BOL.

8 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner

9 Hickernell seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 (AYES RESPOND)

12 CHAIR: All opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

15 MR. HANNON: Additionally for your
16 consideration are gaming employee permits and non-gaming
17 employee registrations. The BOL has provided you with a list
18 of 664 individuals, to whom the Bureau has granted temporary
19 or full occupation permits and 287 individuals to whom the
20 Bureau has granted registrations under the authority
21 delegated to the BOL. I ask the Board consider a motion
22 approving the Order.

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
24 objection.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

3 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

4 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
5 the applications for Gaming Employee Occupation
6 Permits and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations as
7 described by the BOL.

8 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor?

11 (AYES RESPOND)

12 CHAIR: All opposed?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

15 MR. HANNON: Next there is a
16 recommendation of denial for 1 gaming and 1 non-gaming
17 applicant. The BOL has provided you with an Order addressing
18 the applicants who the OEC has recommended for denial. I ask
19 the Board consider the Order approving these denials.

20 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC continues to
21 request denial in each matter.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

25 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Dillon moves that the Board deny the Gaming and Non-
2 Gaming Employee Applications as described by the BOL.

3 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner

4 Hickernell seconds.

5 CHAIR: All in favor?

6 (AYES RESPOND)

7 CHAIR: All opposed?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR: Motion passes.

10 MR. HANNON: The next matter for your
11 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case,
12 the license, permit or registration is no longer
13 required. For today's meeting I have provided the
14 Board with six Key Employees, 60 Gaming and 33 Non-
15 Gaming Applicants. I ask the Board consider the
16 orders approving these Withdrawals.

17 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
18 objection.

19 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

22 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

23 Dillon moves that the Board grant the Withdrawal of
24 Key Employees, Gaming and Non-Gaming Employee
25 Applications as described by the BOL.

1 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?
4 (AYES RESPOND)

5 CHAIR: All opposed?
6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

8 MR. HANNON: In addition, we have an
9 Order to Certify Huddle Gaming Incorporated and SIG
10 Sports Analytical Holdings Incorporated, who are
11 Gaming Service Providers. I have provided you with a
12 Draft Order and ask the Board consider the Order
13 certifying these companies.

14 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
15 objection.

16 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

19 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
20 that the Board approve the Gaming Service Provider
21 Certifications as described by the BOL.

22 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
23 second.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?
25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 CHAIR: All opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

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

11 ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no
12 objection.

13 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

16 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
17 moves that the Board approve the Gaming Service
18 Provider Registrations as described by the BOL.

19 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
20 Hickernell seconds.

21 CHAIR: All in favor?

22 (AYES RESPOND)

23 CHAIR: All opposed?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIR: Motion carries.

1 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Next is the
3 OEC Cyrus Pitre. Cyrus?

4 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Madam
5 Chair, Members of the Board. The OEC will present 16
6 matters today for the Board's consideration in which
7 we will request the approval of one Consent
8 Agreement, two Revocations, one Suspension, and
9 twelve Involuntary Exclusions.

10 The next matter on the agenda for the
11 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between
12 the OEC and Category 2 Licensee Wind Creek Bethlehem,
13 LLC, doing business as, Wind Creek Bethlehem. The
14 matter will be presented by Senior Enforcement
15 Counsel, Michael Roland. Representatives for Wind
16 Creek are present, and at this time, I request that
17 those individuals please introduce themselves for the
18 record and that all non-attorney witnesses please
19 stand and be sworn.

20 ATTORNEY MAGAZZU: Mike Magazzu,
21 M-A-G-A-Z-Z-U, Executive Director of Compliance and
22 Risk Management at Wind Creek Hospitality.

23 MR. GRANITZ: Glenn Granitz,
24 G-R-A-N-I-T-Z. I'm the Director of Security with
25 Wind Creek Casino.

1 MR. RYAN: Patrick Ryan, R-Y-A-N.
2 General Manager.

3 CHAIR: Are there any non-attorneys?
4 If you'd stand to be sworn please.

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6 (WHEREUPON, WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE.)

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8 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Good morning, Madam
9 Chair, Members of the Board, Michael Roland,
10 R-O-L-A-N-D with the OEC. This matter involves ten
11 incidents of underage access, underage gaming, and
12 underage alcohol service for 11 underage individuals
13 at Wind Creek Bethlehem.

14 On or about November 26th, 2021, a 20-
15 year old was discovered at the hotel entrance and
16 reported she had previously traversed the gaming
17 floor to go to a show at the event center. She was
18 on the gaming floor and in Chopsticks Restaurant for
19 approximately one hour and 17 minutes, but did not
20 game.

21 On or about December 2nd, 2021, a 19-
22 year old entered the casino floor unchallenged by
23 security. He was observed gaming at a roulette table
24 for approximately seven minutes and a blackjack table
25 for approximately five minutes. He was permanently

1 evicted and issued a non-traffic citation.

2 On about April 7, 2022, a 20-year old
3 gained access to the gaming floor via the main
4 entrance by using a fake identification. She then
5 entered the Coil Bar, where she was served a mixed
6 drink. She was on the gaming floor for one hour and
7 eight minutes, but did not game. She was permanently
8 evicted and issued a non-traffic citation.

9 On or about June 19, 2022, two
10 underage patrons, ages 19 and 20, were discovered
11 standing at a blackjack table. The underage patrons
12 entered through the bus entrance and were not
13 challenged for identification by security. Both
14 underage patrons were observed gaming at slot
15 machines and were on the gaming floor for
16 approximately 38 minutes. They were both issued
17 permanent evictions and non-traffic citations.

18 On or about September 25, 2022, a 19-
19 year old patron was granted access to the gaming
20 floor after his Maryland driver's license was scanned
21 and failed five times. A shift manager, in the
22 interest of guest service, allowed entry because he
23 saw legitimate identifications, had the same problem
24 in the past. He was on the gaming floor for
25 approximately three hours and 26 minutes. He was

1 issued a Rewards Card, gamed at four table games, six
2 slot machines, and placed one wager at the
3 sportsbook. He was permanently evicted and issued a
4 non-traffic citation.

5 On or about October 30th, 2022, a 20-
6 year old was discovered on the floor with no
7 identification. He gained access after not being
8 carded by security and was on the gaming floor for
9 one hour and 17 minutes. He gamed at four slot
10 machines and he was permanently evicted and issued a
11 non-traffic citation.

12 On or about November 19, 2022, a 20-
13 year old was discovered on the gaming floor by a
14 Casino Compliance Representative. The underage
15 patron was not carded by security. She was on the
16 gaming floor for one hour and 22 minutes and gamed at
17 four slot machines. She was permanently evicted and
18 issued a non-traffic citation.

19 On or about January 1st, 2023, a 19-
20 year old gained access to the gaming floor after she
21 presented the legitimate identification of another
22 individual. She was on the gaming floor for
23 approximately one hour and 20 minutes. She consumed
24 one beverage at the Coil Bar and gamed at a roulette
25 table for approximately three minutes. She was

1 permanently evicted and issued two non-traffic
2 citations.

3 On or about July 27, 2023, an 18-year
4 old was discovered on the gaming floor when he
5 attempted to cash out gaming chips. He was not
6 carded by security and played both slot machines and
7 table games for approximately three hours and 23
8 minutes. He was permanently evicted and issued a
9 non-traffic citation.

10 And finally, on or about September 24,
11 2023, a 19-year old gained access to the gaming floor
12 after presenting the legitimate identification of
13 another individual. He played five hands at a
14 blackjack table and was on property for approximately
15 41 minutes. He was permanently evicted and issued a
16 non-traffic citation.

17 The OEC now requests that the Board
18 approve this Consent Agreement and Stipulation of
19 Settlement entered into between the parties. The
20 term of the Settlement includes that Wind Creek shall
21 pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$125,000 to the
22 Board within five days of the Board's order approving
23 this Consent Agreement. Also within five days, Wind
24 Creek shall pay to the Board \$2,500 for the costs
25 incurred by the OEC and other related staff in

1 connection with this matter.

2 If you have any questions, we'd be
3 happy to address them at this time.

4 CHAIR: Wind Creek, would you like to
5 address the Board?

6 ATTORNEY MAGAZZU: Thank you, Madam
7 Chair, Members of the Board, for allowing us this
8 opportunity to address the Board. We have had an
9 opportunity to review the Consent Agreement
10 thoroughly with the OEC, including the facts cited by
11 Mr. Roland this morning. We have agreed with the OEC
12 about the terms of the Consent Agreement, and we
13 respectfully request that the Board adopt the Consent
14 Agreement in its current form. Thank you.

15 CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
16 the Board? Mr. Dillon?

17 MR. DILLON: Yeah, I have a question.
18 The time frame. When was all this? The time frame
19 when this first occurred and when we came up with the
20 agreement?

21 ATTORNEY ROLAND: I'm sorry. Ask that
22 question for me one more time. I thought I knew -.

23 MR. DILLON: The time frame from when
24 this occurred. The first occurrence until the last
25 occurrence.

1 ATTORNEY ROLAND: Okay.

2 That's what I originally thought you
3 were going to ask. So, the ten incidents span
4 approximately 22 months. The first one was on
5 November 26th, 2021. The last one was September 24th
6 of 2023.

7 MR. DILLON: Has there been any
8 occurrences after this? Have you guys had any
9 occurrences since this?

10 CHAIR: This question goes to Wind
11 Creek.

12 MR. DILLON: Yep.

13 CHAIR: Have you had any underage
14 individuals entering the casino since the date of the
15 consent agreement?

16 MR. GRANITZ: We are aware of minors
17 on the floor since that time. However, there were no
18 incidents where minors were gaming or drinking since
19 that time.

20 MR. DILLON: Okay. Why do you think,
21 is the word out in the town that these underage kids
22 can get in there and gaming. What do you think? It
23 seems like there's a lot of kids trying to get in to
24 the casino.

25 ATTORNEY MAGAZZU: We actually think

1 it's quite the opposite. We've looked at our trends,
2 including the number of underage individuals that
3 have been able to get on the casino floor and have
4 been engaged in either gaming or drinking, and over
5 the past seven to ten years, we've seen a significant
6 drop in those numbers. We've also seen a significant
7 decrease in the number of underage individuals who
8 try to get on to our casino floor with fake IDs. And
9 we think the word has gotten out that because of the
10 technology that we and other Pennsylvania casino
11 operators are using, that those individuals
12 understand that they're going to have their fake IDs
13 confiscated and they'll be cited by law enforcement.

14 MR. DILLON: So you have upgraded your
15 security as far as the fake IDs, not letting people
16 get on the floor? I mean, this was something that
17 occurred where the one occurrence happened where the
18 scan, scan, scanned and still let them go because
19 there was problems with the system. You were saying
20 that system's been upgraded since then and that this
21 is no longer going to be an occurrence?

22 MR. GRANITZ: This system has been
23 upgraded. In fact, we are in the midst of upgrading
24 it, again, to a new version. The manufacturer we use
25 for our ID scanning system is VeriDocs and we are

1 currently implementing an upgrade to a new model that
2 they have. So we're constantly looking at the
3 technology. VeriDocs is always looking at the
4 technology and how people are trying to beat it, and
5 they're always making improvements. And so we're
6 actually, as we speak, we're upgrading it right now.

7 One of the features - so we're always
8 looking at the root causes of these incidents. Some
9 of the times, we can tell you, candidly, there is
10 human error. You'll see in this Consent Agreement
11 that there are times where our team members don't
12 challenge patrons as they're walking onto the floor.
13 That's human error and so we address that through
14 discipline of those team members. We address it
15 through our hiring practices and our training, which
16 is constant. So that's one way that we attack one
17 root cause of this issue, and that's the human error
18 element.

19 Another element is the use of the
20 technology and in this upgrade that we're currently
21 implementing, we've looked at one of the other causes
22 of these incidents, which is what we call false IDs.
23 We consider a fake ID to be an identification that's
24 - that's truly is fake. It's fabricated. It's not a
25 legitimate ID. What we call a false ID is an

1 identification that is legitimate, but it belongs to
2 another person.

3 One way we are trying to attack the
4 use of a false ID for example, when a person who that
5 ID belongs to enters the casino then exits the casino
6 and passes that ID off to someone else who then uses
7 it. We are addressing that with VeriDocs, and they
8 have, through this upgrade, included a feature where
9 we will get an alert if that same id is used a second
10 time within a certain time period. We believe that
11 will help us further cut down on these types of
12 incidents.

13 MR. DILLON: And your bus entrance,
14 three people just walked in from the bus entrance and
15 you guys did something to tighten that up there
16 where, I guess there wasn't security there, or was
17 there security there and they just let the kids go in
18 through that entrance?

19 ATTORNEY MAGAZZU: We always have
20 security at the bus entrance. The number of security
21 officers does fluctuate based on our known volumes,
22 days of the week, times of the day. But there's
23 always security at the bus entrance with the VeriDocs
24 terminal to be able to card patrons coming in. We
25 have, what we believe, is plenty of signage. We will

1 use queuing lines when the volumes increase. And
2 those are some of the measures that we use really at
3 all three of our entrances, especially depending on
4 volumes.

5 MR. DILLON: Okay.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR: Any other questions or
8 comments?

9 I do have a question. Talk about
10 human error. There was one incident where the
11 underage individual gave you an identification of a
12 41-year old person and they just let them through. I
13 mean, clearly, I'm sure they didn't look like they
14 were 41. So what do you do with that kind of
15 situation? Director of Security, why don't you answer
16 that?

17 MR. GRANITZ: Thank you, Madam
18 Chairwoman. While there is human error in
19 everything, our number is zero. We're not happy
20 until we get there, in this case, what it falls back
21 on is our discipline process and holding people
22 accountable for living up to the expectations and the
23 standards that we have. Increasing the training,
24 looking at the layouts of the entrances, and making
25 those improvements are all things that have helped as

1 we've gone forward. And we'll continue to change and
2 adapt until we get to where we need to be, which is
3 zero.

4 Many of the team members indicated in
5 these reports, as Mr. Magazzu has suggested, are not
6 with our company anymore for a variety of reasons,
7 but basically not meeting our first and foremost goal
8 of security, which is carding anyone that appears to
9 be under 30 and doing it in the proper manner.

10 CHAIR: Thank you. Any other
11 questions or comments?

12 I will tell you, I know you're having
13 a license renewal hearing next month, we will
14 probably be revisiting this issue at that time.

15 So any other questions? Any other
16 comments? Commissioner Dermody, you have the
17 questions or comments?

18 MR. DERMODY: No questions, Madam
19 Chair.

20 CHAIR: Okay, with that, may I have a
21 motion, please?

22 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
23 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
24 the Consent Agreement between the OEC and Wind Creek
25 Bethlehem as described by the OEC.

1 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
2 seconds.

3 CHAIR: All in favor?
4 (AYES RESPOND)

5 CHAIR: All opposed?
6 (NO RESPONSE)

7 CHAIR: Motion's adopted. Thank you,
8 gentlemen.

9 MR. GRANITZ: Thank you very much for
10 your time.

11 ATTORNEY MAGAZZU: Thank you.

12 CHAIR: See you next month.

13 ATTORNEY PITRE: The next three
14 matters on the agenda consist of Enforcement Actions
15 in which the OEC filed Complaints seeking the
16 revocation or suspension of permits previously issued
17 by the Board. The complaint in each matter has been
18 filed with Board's OHA and properly served upon the
19 individual named in each complaint. The individual
20 named in each complaint failed to respond within 30
21 days as required by Board regulation. As a result,
22 the OEC filed a request of Default Judgment in each
23 instance and properly served the same upon each
24 respondent.

25 Therefore, the facts in each complaint

1 are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been
2 provided to the Board and the matters are presently
3 ripe for the Board's consideration. In each matter,
4 we will provide a brief summary of the facts and make
5 a request for the appropriate Board action.

6 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Good morning.
7 Thomas Monaghan, M-O-N-A-G-H-A-N, with the OEC.

8 The next matter on the agenda for the
9 Board's consideration is the Revocation of the Gaming
10 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Kevin Daly. Mr.
11 Daly is formerly employed as a Table Games Dealer at
12 Rivers Philadelphia Casino. On multiple dates while
13 working as a Table Games Dealer, Mr. Daly committed
14 numerous dealing violations and game manipulations
15 while dealing Spanish 21 and blackjack to the benefit
16 of one patron. He was terminated from his employment
17 and criminally charged for his actions.

18 Mr. Daly is not currently employed in
19 Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this time, the
20 OEC requests that the Board revoke the Gaming
21 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Kevin Daly.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

25 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Mr. Dillon

1 moves that the Board approve the revocation of Kevin
2 Daly's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the
3 conduct described by the OEC.

4 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
5 seconds.

6 CHAIR: All in favor?

7 (AYES RESPOND)

8 CHAIR: All opposed?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Good morning,
12 Madam Chair, Members of the Board. Kelci Scirrotto,
13 S-C-I-R-R-O-T-T-O, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with
14 the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the
15 Board's consideration is the suspension of the Gaming
16 Level 2 Permit and the Gaming Employee Occupation
17 Permit issued to Francesco Truscia. He was
18 previously employed as a sportsbook supervisor at
19 Live! Casino Philadelphia.

20 Board regulations prohibit current
21 employees from gaming at a licensed facility where
22 they're currently employed. Mr. Truscia gamed at
23 Live! Casino Philadelphia while he was still employed
24 there. Specifically, he visited the casino outside
25 of his work hours with other guests. During that

1 visit, he inserted a \$20 bill into a slot machine
2 that another patron was playing, and he pressed the
3 spin button several times on that slot machine before
4 being discovered by security. He was ultimately
5 terminated as a result.

6 He is not currently employed in
7 Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this time, the
8 OEC requests that the Board suspend the Gaming Level
9 2 Permit and Gaming Employee Occupation Permit issued
10 to Francesco Truscia for two weeks.

11 CHAIR: I thought he was getting a
12 position at Rivers. Did he not accept that position?

13 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: He had worked at
14 that position. He was then terminated a couple
15 months afterwards. I believe he was terminated in
16 January 2024.

17 CHAIR: Do you know why?

18 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: I believe it was
19 for attendance.

20 CHAIR: So he has issues.

21 Any other questions and comments?

22 (NO RESPONSE)

23 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

24 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

25 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve

1 the suspension of Francesco Truscia's Gaming Employee
2 Occupation Permit and Gaming Level 2 Employee
3 Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the
4 OEC. The suspension shall remain for a term of two
5 weeks from the effective date of the Board's order.

6 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
7 seconds.

8 CHAIR: All in favor?
9 (AYES RESPOND)

10 CHAIR: All opposed?
11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 CHAIR: Motion passes.

13 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next matter
14 on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
15 Revocation of the Gaming Level 2 Permit and Gaming
16 Employee Occupation Permit issued to Yancy Yeater.
17 Mr. Yeater was previously employed as a player's
18 services supervisor at Rivers Casino Pittsburgh.
19 During one of his shifts, Mr. Yeater stole a total of
20 \$20,000 from the main bank cage by removing two sets
21 of strapped \$100 bills as he cleaned the main bank
22 cage area. He was terminated as a result, and he was
23 criminally charged with felony theft and receiving
24 stolen property as a result. And the charges remain
25 pending.

1 He is not currently employed in
2 Pennsylvania's gaming industry. At this time, the
3 OEC requests that the Board revoke the Gaming Level 2
4 Permit and Gaming Employee Occupation Permit issued
5 to Yancy Yeater.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

9 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner
10 Regan moves that the Board approve the revocation of
11 Yancy Yeater's Gaming Employee Occupation Permit and
12 Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit for the
13 conduct described by the OEC.

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
15 seconds.

16 CHAIR: All in favor?

17 (AYES RESPOND)

18 CHAIR: All opposed?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY PITRE: The remaining matters
22 on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which
23 the OEC filed Petitions seeking the Involuntary
24 Exclusion of individuals whose presence in a licensed
25 facility are inimical to the interests of the

1 Commonwealth and/or licensed gaming therein. In each
2 instance, a Petition for Exclusion has been filed
3 with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the
4 individual named in the petition. The individual
5 named in each petition failed to respond within 30
6 days as required by Board regulation.

7 As a result, the OEC filed a request
8 for Default Judgment in each instance and properly
9 served the same upon each individual. Therefore, all
10 facts in each petition are deemed admitted. All
11 filed documents have been provided to the Board and
12 the matters are presently ripe for the Board's
13 consideration. In each instance, if the Board orders
14 the proposed exclusion, each individual's photo,
15 personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical
16 conduct may be placed on the Board's public website.

17 Once again, in each matter, we will
18 provide a brief summary of the facts and make a
19 request for the appropriate Board action.

20 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Once again, Kelci
21 Scirrotto with the OEC. The next matter on the
22 agenda for the Board's consideration is a Petition to
23 place the Daquel McKenzie on the Interactive Gaming
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 Mr. McKenzie accessed three accounts

1 not registered to his name on the Barstools
2 Sportsbook platform using the personal identifying
3 information of other individuals, funded those
4 accounts with a stolen credit card and then withdrew
5 those funds from those accounts into his personal
6 banking account. No criminal charges were filed
7 against Mr. McKenzie.

8 The OEC now requests that the Board
9 place Daquel McKenzie on the Interactive Gaming
10 Involuntary Exclusion List.

11 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
15 moves that the Board approve the addition of the
16 Daquel McKenzie to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive
17 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

18 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
19 Hickernell seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 (AYES RESPOND)

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: Motion carries.

25 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next two

1 matters on the agenda are related and are requests to
2 place Ashmere Dessus and Jeremy Whitt on the
3 Involuntary Exclusion List. With the Board's
4 permission, I will read one set of facts and then
5 request that each individual be placed on the
6 Exclusion List.

7 Ms. Dessus and Mr. Whitt parked their
8 vehicle in Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack
9 Parking Garage. Mr. Whitt exited the vehicle and
10 entered Harrah's to play craps. Ms. Dessus exited
11 the vehicle one hour after Mr. Whitt left the vehicle
12 to watch Mr. Whitt play craps. She left a five-month
13 old baby unattended in the vehicle. Mr. Whitt saw
14 Ms. Dessus arrive at the table where she stood
15 watching for five minutes. They left the table
16 briefly to visit the restroom before returning to the
17 table where Ms. Dessus continued to watch.

18 Meanwhile, security was notified about
19 the unattended child 24 minutes after the child was
20 left unattended and immediately responded to the
21 vehicle, which was locked and running. Security
22 immediately used a vehicle lockout kit to open the
23 door and remove the baby. Several minutes later, Mr.
24 Whitt and Ms. Dessus returned to the vehicle. Police
25 were notified and responded. However, there's no

1 indication that charges were filed against Mr. Whitt
2 or Ms. Dessus. Both were evicted from Harrah's
3 Philadelphia as a result of this incident.

4 At this time, the OEC requests that
5 the Board place Ashmere Dessus on the Board's
6 Involuntary Exclusion List.

7 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

10 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
11 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
12 the addition of Ashmere Dessus to the Pennsylvania
13 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for
14 the conduct described by the OEC.

15 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
16 seconds.

17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 (AYES RESPOND)

19 CHAIR: All opposed?

20 (NO RESPONSE)

21 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

22 ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: At this time, the
23 OEC requests that the Board place Jeremy Whitt on the
24 Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

1 (NO RESPONSE)

2 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

3 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
4 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
5 Jeremy Whitt to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List
6 for the conduct described by the OEC.

7 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
8 seconds.

9 CHAIR: All in favor?

10 (AYES RESPOND)

11 CHAIR: All opposed?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

14 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Thomas Monaghan
15 once again with the OEC. The next matter on the
16 agenda for Board's consideration is a request to
17 place Edward Terreri on the Boards Involuntary
18 Exclusion List. Mr. Terreri called the Philadelphia
19 Police Department threatening that there was a bomb
20 left inside Live! Philadelphia Casino and further
21 threatening harm to the patrons inside. He had
22 previously been permanently evicted from Live!
23 Philadelphia for a previous incident.

24 At this time, the OEC requests the
25 Board place Edward Terreri on the Board's Involuntary

1 Exclusion List.

2 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

3 MS. REGAN: I have a question.

4 Thomas, I was wondering, is there any indication why
5 he was not charged?

6 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: I have no
7 indication on that. No.

8 MS. REGAN: That sounds like a very
9 serious thing, three bomb threats and you said he
10 called the police stations?

11 ATTORNEY MONAGHAN: Called the police
12 station directly, yes.

13 CHAIR: Any other questions, comments?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

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

20 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: Motion carries.

2 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Good morning, Madam
3 Chair, Commissioners, Juan Sanchez,
4 S-A-N-C-H-E-Z, from the OEC. The next matter on the
5 agenda for the Board's consideration is a request to
6 place Zaahir Allen on the Board's Involuntary
7 Exclusion List. Mr. Allen stole over \$12,000 in
8 chips from five patrons on three separate dates at
9 Live! Casino Philadelphia, Parx Casino and Rivers
10 Casino Philadelphia.

11 In two separate cases filed by the
12 Philadelphia Police Department and Pennsylvania State
13 Police, Mr. Allen pleaded guilty to third degree
14 felonies. Mr. Allen also pinched a losing \$50 wager
15 while playing a table game at Live! Casino
16 Philadelphia. Pennsylvania State Police cited Mr.
17 Allen with theft of services. All of these casinos
18 permanently evicted him from their properties.

19 At this time, the OEC requests that
20 the Board place Zaahir Allen on the Board's
21 Involuntary Exclusion List.

22 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

25 MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner

1 Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of
2 Zaahir Allen 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?

9 (NO RESPONSE)

10 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

11 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan

12 Sanchez. The next matter on the agenda for the
13 Board's consideration is a request to place Sonny Cao
14 on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. Mr. Cao
15 repeatedly cheated, verbally abused staff with racial
16 epithets, as well as profanity, engaged in disorderly
17 conduct, exposed his underwear to staff on the gaming
18 floor and was evicted from and then trespassed at
19 multiple Pennsylvania casinos.

20 At this time, the OEC requests that
21 the Board place Sonny Cao on the Board's Involuntary
22 Exclusion List.

23 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

24 (NO RESPONSE)

25 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

1 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
2 moves that the Board approve the addition of Sonny
3 Cao to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the
4 conduct described by OEC.

5 MR. HICKERNELL: Mr. Hickernell
6 seconds.

7 CHAIR: All in favor?
8 (AYES RESPOND)

9 CHAIR: All opposed?
10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

12 ATTORNEY SANCHEZ: Again, Juan
13 Sanchez. The next matter on the agenda for the
14 Board's consideration is a request to place Nefertina
15 Carr on the Board's Interactive Gaming and
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 Ms. Carr created an account on a
18 Hollywood Casino at Penn National Race Courses,
19 Barstool Sportsbook iGaming platform using the
20 personal identifying information of another
21 individual and funded that account with credit cards
22 belonging to other individuals and then attempted to
23 withdraw \$850 from that account into her own personal
24 banking account. The account created by Ms. Carr was
25 permanently closed by Barstool after the fraud was

1 discovered. No criminal charges were filed against
2 Ms. Carr.

3 The OEC now requests the Board placed
4 Nefertina Carr on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary
5 Exclusion List.

6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

7 (NO RESPONSE)

8 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

9 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

10 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
11 the addition of Nefertina Carr to the Pennsylvania
12 Gaming Control Boards Involuntary Interactive Gaming
13 Exclusion List for 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?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

21 ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning, Chair,
22 Members of the Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, Senior
23 Enforcement Counsel for the OEC.

24 The next matter on the agenda for the
25 Board's consideration is the Petition to place

1 Devontae Anderson on the Interactive Gaming
2 Involuntary Exclusion List. Devontae Anderson
3 created 13 accounts on the Barstool Sportsbook
4 platform using the personal identifying information
5 of other individuals and funded those accounts with
6 credit cards belonging to other individuals and
7 withdrew those funds into his own personal banking
8 account. The OEC now requests that the Board place
9 Devontae Anderson on the Interactive Gaming
10 Involuntary Exclusion List.

11 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

12 (NO RESPONSE)

13 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

14 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
15 Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
16 Devontae Anderson to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive
17 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

18 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
19 Hickernell seconds.

20 CHAIR: All in favor?

21 (AYES RESPOND)

22 CHAIR: All opposed?

23 (NO RESPONSE)

24 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

25 ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on

1 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
2 Petition to place Alex Camisa on the Involuntary
3 Exclusion List.

4 Alex Camisa participated in Players Club
5 Card scheme at Rivers Pittsburgh, and Hollywood
6 Casino at the Meadows, wherein, Mr. Camisa enticed
7 other patrons to register for Player's Club Cards,
8 sell him their cards, then Mr. Camisa would use those
9 cards to take advantage of free slot play promotions
10 while committing other undesirable behavior.

11 The OEC now requests the Board place
12 Alex Camisa on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

13 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

14 (NO RESPONSE)

15 CHAIR: May I have a motion?

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

20 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
21 seconds.

22 CHAIR: All in favor?

23 (AYES RESPOND)

24 CHAIR: All opposed?

25 (NO RESPONSE)

1 CHAIR: Motion passes.

2 ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on
3 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
4 Petition to place Kristin Wilson-McCormick on the
5 Involuntary Exclusion List. Kristin Wilson-McCormick
6 participated in players club card scheme at Rivers
7 Pittsburgh where patrons were enticed to register for
8 Player's club cards, sell their cards, then Ms.
9 Wilson-McCormick would use those cards in order to
10 take advantage of free slot play promotions while
11 also committing other undesirable behavior.

12 The OEC now requests that the Board place
13 Kristin Wilson-McCormick on the Board's Involuntary
14 Exclusion List.

15 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

16 (NO RESPONSE)

17 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

18 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
19 that the Board approve the addition of Kristin
20 Wilson-McCormick to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion
21 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

22 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 (AYES RESPOND)

1 CHAIR: All opposed?

2 (NO RESPONSE)

3 CHAIR: Motion carries.

4 ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on
5 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
6 Petition to place Jalen Faison on the Interactive
7 Gaming Involuntary List. Jalen Faison created five
8 accounts on the Barstool Sportsbook platform using
9 the personal identifying information of other
10 individuals and funded those accounts with credit
11 cards belonging to other individuals and withdrew
12 funds from those accounts into his personal banking
13 accounts. The OEC now requests that the Board place
14 Jalen Faison on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary
15 Exclusion List.

16 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

19 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
20 moves that the Board approve the addition of Jalen
21 Faison to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Exclusion
22 List for the conduct described by the OEC.

23 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
24 Hickernell seconds.

25 CHAIR: All in favor?

1 (AYES RESPOND)

2 CHAIR: All opposed?

3 (NO RESPONSE)

4 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

5 ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on
6 the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
7 Petition to place Rashun Pearson on the Interactive
8 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List. Rashun Pearson
9 created three accounts on the Barstool Sportsbook
10 platform using the personal identifying information
11 other individuals and funded those accounts with
12 credit cards belonging to other individuals then
13 withdrew funds from those accounts into his personal
14 banking accounts. The OEC now requests that the
15 Board place Rashun Pearson on the Interactive Gaming
16 Involuntary Exclusion List.

17 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

18 (NO RESPONSE)

19 CHAIR: May I have a motion, please?

20 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
21 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
22 the addition of Rashun Pearson on the Pennsylvania
23 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Exclusion List for
24 the conduct described by the OEC.

25 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 (AYES RESPOND)

4 CHAIR: All opposed?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 CHAIR: Motion's adopted.

7 ATTORNEY PITRE: Thank you. That
8 concludes our business.

9 CHAIR: Thank you, Cyrus.

10 The last item on the agenda today is
11 public comment. Is there anyone in the room that
12 would like to address the Board?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 CHAIR: Seeing no one, thanks
15 everyone. That concludes today's meeting. The next
16 public meeting of the Board will be held on
17 Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at this
18 location. And now may I please have a motion to
19 adjourn the meeting.

20 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
21 Dillon moves to adjourn.

22 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
23 seconds.

24 CHAIR: All in favor?

25 (AYES RESPOND)

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CHAIR: All opposed?

(NO RESPONSE)

CHAIR: Motion's adopted. We are adjourned. Thank you, everybody.

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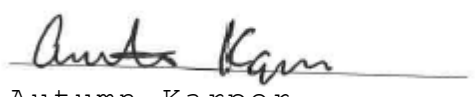
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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, hearing held before Chair Smyler, was reported by me on May 22, 2024 and that I, Autumn Karper, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Dated the 4 day of June, 2024



Autumn Karper,
Court Reporter

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