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 (via phone)

Shawn Dillon

David Hickernell

Nedia Ralston

Sara Manzano-Díaz (via phone)

Frances J. Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Strathmeyer, Designee,

Department of Agriculture

Adria Zimmerman, Designee,

Department of Revenue

Jennifer Langan, Designee,

Pennsylvania Treasury

Reporter: Derek Richmond

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- 3 PA GAMING CONTROL BOARD EXECUTIVE STAFF WHO APPEARED
- 4 BEFORE THE BOARD:
- 5 KEVIN O'TOOLE, Executive Director
- 6 JOSEPH BOTT, HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST
- 7 DENISE MILLER-TSHUDY, Senior Counsel
- 8 STEVE COOK, Chief Counsel
- 9 CHAD ZIMMERMANN, Deputy Chief Counsel
- 10 | SEAN HANNON, Director, Bureau of Licensing

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- 12 OEC Also presenting:
- 13 CYRUS PITRE, Chief Enforcement Counsel
- 14 DUSTIN MILLER, Deputy Enforcement Counsel
- 15 JOHN CROHE, Senior Enforcement Counsel
- 16 | SARAH KOLESAR, Assistant Enforcement Counsel
- 17 | SARAH GROODY, Assistant Enforcement Counsel
- 18 | KELCI SCIRROTTO, Assistant Enforcement Counsel

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- 20 OTHER ATTENDEES FOR MEETING AND/OR PUBLIC HEARINGS:
- 21 Stadium Casino RE, LLC
- 22 TOM DIEHL, ESQUIRE, Vice President of Legal, Stadium
- 23 Casino RE, LLC
- 24 CRAIG CLARK, Executive Vice President, General
- 25 Manager, Live! Philadelphia

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CHAIR: Good morning everyone, I'm

Denise Smyler, Chair of the Pennsylvania Gaming

Control Board. I would like to ask everyone to

please silence your cell phones and all electronic

devices at this time. Also, while masks are no longer

mandatory, please feel free to wear one if you

believe it is necessary or required for your own

well-being. We have five Board members present this

morning, and Commissioners Dermody and Manzano-Díaz

are present by telephone.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Good morning, Madam

15 Chair. Thank you.

<u>CHAIR:</u> Good morning, Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

MR. DERMODY: Good morning,

19 Commissioner Dermody.

20 CHAIR: I was getting some feedback.

21 I'm good now. Okay. Thank you.

I would also like to note, in addition to the Board members, we also have our ex-officio members, Fred Strathmeyer, representing Russell Redding, Secretary for the Department of Agriculture;

Adria Zimmerman, representing Pat Brown, Secretary for the Department of Revenue and Jennifer Langan, representing Stacey Garrity, State Treasurer. Thank you ex-officios for joining us.

Okay, I'd like to now call today's meeting to order. As the first order of business,

I'd like to ask everyone, please rise and join me in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

CHAIR: By way of announcements, the Board held an executive session yesterday, Tuesday, June 25th, to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations related to matters coming before the Board.

I would also like to announce that the Board has scheduled a public input hearing relative to the license renewal application of Wind Creek Bethlehem. The hearing will be held tomorrow, Thursday, June 27th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall located at 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018. The public is invited to attend and provide testimony on the renewal of the Wind Creek License.

Next this morning is the consideration

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of the Board Minute meeting transcript and Minutes
from the April 24th, 2024 meeting.
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May I have a motion to approve the transcript and Minutes of that meeting.

 $\underline{\text{MS. REGAN:}}$ Madam Chair, Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the minutes and transcript of the April 24, 2024 meeting.

8 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 9 seconds.

10 CHAIR: All in favor, aye.

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12 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's adopted.

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

MR. O'TOOLE: Good morning, Chair Smyler. Good morning, members of the Board. For today's Executive Director's Report, I would like to offer a few comments about the most recent gaming revenue figures published by our Office of Communications late last week.

For the month of May 2024, total gaming revenue from all sources regulated by the Gaming Control Board equaled approximately \$521 million. Since the beginning of this year, monthly

revenue has exceeded \$500,000,000 three times. And this past May's total was the second highest amount of gross gaming revenue this year behind only the month of March 2024, which had total revenue of approximately \$554 million.

Gaming revenue for May of 2024 was 8.68 percent greater than the previous year's revenue for May of 2023. The catalyst for this growth in gaming revenue is clearly online gaming activity.

Online slots, online table games and online sports betting rose 26.15 percent, 18.58 percent and 7.56 percent, respectively, when compared to figures for May of 2023. Land-based casino revenue for slots and table games reached almost \$298 million in May of 2024, but their percentage increase over 2023 were 1.55 percent for slot machines and 2.54 percent for table games.

Despite the differences in growth rates between online casino operations and land-based casino operations, the land-based facilities with their full-service entertainment, with their hotels, with their significant convention and event space and other amenities, along with the casino facility having the newest slot machines and table games available for patrons, the land-based casinos have

been positioning themselves very well for continued success.

One final point that I would like to make. It is significant to note that the Legislature, in approving the 2017 gambling expansion Bill, required in the statutory provisions of that Bill, an equal percentage of online slot machine gaming taxes as is currently required from the land-based slot machine gaming taxes to be allocated to the Property Tax Relief Fund.

The property taxes was one of the key provisions back in the early 2000s that led to the passage of legalized and regulated gambling in Pennsylvania in 2004. It was probably the number one contributing factor to getting a broad-based, bipartisan group of Legislators to move forward and actually get past legalized gambling in Pennsylvania.

And it's very interesting to note that the land-based casinos and the interactive gaming operators, they work hand in hand in partnership with each other to help revenue grow in both of those sectors. And to have both those sectors with respect to slot machines both contribute a significant amount to the Property Tax Relief Fund means that all homeowners in Pennsylvania, no matter where they

live, are qualified if they submit an application to their local tax authority to receive a reduction in their property taxes.

That concludes my report for today. Thank you.

CHAIR: Thank you very much, Kevin.

Now we will hear from our Human Resource Specialist,

Joe Bott. Joe.

MR. BOTT: Good morning Chair Smyler,
Board members. The Office of Human Resources has one
motion for your consideration today relative to the
hiring of one individual that was offered and
accepted employment for the Board between public
meetings. Benjamin DeWease was selected as a
Statistician in the Office of Gaming Laboratory
Operations. Benjamin was approved for hire between
public meetings by the Executive Director, having
completed the background investigation and drug
screening. As a result, Benjamin was offered and
accepted employment with the Board between public
meetings to ensure that the Board continues to
address its regulatory obligations in a timely
manner.

As such, I ask that you consider the motion ratifying the hiring of Benjamin DeWease.

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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   Dillon moves that the Board approve the Applicant for
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   hire as proposed by the Human Resources Director.
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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
   Hickernell, seconds.
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                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.
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   Thank you, Joe.
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ATTORNEY COOK: Good morning. The first agenda item under the OCC Report is a local law-enforcement grant application, which we - excuse me - which will be presented by Senior Chief Counsel Denise Miller-Tshudy.

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ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Good morning,
Madam Chair and members of the Board. I have one
local law-enforcement grant here for your
consideration, and this is the Monroe County District
Attorney's Office. They applied for a grant in the
amount of \$250,000. If awarded, this will be their

fourth grant.

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The grant is sought pursuant to the Gaming Act, which provides for the funding of local law-enforcement agencies to be used for the investigation and enforcement of laws related to illegal gaming in the Commonwealth.

In carrying out this purpose, the office is asking for salaries, rental vehicles, training, inter-investigation operations, litigation costs, public outreach, storage, transportation and audit and capital equipment. The application has been reviewed by appropriate staff and this matter is ripe for the Board to take action on.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments? If
not, may I have a motion, please?

MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve the local law-enforcement grant application as described by the OCC.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston seconds.

22 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

23 AYES RESPOND

24 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

25 adopted.

ATTORNEY MILLER-TSHUDY: Thank you.

CHAIR: Thank you.

ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board today are three Petitions. These Petitions will be decided on the documentary record, as the Office of Enforcement Counsel (OEC) has no objections to the requested relief. The Board has, in advance of today's meeting, been provided with all the documents filed of record and these matters are as follows.

The first Petition before the Board is a joint Petition filed by Last Minit Mart, Inc.;

Shree Labh, Inc.; Shree Kriti, Inc. and Shree Omkara,

Inc. The Petition requests approval of a change in control of three licensed truck stop establishments that offer video gaming terminals for play in the Commonwealth. Last Minit Mart Inc. presently owns the three licensed truck stop establishments, with two located near Newcastle, PA and the third establish - the third establishment located in Portersville, PA.

All three locations are currently subject of an Asset Purchase Agreement, with each location being purchased by one of the Shree entities. All Asset Purchase Agreements have been provided to the Board staff for review along with

applications for licensure. Upon review, the OEC has no objection to the relief requested, subject to conditions outlined in its Answer, and this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

 $\underline{\text{CHAIR:}}$ Any questions or comments from the Board?

Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston moves that the Board grant Last Minit Mart's, Inc. Shree Labh, Inc; Shree Kriti, Inc. and Shree Omkara's, Inc. Joint Petition for approval of change of ownership as described by the OCC.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

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18 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's 19 adopted.

ATTORNEY COOK: Next before the Board is Celyia Carter's Petition to Lift the Suspension of her Non-Gaming Employee Registration. On March 14th, 2023, the OEC filed a complaint for the Emergency Suspension of Ms. Carter's Non-Gaming Registration after receiving notice that Ms. Carter was criminally

charged with several felony and misdemeanor offenses.

As a result of these charges, the Board's Executive Director issued an Emergency Order suspending Ms. Carter's registration. Subsequently, the Board issued an Order on July 26, 2023, suspending Ms. Carter's Non-Gaming Registration.

In April of 2024, Ms. Carter filed a request to lift the suspension of a registration, stating that the charges against her had been dismissed. Enforcement Counsel confirmed that Ms. Carter's charges were dismissed and now has no objection to her request to lift the Emergency Suspension of her registration, and this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

15 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 16 Hearing none, may I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Regan moves at the Board grant Celyia
Carter's Petition to Lift the Suspension of her

Non-Gaming Employee Registration as described by the OCC.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

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CHAIR: Commissioner Dermody? Is he
still on the line?

MR. DERMONDY: Aye.

CHAIR: Thank you.

All opposed? Motion passes.

ATTORNEY COOK: The final Petition before the Board today is a request for removal from the Self-Exclusion List. On March 21st, 2012, an individual with the initials D.D. placed herself on the list, choosing the lifetime self-exclusion option.

On April 3rd, 2024, D.D. filed a request for removal from the list. D.D. included with her Petition a Problem Gambling Assessment Verification Form executed by a Certified Assessment Provider confirming that an assessment of D.D. was performed and that the problem gambling assessment showed that no treatment was recommended - no treatment was recommended - no

The OEC filed an Answer, stating they had no objections to D.D.'s request for removal from the Self-Exclusion List as more than 12 years has now passed since placement on the list, and this matter's now ready for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

 $\underline{\text{MR. DILLON:}} \quad \text{Madam Chair, Commissioner}$ Dillon moves that the Board grant D.D.'s Petition for Removal from the Self-Exclusion List as described by the OCC.

6 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner

7 Hickernell seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

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10 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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ATTORNEY COOK: Next, presenting

Withdrawals and Reports and Recommendations is Deputy

Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann.

14 Chief Counsel Chad Zimmermann.

15 <u>ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN:</u> Good morning,

Commissioners. The next matter before the Board

today pertains to several Petitions to Withdraw

18 Applications or Surrender the Credentials of the

19 following individuals and entities: Thunderbite

20 Limited; Julien Waflard; Samuel Levin; The Cordish

21 Family I, LLC; The Cordish Family II, LLC;

22 Christopher Justice; Sarah Butterfass; Jonathan Hill;

23 Joseph Scibetta; BDO Consult Limited; Christine

24 LaBombard; Andrew Bimson; David Bollesen and Andrew

25 Anthony.

The OEC has no objection to any of these requests for Withdrawals or Surrenders. result, if the Board chooses to grant the request, it would be doing so in every matter without prejudice to the requester. These matters are all now ripe for the Board's consideration. CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve Orders - excuse me - that the Board issue orders to approve the Withdrawals and Surrenders as described by the OCC.

14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 15 seconds.

> All in favor? CHAIR:

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

20 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the 21 Board for consideration are nine Reports and

Recommendations received from the Office of Hearings 22

23 and Appeals (OHA). These Reports and

24 Recommendations, along with the evidentiary record

25 for each hearing, have been provided to the Board in advance of today's meeting.

Additionally, the persons involved in each have been notified that the Board would be considering their matter today and that each would have the ability to come forward and briefly address the Board.

If any of the persons who are the subject one of these Reports and Recommendations would like to address the Board, I would ask them to come forward when their matter is called.

George Angelo is the first Report and Recommendation before the Board today. On October 10th, 2023, Mr. Angelo submitted an application for a Non-Gaming Employee Registration seeking to work as a supervisor at a restaurant in Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh.

On November 22nd, 2023, the OEC sent Mr. Angelo a notice recommending denial of his application based on his criminal record. A hearing in this matter was held in February of 2024. OEC appeared and presented testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. Angelo also appeared and testified on his own behalf.

Evidence presented at the hearing showed that in August of 2021, Mr. Angelo had been

convicted of, via a guilty plea, corruption of minors, a misdemeanor 1 offense after it was alleged that he had inappropriate contact with a five-year-old female.

He was sentenced to three years of probation, with the first nine months to be served on house arrest. Mr. Angelo testified during the hearing to his eight years of service in the Army. Then, upon the end of his service in the year 2000, he entered the restaurant management business.

He further stated that he has worked at the restaurant in Rivers Pittsburgh for three years without any incident and gets along with his coworkers. He further believes that he can contribute to the restaurant in a positive way, in a supervisory position and would be an asset to the management team.

Mr. Angelo further stated that the corruption of minors charge was the only incident on his record, and he did present a witness at the hearing who testified that she resided with Mr. Angelo at the time of the incident and says she was always around him and he was never left alone with the minor. Consequently, a Report and Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr. Angelo's application

for a registration be denied. This matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion please?

Commissioner Ralston

moves that the Board adopt the Report and
Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
OCC and that George Angelo's application for NonGaming Employee Registration be denied.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

MS. RALSTON:

CHAIR: All in favor?

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CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next Report

16 and Recommendation pertains to Amanda Borrelli. Ms.

17 Borrelli holds a Gaming Level II Employee Occupation

18 Permit and works as a VIP Host at Live! Casino

19 Pittsburgh.

In October 2023, the OEC filed a Complaint to revoke Ms. Borrelli's Permit, alleging that she had violated internal control specific to the issuance and tracking of Complementary Services at the casino.

A hearing in this matter was held in

March of 2024. OEC appeared offering testimony and documentary evidence. Ms. Borrelli also appeared with Counsel and testified on her own behalf.

Testimony and evidence presented at the hearing showed that Ms. Borrelli has worked in the casino industry since 2010, holding both a Non-Gaming Employee Registration and a G-2 Employee Permit.

As a VIP Host, Ms. Borrelli was permitted to give patrons limited amounts of free slot or match play each day.

Between May 24th and June 12th, on three separate occasions, Ms. Borrelli exceeded the provision of authorized free or match play or slot play, which also included her issuing free slot play to a patron who presented a fake email.

Testimony showed that in her performance review of Ms. Borrelli done by the casino stated she has the potential skills to be a great VIP Host, that many VIP players show appreciation for her, but she must follow all procedures and protocols to be effective in her role.

Ms. Borrelli testified that she made mistakes but indicated they were not intentionally done. She testified that her intent was to maintain

the loyalty of the guests; that oftentimes she was the only VIP Host on duty at night. And that at times could have over a hundred people seeking comp delivery or comp checks.

Ms. Borrelli further stated that the casino policy required at the end of her shift she log all the comps given out, but sometimes she would have trouble remembering everything and logging everything. Ms. Borrelli also indicated that she has worked in the industry since she graduated college and would like to continue the opportunity to do so in the future.

Counsel for Ms. Borrelli argued that her admissions of wrongdoing shows that she has the honesty and integrity required to maintain a G2 Permit, and the Permit should not be revoked. After hearing all the evidence presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that Ms. Borrelli's Gaming Level 2 Employee Permit be suspended rather than the initial request of revocation as requested by the OEC. And this matter is now ready for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?
MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves

that the Board adopt a Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the OCC. And that Amanda Borrelli's Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit is suspended, subject to the terms which will be outlined in the Board's order.

6 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 7 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

AYES RESPOND

10 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's 11 adopted.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Tyshyn Harmon is the next matter before the Board today. Mr. Harmon currently holds both a Gaming Employee Occupation

Permit and a Non-Gaming Employee Registration,

presently working as a Games Presenter at Evolution

US LLC.

In October of 2023, the OEC filed a complaint to revoke Mr. Harmon's Permit and Registration, upon learning that while working as a live Blackjack Dealer for Evolution in its live dealer studio, he manipulated the card decks to ensure this specific patron would win.

A hearing to address the matter was held in March of 2024. OEC appeared and offered

testimony and documentary and surveillance evidence.

Mr. Harmon appeared and testified on his own behalf.

The testimony and evidence presented showed that during six hands of Blackjack during the shuffle, Mr. Harmon would place high value cards at the beginning of the decks, ensuring that a certain patron would win, which resulted in a \$12,421 loss to Evolution and its partner casino.

Mr. Harmon testified to his errors and he stated he was doing what he had been taught.

However, upon additional questioning as to whether he had been taught to place specific cards in the front of the deck, he acknowledged that he was not.

Following a hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that both Mr. Harmon's Registration and Permit be provoked, and this matter's now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Apparently Mr.

Harmon is present and would like to address the

22 Board.

MR. HARMON: That's me.

CHAIR: Actually, please - please
stand and be sworn by the Court Reporter.

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HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS FOLLOWS:

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- and spell your name, please, for the record?

MR. HARMON: Yes. My name is Tyshyn

Harmon, T-Y-S-H-Y-N, H-A-R-M-O-N.

CHAIR: Mr. Harmon, would you like to address the Board?

MR. HARMON: Yes. Good afternoon to all the Board members. I'm here today to, you know, first say I apologize for all the actions that I've made so many years ago. And I came today to assure you that something like this will never, ever happen again, and that you can trust me with the integrity of the game.

You know, following this mishap, I have a proven track record of three plus years in the casino as a Banker and a Dealer. You know, as of right now, I have two games -. I learned two games at Wind Creek Casino. I'm also right now under a third. And they're considering me to be a

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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments from
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   the Board for Mr. Harmon?
                   MR. DILLON:
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                   CHAIR: Commissioner Dillon.
                   MR. DILLON: When did this occur?
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                   MR. HARMON: 2021, is it?
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                   MR. HARMON: No. This was my first
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   like stint with a casino. I joined Evolution.
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   was like - that was like an acting job and things
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   like - I didn't know anything about the casino, like
   everything that's going on right now.
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                   MR. DILLON: So you were let go from
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   your first job.
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   Philadelphia area?
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                   MR. HARMON:
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   at Live! Casino. Right now I'm in Bethlehem,
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Pennsylvania, at Wind Creek Casino, as a Dealer.

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MR. DILLON: Now, when you got hired, did you divulge this information to them, that you had this issue at -?

MR. HARMON: Yeah, I didn't know this was this serious. And this is why this took a -. I was like out the blue, because I worked at Live!

Casino Philadelphia as a Banker for about seven months.

My mom - you know, in between, my mom was ran over by a car. So, I had to go back to Allentown, Pennsylvania, and I still - you know, I enjoyed my time at the casino at Live!. So, I decided to - I signed up at Bethlehem, because it's like 15 minutes away from where I live and was perfect.

And you know, when I was taking the classes, six week unpaid classes, I passed a class, I got the job. And when I was - you know, they were like, it's going to be easy to get your License because you already have it, you know?

They were sure and everything. When I got the job, they gave me - they went to get my
License and then this occurred. And I talked to - I forget the name of the Board of the Directors, but he passed me through. He just was like, they're going

to still investigate, you know, the matter.

And I was like, okay, that's fine,
I'll go and follow through with everything. And you know, that's where we are at right now.

 $\underline{\text{MR. DILLON:}}$ The individual that you - that won 12,000, did you know him?

MR. HARMON: No. So I felt really gullible, like with the whole casino thing. At a time we were talking with co-workers. They were saying that we could - you know, we were dealing to bots at one time. And they were saying like you could do anything you want with your shoe, when you get comfortable. You know, you can surprise people with - this is what I'm thinking. You know, I can surprise people. Things that I could - you know, shuffle the shoe.

When the event happened, like I still
- like I still didn't know. I just got a call. They
were like - from a friend that was working there that
I had a conversation with and they were like, yeah,
just don't come back. I'm like, all right, like,
why? Like why? Am I going to get any more
information on what's happening?

I called Evolution about five times.

I actually applied to Evolution again because I was

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so unsure like what was going on. They hired me.

They took me through the hiring process again,

online, videotaped me, hired me the day I was

supposed to come for the orientation, the same thing.
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They were like, oh, we can't hire you again because you already worked here. And I'm trying to ask, calling the main guy, like what's going on? What's going, like, why can't I be hired again? Like I know maybe I might have made a mistake, but no one actually told me what I did wrong until I find out everything, probably a couple weeks ago, about card manipulation, shoe manipulation, which I had no idea what - what that was at the time.

CHAIR: Any other questions or comments for Mr. Harmon?

Commissioner Regan. Commissioner Hickernell.

MR. HICKERNELL: Okay, I'm not quite understanding. So, based on what you know today, - MR. HARMON: Yes.

MR. HICKERNELL: - you know, after three or four years experience, what - what did you do wrong at that time that you know you wouldn't do today?

MR. HARMON: Well, it's not up to the

Dealer to make cards happen. Like it's literally the shufflers and everything. Yeah. I was just like I guess not thinking, like I have no say on what cards come out of, you know, the shoe.

 $$\operatorname{\underline{MR.\ HICKERNELL:}}$$ And you didn't know that at that time?

MR. HARMON: No. I mean, at a land base, this wouldn't even have been like a thing.

Like we - there's nothing -. We don't shuffle the cards, we don't cut the shoe. We don't do any of that.

So, you know, yeah, it was definitely a mistake, you know, visiting today, especially with the record - the track - made kind of a future within the casino industry, and I believe I'll keep going within it, within it. This is kind of like a rain cloud like over my head these last couple months, even since I, I guess joined the Wind Creek company.

 $\frac{\text{MR. HICKERNELL:}}{\text{So, just one more}} \quad \text{So, when you were going}$ through the original orientation -

MR. HARMON: Yeah.

MR. HICKERNELL: - to be a Dealer,
whatever you're doing, they didn't - the folks
teaching you didn't make that clear, that it wasn't

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                   MR. HARMON: No, this is Evolution.
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   It was a week training. They didn't do too much.
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                   MS. REGAN: So, -.
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                   CHAIR: Commissioner Regan.
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                   MS. REGAN: So, you're saying that you
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                   MS. REGAN: - that benefited?
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                   CHAIR: Commissioner Dermody,
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   Commissioner Manzano-Díaz, do you have any questions
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MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Yes, I do. This is

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Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

CHAIR: Uh-huh.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Mr. Harmon, I just want to clarify. The incident happened when you were in Evolution.

Is that correct?

MR. HARMON: Correct.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay. When you went to work at Live!, did you disclose the issue to Live! when you got hired there?

MR. HARMON: I did not, because I wasn't sure about this. I wasn't sure. No information was told, but from a friend that was a Supervisor there to not come back.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay. When you went to work for Wind Creek, did you disclose to them that you had a problem in Evolution, that you were dismissed from them, even if you didn't know the reason why?

 $\underline{\text{MR. HARMON:}}$ No, this was about two years after the incident.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: So, neither Live!

Philadelphia or Wind Creek had any indication from you, at the time of hiring, that there was - that you were dismissed from Evolution even if you didn't know

why it was - why it happened.

Is that correct?

MR. HARMON: That is right. I believe that -. No, I'm sorry. I believe that, you know, since they told me not to come back, if it was like something like super like, you know, outlawish, that Live! and Pennsylvania Gaming Board and everything, you know, would be notified and I wouldn't have had the opportunity to work at Live! Casino.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: When were you first made aware of the problem that you had - the actual problem that you had in Evolution? When did you first know what the problem was? When did that happen?

 $\frac{\text{MR. HARMON:}}{\text{MS. MANZANO-D\'IAZ:}} \quad \text{When the problem was -?}$ $\frac{\text{MS. MANZANO-D\'IAZ:}}{\text{became aware of why Evolution let you go.}}$

MR. HARMON: Probably when I got hired at Wind Creek. That was the first time I heard about -I heard about the situation. Even when I tried to contact Evolution, apply again, there was no information, even when I went through the whole interview process again, with the same people.

 $\underline{\text{MS. MANZANO-D\'IAZ:}} \quad \text{So the first time}$ that you found out what you actually did was wrong

was when you were working at Wind Creek?

MR. HARMON: Yes. That this was coming to the Pennsylvania Gaming Board and that I'm

being - you know -.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: Okay. Thank you.

MR. HARMON: Yes. Your welcome.

MR. DERMODY: Madam Chair?

CHAIR: Yes, go ahead, Commissioner.

MR. DERMODY: Are you saying that when you went to work at Evolution, they didn't train you for becoming a Dealer? You had no training?

MR. HARMON: No, we had a week of training as Blackjack -. They gave us a week and they pretty much just show us the basics, because it's just pulling cards and following the screen.

MR. DERMODY: So you're saying that they didn't tell you - that you didn't realize after this training you just couldn't pick your cards? Is that what you're telling me?

MR. HARMON: Yeah. No, I mean -.

MR. DERMODY: You could go ahead and pick your cards, you didn't realize that was not allowed?

 $\underline{\text{MR. HARMON:}}$ Well, they didn't harp on that it wasn't allowed. Like I said, I was talking

to like Supervisors and a bunch of co-workers. And for some reason, you know -.

MR. DERMODY: Did other Dealers do that? Did other Dealers just deal the hand they thought was appropriate, -

MR. HARMON: Yeah -.

MR. DERMODY: - the cards?

MR. HARMON: That's what I believe -.

I thought, you know, that was their table at the time. Like I said, I didn't even know like this was like a casino, like real casino. I don't know like I - we were dealing with bots at one time and we were doing crazy things at Evolution -.

MR. DERMODY: What happened when you went to work at Wind Creek?

 $\underline{\text{MR. HARMON:}}$ Could you say that again?

MR. DERMODY: Did they train you? Did

18 you get any training when you went to Live!?

MR. HARMON: Yeah, they gave us six weeks of training. But Live! is when I became more familiar with, you know, the seriousness of land-based casinos and, you know, how casinos

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MR. DERMODY: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR: No problem. Commissioner

Ralston, do you have any questions or comments?

MS. RALSTON: No, I don't.

CHAIR: Mr. Harmon, I have some difficulty believing that even you were that naive. I mean, everybody knows how to play Blackjack. Even if you weren't trained, you should know that you're not supposed to manipulate the cards, but be that as it may, we're going to table a decision on you until the end of the meeting, so you can have a seat and we'll get back to you.

Okay?

MR. HARMON: Thank you. Thank you.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Moving on to the next Report and Recommendation. Myranda McElheney is the next Report and Recommendation before the Board today.

Ms. McElheney currently holds a
Non-Gaming Employee Registration and has worked as an
Outlet Server at Parx Casino. She's currently
employed as a Games Presenter at Evolution US LLC.

On September 11, 2023, the OEC filed a complaint seeking to revoke Ms. McElheney's Registration after learning that she'd been terminated from Parx Casino, her prior employer, for mishandling funds.

The hearing in this matter was held on February 27, 2024. OEC appeared and presented testimony, documentary and surveillance evidence.

Ms. McElheney appeared and testified on her own behalf.

The evidence and testimony showed that between June 8th and June 11th, 2023, Ms. McElheney would bring up drink orders, void some of those orders, placed money for the voided orders in tip jars, which, according to the Hearing Officer, after evaluating all the evidence, resulted in a \$26 loss to the casino.

Ms. McElheney admitted to her actions, stating that the recent death of her daughter had affected her mental state and contributed to her conduct at the time.

Following Ms. McElheney's termination at Parx, she was hired in August 2023 by Evolution US as a Games Presenter. She's recently been offered a supervisory position, but did not accept that offer due to the current matter before the Board. She further testified that she has not had any employment issues during her time with Evolution.

After hearing all the evidence presented, a Report and Recommendation was issued

recommending that Ms. McElheney's Registration be 1 2 suspended for a period of three months. 3 matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration. 4 And as the Commissioners can see, Ms. McElheney is 5 present today. 6 CHAIR: Ms. McElheney, could you rise 7 and be sworn by the Court Reporter, please? 9 MYRANDA MCELHENEY, 10 CALLED AS A WITNESS IN THE FOLLOWING PROCEEDING, AND 11 HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN, TESTIFIED AND SAID AS 12 FOLLOWS: 13 14 CHAIR: Can you state and spell your 15 name for the record? MS. MCELHENEY: Myranda McElheney, 16 M-Y-R-A-N-D-A, M-C-E-L-H-E-N-E-Y.

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CHAIR: Would you like to address the Board, Ms. McElheney?

20 MS. MCELHENEY: Good morning,

22 time. This is a very serious matter to me because my

23 job is on the line, and I understand why we're here.

everyone. I just want to say thank you for your

24 And I just want to say thank you again for your time

25 and hoping you gave me some grace today. CHAIR: Any questions or comments for Ms. McElheney? Commissioner Hickernell?

MR. HICKERNELL: Thank you, Chair. Good morning. Thank you for being here, and I want to offer my sincere sympathies to the loss of your daughter.

Could you take us back to the incident that occurred over those several days in June of last year and just, you know, kind of describe to us, you know, what happened, you know, what you did differently that - those several days that you didn't do for the four years prior that you worked at the casino?

MS. MCELHENEY: Yes. So, I would make a drink, and instead of it being like a long pour, which is two shots, I would bring in like a small pour, which is one shot. So, that would make it less money, and then I would bring it in. And then I would tell them the price, which would be like a long pour.

And then the extra output in the tip jar. And then - or I would say charge them for a beer and then it wouldn't be voided technically. It would just - I would just not charge them. Like I wouldn't put it in the system. So, then it would

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4 MS. MCELHENEY: I was trying to make 5 extra money.

MR. HICKERNELL: But you were putting in the tip jar. Did that tip jar exclusively benefit you?

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MR. HICKERNELL: Okay. So, -?

MS. MCELHENEY: I split it between

13 five bartenders.

MR. HICKERNELL: Okay. So, how
much -? What financial benefit did you derive, you
know, from that?

MS. MCELHENEY: Nothing, I thought - I don't know what I was necessarily thinking. I was just trying to pay for a funeral and I was just very overwhelmed and I thought maybe this would help out.

And then I only did it for a couple of days. And then I was just like, my guilty conscious was eating at me, like, very, very bad. And then I stopped doing it.

MR. HICKERNELL: And you had never

44 done anything like that in four years you had worked 1 2 there? 3 MS. MCELHENEY: Never. 4 MR. HICKERNELL: And you haven't done 5 anything since? 6 MS. MCELHENEY: No, I'm very honest. MR. HICKERNELL: The current job that 8 you have, -9 MS. MCELHENEY: Evolution. 10 MR. HICKERNELL: - what do you do 11 there now? 12 MS. MCELHENEY: I deal cards. I'm a -13 Blackjack and I do Infinite and Roulette. So, I 14 don't deal with any money. I just deal cards in 15 front of the camera in the studio. 16 MR. HICKERNELL: You don't touch any 17 money, -18 MS. MCELHENEY: No. 19 MR. HICKERNELL: - deal with any 20 patrons? 21 MS. MCELHENEY: I deal with patrons, 22 but like through -23 MR. HICKERNELL: Not face to face? 24 MS. MCELHENEY: Computer, correct. 25 Yes.

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                   MR. HICKERNELL: And your current
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   employer is happy with the job that you're doing?
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   going on to 11. And they asked me within the third
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   month if I would like to be a Supervisor, because the
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   way I carry myself, they said. And I was just - I
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                   CHAIR: Commissioner Ralston?
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   Commission Dillon?
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   question. So, say we were to suspend your License
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   today for a period of time, would you still have a
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                   MS. MCELHENEY: I would not.
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                   CHAIR: Commissioner Manzano-Díaz?
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   Commissioner Dermody, any questions?
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MR. DERMODY: No questions.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: No questions.

MR. HICKERNELL: Sorry, Chair.

CHAIR: That's okay.

 $\underline{\mathtt{MR.\ HICKERNELL:}}$ You seem very sincere

to me.

MS. MCELHENEY: Yes.

MR. HICKERNELL: And I just have one question for you. If we cut you a break today and believe, as I do, that, you know, this was a lapse in judgement due to a very, very difficult time in your life, you know, can you promise us that you won't do anything like this again and that you'll never be before this Board as long as you're in the casino industry?

MS. MCELHENEY: Absolutely.

CHAIR: Ms. McElheney, I think you may have misspoken when you said you did not benefit from your actions. Because the more the tip, the greater the tips, even if they were split, you still got more money than you would have if you were not taking those actions.

Correct?

MS. MCELHENEY: Correct. Yes.

CHAIR: So, you did benefit.

MS. MCELHENEY: Yes.

CHAIR: All right. I've been asked to table this decision until the end of the meeting as well, so could you just have a seat and we'll get back to you? Thank you.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Moving on. Once again, Joshua Lewis is the next matter before the Board. Mr. Lewis had been issued a Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit in November 2021 and has worked as a Supervisor of Surveillance at Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia.

On June 9, 2023, the OEC filed a complaint to suspend Mr. Lewis' G2 Employee Permit, alleging that he had failed to comply with the special condition placed on his Permit.

Specifically, Mr. Lewis was required to provide proof

that he was in compliance with a payment plan for outstanding fines and fees, costs he had with the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. Lewis did not reply to the complaint or request a hearing, and subsequently OEC sought a Default Judgment. The matter was first scheduled to be addressed at the August 23, 2023

public meeting. At that time, Mr. Lewis spoke with Counsel for OEC and the matter was remanded back to the OHA for a hearing.

The hearing was scheduled for September 26, 2023. OEC appeared, presenting testimony and documentary evidence. Despite receiving notice of the hearing, Mr. Lewis failed to appear and the hearing was held in his absence.

Following a hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.

Lewis's Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit be suspended. The matter was previously then also scheduled to be on March 2024 agenda, but was tabled when Mr. Lewis provided documentation of a payment being made on the payment plan.

By the way of further information, payments were not made in the months of April or May, but one was made in June. And this matter is all ready for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

moves that the Board adopt the Report and
Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the
OCC, and that Joshua Lewis's Gaming Level 2 Employee

Occupation Permit be suspended.

I further move that the suspension of Mr. Lewis's Permit be automatically lifted when he provides documentation to the Bureau of Licensing that all fees and costs have been paid in full.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

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CHAIR: All in favor?

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10 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

11 adopted.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the Board is the Report and Recommendation pertaining to Robert Burkholder's request for removal from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. The underlying facts in the matter are that on several occasions in May 2018, Mr. Burkholder bent cards while playing poker at Lady Luck Casino, resulting in a permanent eviction.

Consequently, on May 15th, 2019, the Board issued an Order placing Mr. Burkholder on the list.

On January 3rd, 2024, Mr. Burkholder filed a Petition requesting removal from the list, which was technically early. OEC filed an Answer

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The hearing in this matter was held in March of 2024. Mr. Burkholder failed to appear for the hearing. OEC appeared, did not provide any further testimony and documentary evidence, and requested an oral motion to deny or dismiss the Petition.

Following a hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr. Burkholder's Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List be denied. And this matter is now ready for the Board's consideration.

13 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments? 14 May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Regan moves that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the OCC, and that Robert Burkholder's Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List be denied.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

25 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

adopted.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: Next before the Board is a Report and Recommendation involving another request for removal from the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List. And that's by Devin Carter.

On November 15, 2023, the Board issued an Order placing Devin Carter on the Involuntary Exclusion List by Default Judgment, finding that Mr. Carter had left two children, ages six and eight, unattended in a vehicle in the parking garage at Live! Casino Philadelphia while he patronized the sports bar.

On December 15th, 2023, Mr. Carter filed his request for removal from the list. OEC filed an Answer objecting to this request.

A hearing in this position matter was held in March of 2024. OEC appeared at the hearing and offered testimony and documentary evidence. Mr. Carter appeared and testified on his own behalf.

Mr. Carter testified that when he left the children in his vehicle that day, his great-great grandmother was in the van with the children, so they were not unattended. He indicated further that he had gone to the casino to get a cup of water for one

of the children who had an illness.

Unfortunately Mr. Carter had no one to corroborate his version of the events at the hearing, so his testimony went uncorroborated.

Following a hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr.

Carter's request for removal from the list be denied.

And this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion please?

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the OCC and that Devin Carter's Petition for Removal from the Involuntary Exclusion List be denied.

MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner

18 Hickernell seconds.

19 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

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23 ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: The next matter
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By way of background, on September 15, 2015, the Board issued an Order placing Mr. Jackson on the Involuntary Exclusion List by Default Judgment, finding that he had passed 20, \$100 counterfeit bills while gaming at Parx Casino. He was criminally charged, pleaded guilty to those charges and sentenced 6 to 23 months of confinement in order to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,000.

 $$\operatorname{Mr.}$ Jackson violated his exclusion on four separate occasions between May of 2016 and December of 2021.

In December 2023, Mr. Jackson filed his request for removal from the list. OEC filed an Answer objecting to the request.

And the hearing was held in March of 2024. Mr. Jackson failed to appear and OEC made an oral motion to dismiss the Petition based on Mr. Jackson's absence.

A Report and Recommendation was issued recommending that Mr. Jackson's Petition for Removal from the List be denied. And the matter's now ready for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
Hearing none, may I have a motion,

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MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair, 1 2 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board adopt 3 the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as 4 described by the OCC, that Alfred Jackson remain on 5 the Involuntary Exclusion List. 6 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 7 seconds. All in favor? CHAIR: 9 AYES RESPOND 10 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries. 11 The final Report ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: 12 and Recommendation before you today pertains to Jamar 13 Kinder. 14 In September 2019, the OEC filed a 15 Petition to place Mr. Kinder on the Involuntary 16 Exclusion List after learning that he had left a 17 two-year-old child unattended in a vehicle in the 18 parking lot at Harrah's Philadelphia Casino and 19 Racetrack while he cashed out his Sportsbook ticket 20 in order to drink at the bar. 21 Thereafter, January 2020, the Board 22 placed - issued an Order placing Mr. Kinder on the 23 List. 24 In December 2023, Mr. Kinder filed his

request for removal from the List, stating that he

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has not entered any establishments nor has he played any online sports wagers since his placement on the List.

He further stated that because of his exclusion, FanDuel is restricting his activity online and he believes that this is unfair.

OEC filed an Answer objecting to Mr. Kinder's request.

A hearing was held March of 2024. Despite receiving notice, Mr. Kinder failed to appear. And OEC made an oral motion requesting denial or dismissal of Mr. Kinder's request.

Subsequent to the hearing, a Report and Recommendation was issued, recommending that Mr. Kinder's Petition be denied. And this matter is now ripe for the Board's consideration.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

moves that the Board adopt the Report and Recommendation issued by the OHA as described by the OCC, and that Jamar Kinder remain on the Involuntary Exclusion List.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor? 1 2 AYES RESPOND 3 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. 4 ATTORNEY COOK: Do you want to take 5 break now or at the end of -? 6 CHAIR: At the end of -. 7 ATTORNEY COOK: Okay, for the moment that concludes the matters of the OCC. 9 Thank you, Denise, Chad and CHAIR: 10 Steve. 11 We'll now have the Bureau of Licensing 12 matters presented by the Director of the Bureau of Licensing, Sean Hannon. 13 14 Sean. 15 MR. HANNON: Good morning, Madam 16 Chair, members of the Board. Today's first licensing 17 matter for your consideration is the renewal of a 18 Sports Wagering Certificate for Downs Racing, LP. 19 The Bureau of Licensing, Bureau of Investigation and 20 Enforcement (BIE) and Office of Sports Wagering 21 Operations has completed its review of the documents, 22 and the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a 23 Background Investigation & Suitability Report. 24 I provided you with a Draft Order and

ask that you consider the renewal of Category 1

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3 <u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> The OEC has no objection.

5 <u>CHAIR:</u> Any questions or comments from 6 the Board?

May I have a motion, please?

 $\underline{\text{MS. REGAN:}} \quad \text{Commissioner Regan moves}$ that the Board grant the Sports Waging Certificate renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

11 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

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13 CHAIR: All in favor?

14 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion is adopted.

MR. HANNON: Next we have consideration of the renewal of an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Incredible Technologies, Incorporated. Incredible Technologies is licensed in good standing as a slot machine and interactive gaming manufacturer.

Under the Gaming Act, the Board may use an abbreviated process to consider the application of a currently licensed manufacturer.

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The Bureau of Licensing, OEC and BIE has reviewed the application for an Interactive Gaming Manufacturer

License for Incredible Technologies, and I have provided you with the results of that review.
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I provide you with a Draft Order and ask the Board consider the Order to approve the Interactive Gaming Manufacturer License for Incredible Technologies, Incorporated.

 $\label{eq:attorney_pitre:} \underline{\text{Attorney PITRE:}} \quad \text{The OEC has no} \\ \text{objection.}$

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board grant the Interactive Gaming Manufacturing License renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner

Hickernell seconds.

19 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's 22 adopted.

MR. HANNON: The next licensing matter for your consideration is the renewal of the Slot Machine, Table Game, Interactive Gaming, Sports

Wagering and Video Gaming Terminal Manufacturer Licenses for IGT.

Formed in Nevada in 1952, IGT's principal place of business is in Las Vegas, Nevada. The company manufactures slot machines, table games, interactive gaming, sports wagering, videogame terminal products and associated equipment for use or play online and at licensed facilities and VGT establishments in the Commonwealth.

The BIE has completed its investigation of the company, and the Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a Background Investigation and Suitability Report.

I provided you with Draft Orders and ask the Board to first consider the Order to renew the Slot Machine Manufacturer License for IGT.

 $\label{eq:attorney} \underline{\text{ATTORNEY PITRE:}} \quad \text{Enforcement Counsel}$ has no objection.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?
MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board grant the Slot Machine Manufacturer License renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

1 seconds.

2 CHAIR: All in favor?

3 AYES RESPOND

4 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

5 MR. HANNON: Next is the order to

6 renew IGT's Table Gaming Manufacturer License.

<u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> Enforcement Counsel

8 has no objection.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

11 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

12 moves that the Board grant the Table Gaming

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14 Bureau of Licensing.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

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17 CHAIR: All in favor?

18 AYES RESPOND

19 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

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21 MR. HANNON: Next is the order to

22 renew IGT's VGT Manufacturer License.

23 ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel

24 has no objection.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
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                   MR. HANNON: The next is the order to
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   Bureau of Licensing.
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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
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                   MR. HANNON: And finally, the Order to
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   Principals, six Key Employees and two Qualifiers. I
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                   MR. HANNON: There are also Principal
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   of Licensing provided you with an Order regarding
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   Order approving these credentials.
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
   that the Board grant the Temporary, Principal and Key
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3 MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon 4 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

6 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion carries.

MR. HANNON: Additionally for your consideration are Gaming Employee Permits and Non-Gaming Employee Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing has provided you with a list of 543 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Temporary or Full Occupation Permits and 217 individuals to whom the Bureau has granted Registrations under the authority delegated to the Bureau of Licensing. I ask that the Board consider a motion approving this Order.

ATTORNEY PITRE: The OEC has no objection.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner

Dillon moves that the Board approve the applications

for Gaming Employee Occupation Permits and Non-Gaming

Employee Registrations as described by the Bureau of

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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
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                   CHAIR: All opposed?
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   recommendation of denial for three Gaming and four
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   Non-Gaming Applicants. The Bureau of Licensing has
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   provided you with an Order addressing the Applicants
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   continues to request denial in each matter.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
   Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board deny the
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   described by the Bureau of Licensing.
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                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
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   seconds.
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                   CHAIR: All in favor?
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AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's 1 2 adopted. 3 MR. HANNON: The next matter for 4 consideration is Withdrawal Requests. In each case 5 the License, Permit or Registration is no longer required. For today's meeting, I have provided the 6 7 Board with 24 Gaming and 36 Non-Gaming Applicants. ask that the Board consider the orders approving 9 these Withdrawals. ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel 10 11 has no objection. 12 CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 13 May I have a motion, please? 14 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 15 moves that the Board grant the Withdrawals of Gaming 16 and Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by 17 the Bureau of Licensing. 18 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan seconds. 19 20 CHAIR: All in favor? 21 AYES RESPOND 22 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's 23 adopted. 24 MR. HANNON: Next we have an Order to 25 renew the Gaming Service Provider Certification for

Hutt's Glass Company, Incorporated, as well as initially certified FSG Services, LLC. I have provided you with a Draft Order and ask the Board consider the Order certifying these companies.

 $\label{eq:attorney_pitch} \underline{\text{ATTORNEY PITRE:}} \quad \text{Enforcement Counsel}$ has no objection.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the Gaming Service Provider Certifications as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

16 AYES RESPOND

17 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's adopted.

MR. HANNON: Finally, for your consideration are Gaming Service Provider Registrations. The Bureau of Licensing provided you with an Order and an attached list of six registered Gaming Service Provider Applicants. I ask that the Board consider the Order registering these Gaming Service Providers.

ATTORNEY PITRE: Enforcement Counsel 1 2 has no objection. 3 CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 4 May I have a motion, please? 5 MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board approve the Gaming 6 7 Service Provider Registrations as described by the Bureau of Licensing. 9 MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner 10 Hickernell seconds. CHAIR: All in favor? 11 AYES RESPOND 12 13 All opposed? Motion passes. CHAIR: 14 MR. HANNON: Thank you, Madam Chair. 15 CHAIR: Thank you, Sean. Next is the OEC, Cyrus Pitre. 16 17 Cyrus. 18 ATTORNEY PITRE: Good morning, Chair, 19 members of the Board. The OEC will present 17 20 matters today for the Board's consideration in which 21 we will request the approval of one Consent 22 Agreement, five Revocations and 11 Involuntary 23 Exclusions. 24 The next matter on the agenda for the 25 Board's consideration is a Consent Agreement between

the OEC and Category 2 Licensee Stadium Casino RE,
LLC, doing business as Live! Casino and Hotel
Philadelphia. The matter will be presented by Deputy
Enforcement Counsel Dustin Miller.

Representatives for Live! are present.

And at this time I request that those individuals

please introduce themselves for the record and that

any nonattorney witnesses, please stand and be sworn.

ATTORNEY DIEHL: Good morning, Madam Chair and members of the Board. My name is Tom Diehl, VP of Legal of Stadium Casino, RE, LLC.

To my left is Craig Clark, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Stadium Casino.

ATTORNEY COOPER: Good morning. Good morning, Chair Smyler and members of the Board. My name is Rich Cooper. I'm Counsel and Vice President of Regulatory at FanDuel. To my left is Liam Butler, Regional Director of FanDuel Sportsbook.

CHAIR: So, any non-attorneys,

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21 <u>ATTORNEY DIEHL:</u> Yes, we'll need Mr.

22 Clark and Mr. Butler sworn in, please.

COURT REPORTER: Will you both just raise your right hand.

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WITNESSES SWORN EN MASSE

CHAIR: Thank you. You may proceed.

ATTORNEY MILLER: Good morning, Chair

Smyler, members of the Board, Dustin Miller on behalf

6 of the OEC, M-I-L-E-R.

The next matter is a Proposed Consent Agreement which involves the acceptance of Retail Sports Wagers by Phone by Live! Casino Philadelphia Sportsbook employees in violation of the Board's regulations.

On or about June 18, 2022, the Bureau of Casino Compliance was informed by a Live! Casino Sportsbook employee of a \$95,000 variance. The employee advised that a patron texted him on his personal phone asking for three separate wagers to be placed.

\$37,500 each and one bet for \$20,000 for the patron. The patron said he would be in that evening to make payment for the wagers. All three wagers lost and the patron did not come in to pay for the placed wagers.

The employee attempted to contact the patron several times and did not receive an answer.

An investigation was conducted regarding the patron's betting history.

Twelve (12) additional instances were discovered, where the patron was not physically present at Live! Casino Philadelphia when Sportsbook team members recorded wagers for him. In total, 15 wagers were accepted on behalf of the patron in the amount of \$287,000, or \$287,421 when the patron was not physically present.

Three Live! Casino employees were involved in directly taking or assisting with these wagers. All three employees' Licenses have been revoked by the Board due to these actions. And the patron involved has been placed on the Involuntary Exclusion List by the Board for his role.

OEC now requests that the Board approve this Consent Agreement stipulation of settlement entered into between the parties. The terms of the settlement include that Live! Philadelphia shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$100,000 to the Board within five days of the Board order approving this Consent Agreement.

Also within five days, Live!

Philadelphia shall pay to the Board \$2,500 for the cost incurred by the OEC and other related staff in

connection with this matter.

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

CHAIR: Live! Philadelphia, would you like to address the Board?

ATTORNEY DIEHL: Yes, we would. I've heard the recitation of the facts as presented by the OEC. And they do align with the facts within the Consent Agreement.

And on behalf of Stadium Casino, we agree to the terms as outlined in the Consent Agreement. Also contained in the Consent Agreement are the remedial measures taken by Stadium Casino in response to the events of June 2022, which I would like to briefly outline for you.

Upon discovery of the events, the individuals that were responsible for circumventing our internal controls regarding proxy wagering were immediately suspended and ultimately terminated. The casino conducted an investigation and submitted a comprehensive self-report to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board that shared both the details of the violations at issue, as well as the conclusions of our investigation.

In the direct aftermath of our

investigation, we lowered the surveillance notification threshold for transactions that take place within our Sportsbook to \$10,000, so that there be increased scrutiny and transparency on the transactions within the Sportsbook moving forward.

Because the perpetrators used cell phones to - in addition to text messages to circumvent our anti-proxy wagering internal procedures, we banned the use of personal mobile devices within the Sportsbook area.

CHAIR: Uh-huh.

ATTORNEY DIEHL: In exchange, what we then did was issue company phones to the Sportsbook Supervisors that were essentially locked down. By that, I mean they contained the minimum amount of applications, apps to do their job. And any type of additions to those applications would require prior approval by our IT Department.

In exchange for -. Sorry. With respect to remedial training that took place, we immediately elevated the attention of proxy wagering with respect to our Sportsbook employees, requiring them to also codify that into a read and sign acknowledgement memorandum, to kind of reinforce and have that continue to be part of our culture moving

forward.

At this time what I would like to do is provide an opportunity to Mr. Clark, who's sitting at my left, to be able to make a brief statement.

MR. CLARK: Yeah, I just want to make a statement to the Board that this is not the culture of our organization. We have a culture of compliance and training. And these are obviously violations of the Gaming Reg, as well as our training procedures and our internal controls.

And apologize for this occurrence, and these three employees going off into a rogue manner.

And we'll entertain any questions you have. We also have our business partner, FanDuel, here with us to be able to address any questions that you have for us.

ATTORNEY DIEHL: Thank you, Greg. At this point I would like to hand it over to my colleague, Rich Cooper.

ATTORNEY COOPER: Thank you. Just briefly, members of the Board. Just like our partner at Live!, FanDuel, takes proxy wagering very seriously. Just want to briefly outline a few things that were in place at the time and also how we doubled down on the issue since the time of this

incident.

So, a couple of categories. First,

FanDuel, just like Live!, has a clear policy against

proxy wagering. This was part of our procedure since

day one of going live with the retail Sportsbook.

In terms of signage. Again, every teller window has a clear sign about the fact that proxy wagering is absolutely not - prohibited. And there are also posters up in the retail Sportsbook with the house Rules that include a clear statement that proxy wagering is not allowed. So, for customers and employees, it is clear and visible that proxy wagering is not allowed.

In terms of training, prior to this incident, all staff had undergone induction training where proxy wagering was a part of that, and where there was, again, a clear statement about the fact that proxy wagering is a violation and is absolutely not allowed.

Since the time of the incident, we've doubled down and have done a few additional things.

There are now quarterly trainings for the staff, which include sections on the prohibition of proxy wagering. There is a retail compliance checklist, and Regional Manager visits that include quarterly

inspections. Anti-proxy wagering is a part of that.

There are regular internal control and standard operating procedure reviews with the staff at the location and that includes anti-proxy wagering content.

There's also suspicious activity training that occurs with some regularity of the staff, and that also includes sections on proxy wagering.

So, in short, we recognize that - the importance of the issue, and we had strong policies in place before. We doubled down since the time of the incident in June 2022. Thank you.

CHAIR: Thank you. Any questions or comments from the Board?

MS. RALSTON: Just one question. Since that time and with all of the new processes that you put in place, have you had any issues with proxy wagering since?

MR. CLARK: We've had several attempts where people have tried to do wagering and then a different person has come in to obtain those funds, that's been discovered by the team. We then put that money into safekeeping in our cage.

So, that gives me comfort that the

policies, procedures are being administered the way that we intend them to be. So that gives me a comfort that it is working. And there's numerous occasions, as of even last month in May there was one.

CHAIR: Any other questions or comments? Commissioners Manzano-Díaz and Dermody, any questions?

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: I just have one - MR. DERMODY: No questions.

MS. MANZANO-DÍAZ: - question. This is Commissioner Manzano-Díaz.

The question I have is, because these wagers were very large, over \$10,000, were any of these reported as suspicious activities to other authorities?

MR. CLARK: Yes, we would have followed our AML procedures and filed the appropriate documents for both CTRs, as well as SAR report to the Federal Government, and we give a copy of that to the Gaming Control Board, a normal business activity.

MR. DILLON: Sorry, Sara. Prior to you making the change for the \$10,000, where somebody's got to come in and look at it or -. So, is somebody would have came in and put 50,000, nobody

was going to be drawn or interested in a large transaction like that?

ATTORNEY DIEHL: I'm sorry -?

MR. DILLON: You said earlier that now there's a \$10,000 threshold that you guys have implemented for somebody to oversee, but prior to that there wasn't that threshold.

ATTORNEY DIEHL: No, there was a different threshold. It was notification to Surveillance. So, there's certain gaming activity within the casino that sometimes it's payout, sometimes it's wagering, where we want a second set of eyes on what's actually taking place, and also means of memorializing that through surveillance.

So, there's a threshold before which I believe - I'll get back to the specifics, but I think it was \$25,000. It was a higher threshold, but the threshold was reduced to \$10,000, so that we have scrutiny for smaller transactions.

Specifically what happens when the Sportsbook employee is conducting a transaction, when it meets the threshold, they give notice, specifically call - contacting Surveillance, and having somebody from the Surveillance team immediately put eyes on it and be able to record the

transaction.

So, it was a - it wasn't necessarily an AML threshold, as Mr. Clark was discussing earlier, this was a security and surveillance protocol.

MR. CLARK: And I will tell you, in today's current practice, there's emails that go out of large wagers that occur. And then obviously I also get the Surveillance Reports at the end of the day. I can see both sides that communication is happening on an ongoing basis today. Once again, giving me comfort that, you know, what I see from the time of a transaction being placed to what the Surveillance Report will tell me on an eight-hour basis, they're tying back and forth. I can have that visibility today.

CHAIR: Any other questions or comments?

Commissioner Regan.

MS. REGAN: Just out of curiosity, the employees involved in this latest incident, are they at all benefiting financially or this is just them taking a shortcut to please the clients? Why are they accepting the proxy -?

MR. CLARK: In the current -. Today

they're not accepting the proxy bets. They're taking a bet on one person's behalf and another person is trying to redeem that transaction.

MS. REGAN: Right.

 $$\underline{\tt MR.\ CLARK:}$$ And the control procedures are in place to identify them, working with Surveillance.

ATTORNEY DIEHL: You're also asking for the actual event that took place two years ago?

MS. REGAN: Yes, exactly. The event that precipitated you being here today. Is there benefit to them or they're just not following -?

ATTORNEY DIEHL: We tried to connect those dots, specifically from interviews as well as surveillance coverage, looking at the event to see if there was money changing hands. To my knowledge I don't believe that we actually saw that. Is that accurate?

MR. CLARK: Yeah. The only thing that's documented in the material that I reviewed for today is that there was one time where a tip was given. And that was put into in the tip box, which would be divided between the team members.

 $\underline{\text{MS. REGAN:}}$ Tip jars seems to be a lot of problem today.

CHAIR: Any other questions or 1 2 comments? 3 Hearing none, may I have a motion, 4 please? 5 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve 6 7 the Consent Agreement between the OEC and Stadium Casino RE, LLC, doing business as Live! Casino and Hotel Philadelphia as described by the OEC. 10 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 11 seconds. 12 All in favor? CHAIR: 13 AYES RESPOND 14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's 15 adopted. Thank you, gentlemen. 16 The next five matters ATTORNEY PITRE: on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which 17 18 the OEC filed complaints seeking the revocation of 19 Permits or Registrations previously issued by the 20 Board. 21 The complaint in each matter has been filed with the Board's OHA and properly served upon 22 23 the individual named in each complaint. 24 individual named in each complaint failed to respond 25 within 30 days, as required by Board regulation.

a result, the OEC filed a Request for Default

Judgment in each instance and properly served the

same upon each respondent.

Therefore, the facts in each complaint are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been provided to the Board and the matters are presently ripe for the Board's consideration.

In each matter, we will provide a brief summary of the facts and make a request for the appropriate Board action.

ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Good morning,
Chair, members of the Board, Sarah Kolesar,
K-O-L-E-S-A-R, Enforcement Counsel with the OEC. The
next matter on the agenda for the Board's
consideration is the revocation of the Video Gaming
Occupation Permit issued to Jeffrey Dell.

Mr. Dell was previously employed as a team member at CHR Corp. Rutter's Store 20. Mr. Dell was convicted of violating five counts of felony disseminating photo film of child sex acts, two counts of felony child pornography, and one count of felony criminal use of communication facility.

Mr. Dell is currently incarcerated as a result of his conviction and he is not currently employed in the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the 1 2 Board revoke the Video Gaming Occupation Permit 3 issued to Jeffrey Dell. 4 CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 5 May I have a motion, please? MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 6 7 moves that the Board approve the revocation of Jeffrey Dell's Video Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the OEC. 10 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan 11 seconds. 12 All in favor? CHAIR: 13 AYES RESPOND 14 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's 15 adopted. 16 ATTORNEY KOLESAR: Once again, Sarah The next matter on the agenda for the 17 Board's consideration is the revocation of the 18 19 Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Carrie 20 Fratini. 21 Ms. Fratini was previously employed as 22 a Food Server at Live! Casino Pittsburgh. 23 Fratini was acting as a Server in the Sportsbook of 24 Live! Casino Pittsburgh when she picked up a lost 25 Sportsbook ticket from the floor of the dining

section of the Sportsbook.

Ms. Fratini then approached a table of patrons and gave the lost ticket to a patron who was not the owner of the ticket. That patron then went and cashed in the ticket for \$270 and returned to the table and placed a hundred dollars on the table.

Ms. Fratini then returned to the table, sat down and picked up the hundred dollars and placed it in her apron before departing the table.

She was terminated from her position as a result of this incident and is not currently employed in Pennsylvania's gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Carrie Fratini.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please.

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the revocation of Carrie Fratini's Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

25 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's adopted.

ATTORNEY GROODY: Good morning, Chair, members of the Board. Sarah Groody, G-R-O-O-D-Y, Assistant Enforcement Counsel with the OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Joshua Jones.

Mr. Jones was previously employed as a Game Presenter at Evolution US LLC. Mr. Jones was criminally charged and pled guilty to firearms not to be carried without a license, a third-degree felony, and driving under the influence, a first-degree misdemeanor.

Currently Mr. Jones is pending charges for a misdemeanor, driving under the influence and three summary traffic offenses. Mr. Jones failed to notify the Board of these charges in his guilty plea. Mr. Jones is not currently employed in the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Joshua Jones.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Dillon moves that the Board approve the revocation of Joshua Jones' Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

 $\underline{\text{MR. HICKERNELL:}} \quad \text{Commissioner}$ Hickernell seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

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CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's
adopted.

ATTORNEY GROODY: Again Sarah Groody,

OEC. The next matter on the agenda for the Board's

consideration is the revocation of the Non-Gaming

Employee Registration issued to Whitney Nixon.

Ms. Nixon was previously employed as an EVS Attendant at Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh. Since issuance of her non-gaming credentials, Ms. Nixon has pled and been found guilty of multiple criminal offenses.

Ms. Nixon was found guilty of Retail
Theft, a summary offense. Next, Ms. Nixon pled
guilty to Criminal Attempt - Theft by Unlawful
Taking, a third-degree misdemeanor, and Insurance Intent to Defraud, a first-degree misdemeanor.

And finally, Ms. Nixon pled guilty to

Criminal Mischief, a third-degree misdemeanor, and Disorderly Conduct, a summary offense.

Ms. Nixon failed to notify the Board of these charges and their disposition. Ms. Nixon is not currently employed in the Pennsylvania gaming industry.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Whitney Nixon.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve the revocation of Whitney Nixon's Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the OEC.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston seconds.

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CHAIR: All in favor?

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ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: Good morning,

22 Madam Chair, members of the Board. Kelci Scirrotto,

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24 the OEC.

The next matter on the agenda for the

Board's consideration is the revocation of the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Domonique Lloyd.

She was previously employed as a Greeter at Jack's Bar and Grill Restaurant inside Rivers Casino, Philadelphia. When Ms. Lloyd was not scheduled to work, she signed out a money bag from the chip bank and took it to the back-of-house.

After visiting the restroom, she then put the bag in a locker and then left the casino.

After returning several hours later, she put the bag in her coat and then returned it to the Cage, leaving the casino shortly thereafter.

\$225 had been taken from the bag, and there's no indication that Ms. Lloyd made restitution. She was terminated in as a result. Police were notified, but no charges were filed.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board revoke the Non-Gaming Employee Registration issued to Domonique Lloyd.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?
MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

moves that the Board approve the revocation of

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for the conduct described by the OEC.

2 MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

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CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

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attorner Pitre: The remaining matters on the agenda consist of enforcement actions in which the OEC filed Petitions seeking the involuntary exclusion of individuals who are inimical to the interests of the Commonwealth and/or their licensed gaming therein.

In each instance, the Petition for Exclusion has been filed with the Board's OHA and properly served upon the individual named in the Petition. The individual named in each Petition failed to respond within 30 days as required by Board regulation.

As a result, the OEC filed a request for Default Judgment in each instance and properly served the same upon each individual. Therefore, all facts in each Petition are deemed admitted. All filed documents have been provided to the Board and the matters are presently ripe for the Board's

consideration.

In each instance if the Board orders a proposed exclusion, each individual's photo, personal identifiers and a summary of the inimical conduct may be placed on the Board's public website. Once again, in each matter we will provide a brief summary of the facts and make a request for the appropriate Board action.

ATTORNEY SCIRROTTO: The next matter on the agenda for the Board's consideration is the Petition to place Neil Larimer on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

Mr. Larimer deposited and wagered through \$5,150 on the TwinSpires interactive gaming platform. Subsequently, Mr. Larimer failed or refused to pay \$5,150 that he owed to TwinSpires as a result of his gaming activity.

TwinSpire's closed Mr. Larimer's interactive gaming account. There's no indication of restitution.

At this time the OEC requests that the Board place Neil Larimer on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Madam Chair, Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of Neil Larimer to the PGCG Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

6 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

9 <u>CHAIR:</u> All opposed? Motion's

10 adopted.

ATTORNEY CROHE: Good morning, Chair, members of the Board, John Crohe, C-R-O-H-E, for the OEC.

The next nine matters on the agenda for the Board's consideration stem from the same or similar set of facts. Therefore, with the Board's permission, I will recite one set of facts, then ask for each individual to be placed on the Board's Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

The following nine individuals each created multiple accounts on the Barstool Sportsbook interactive gaming platform using the personal identifying information of other individuals and funded those accounts with credit cards belonging to other individuals, then withdrew (sic) from those

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accounts into banking accounts controlled by the
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   perpetrator.
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                   The OEC now requests that the Board
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   place Lawrence West on the Interactive Gaming and
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   Involuntary Exclusion List.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
                   May I have a motion, please?
                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
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   Lawrence West to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive
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   Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.
                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
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   Hickernell seconds.
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                   CHAIR:
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   AYES RESPOND
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   adopted.
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                   ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests
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   that the Board place Breanna Baez on the Interactive
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   Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,
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   Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve
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the addition of Breanna Baez to the Pennsylvania

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   Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.
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                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
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                   ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests
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   that the Board place Lunes Bruno on the Interactive
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   Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston
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   moves that the Board approve the addition of Lunes
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   Bruno to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Exclusion
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   List for the conduct described by the OEC.
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan
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   seconds.
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                   CHAIR:
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   AYES RESPOND
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                   CHAIR:
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                   ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests
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   that the Board place Shawn Cabbell on the Interactive
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   Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves
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   that the Board approve the addition of Shawn Cabbell
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   to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List
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   for the conduct described by the OEC.
                   MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon
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   seconds.
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                   All in favor?
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                   CHAIR: All opposed?
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   adopted.
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                   ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests
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   that the Board place China Carr on the Interactive
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   Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.
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                   CHAIR: Any questions or comments?
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                   May I have a motion, please?
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                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
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   China Carr to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive
   Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.
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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
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   Hickernell seconds.
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                   CHAIR: All in favor?
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1 AYES RESPOND 2 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. 3 ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests 4 that the Board place Victor Chang on the Interactive 5 Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List. 6 CHAIR: Any questions or comments? May I have a motion, please? 8 MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair, 9 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve 10 the addition of Victor Chang to the Pennsylvania 11 Gaming Control Board's Involuntary Interactive 12 Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC. 13 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston seconds. 14 15 CHAIR: All in favor? 16 AYES RESPOND 17 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes. 18 ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests 19 that the Board place Divine Griffith on the 20 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List. CHAIR: Any questions or comments? 21 22 May I have a motion, please? 23 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 24 moves that the Board approved the addition of Divine

Griffith to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive

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MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

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CHAIR: All in favor?

5 AYES RESPOND

6 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

7 adopted.

ATTORNEY CROHE: The OEC now requests that the Board place Eddie Mateo on the Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan moves that the Board approve the addition of Eddie Mateo to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List for

16 conduct described by the OEC.

MR. DILLON: Commissioner Dillon

18 seconds.

19 <u>CHAIR:</u> All in favor?

20 AYES RESPOND

21 CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.

22 <u>ATTORNEY CROHE:</u> The OEC now requests

23 that the Board place Deshawn Pearson on the

24 Interactive Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.

25 CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

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May I have a motion, please?
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                   MR. DILLON: Madam Chair, Commissioner
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   Dillon moves that the Board approve the addition of
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   Deshawn Pearson to the PGCB Involuntary Interactive
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   Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.
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                   MR. HICKERNELL: Commissioner
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   Hickernell seconds.
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                   CHAIR:
                           All in favor?
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   AYES RESPOND
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                   CHAIR: All opposed? Motion passes.
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                   ATTORNEY CROHE: The next matter on
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   the agenda for the Board's consideration is the
   Petition to place William McLuckie on the Interactive
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   Gaming Involuntary Exclusion List.
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                   Mr. McLuckie utilized the PokerStars
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   and FanDuel interactive gaming platforms to create
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   six iGaming accounts using the personal identifying
   information of other individuals.
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                   Subsequently, Mr. McLuckie failed or
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   refused to pay $684 that he owed to PokerStars and
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   FanDuel as a result of his gaming activity.
   PokerStars and FanDuel closed Mr. McLuckie's
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   interactive gaming accounts due to his actions.
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                   The OEC now requests the Board place
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William McLuckie on the Interactive Gaming

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1 Involuntary Exclusion List.
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CHAIR: Any questions or comments?

May I have a motion, please?

MR. HICKERNELL: Madam Chair,

5 Commissioner Hickernell moves that the Board approve

6 the addition of William McLuckie to the Pennsylvania

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Exclusion List for the conduct described by the OEC.

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

10 seconds.

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CHAIR: All in favor?

12 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

14 adopted.

15 <u>ATTORNEY PITRE:</u> Thank you. That

16 concludes our business.

17 CHAIR: Thank you. Before we go into

18 executive session, I'd like to know if anybody in the

19 room would like to address the Board.

Seeing no one, we are going to break.

21 EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD

22 CHAIR: We're back on the record.

23 It's 11:54.

24 For the record, we are going to table

25 Mr. Harmon for today, and he will be relisted.

ATTORNEY ZIMMERMANN: And given Mr. 1 2 Harmon being tabled, the one matter we have left, I 3 would request a motion on the Report and 4 Recommendation from Myranda McElheney. 5 Ms. McElheney, would you like CHAIR: 6 to come forward again, please? 7 Are there any further questions or comments for Ms. McElheney? Commissioner Hickernell? 9 MR. HICKERNELL: I mentioned before, 10 but again, thank you for being here. You know, we're 11 going to take into consideration your circumstances 12 today. And I just want to make sure that you understand that what you did was serious and it was 13 14 in violation of the rules, and that we don't expect 15 to see you before us again. 16 MS. MCELHENEY: Yes. MR. HICKERNELL: You understand that? 17 18 MS. MCELHENEY: Yes, sir. 19 MR. HICKERNELL: Thank you. 20 CHAIR: May I have a motion now, 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 Myranda McElheney's

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Non-Gaming Employee Registration be suspended, but
further moves that the suspension be held in abeyance
in accordance with the terms which will be outlined
in the Board's Order.
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5 MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston 6 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

8 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: All opposed? Motion's

10 adopted.

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Thank you, Ms. McElheney.

MS. MCELHENEY: Thank you. Thank you,

13 everyone.

CHAIR: Okay. So, that concludes today's meeting. The next public meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at this location.

May I please have a motion to adjourn?

MS. RALSTON: Commissioner Ralston

20 moves that we adjourn.

MS. REGAN: Commissioner Regan

22 seconds.

CHAIR: All in favor?

24 AYES RESPOND

CHAIR: Motion carries. Thank you,

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, a meeting held before Chair Smyler was reported by me on June 26, 2024 and that I, Derek Richmond, read this transcript, and that I attest that this transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceeding.

Date the 16th day of July, 2024

Derek Richmond,

Court Reporter

