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Commissioners FRANK DERMODY SHAWN DILLON DAVID S. HICKERNELL SARA MANZANO-DÍAZ NEDIA RALSTON FRANCES J. REGAN

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, September 18, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. STRAWBERRY SQUARE COMPLEX, 2ND FLOOR, HARRISBURG

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board was held at the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board Office of Hearings and Appeals, Strawberry Square Complex, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD:

Denise J. Smyler, Chair Frank Dermody Shawn Dillon David S. Hickernell Sara Manzano-Díaz Nedia Ralston Frances J. Regan

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/DESIGNEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Strathmeyer, Designee, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Adria Zimmerman, Designee, Department of Revenue Jennifer Langan, Designee, Pennsylvania Treasury

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

Kevin O'Toole, Executive Director - Executive Director's Report Heidi Zula, Human Resources Director – New Hires Steve Cook, Chief Counsel – Petitions

Robert Wood, Assistant Chief Counsel III – Regulations

- Chad Zimmermann, Deputy Chief Counsel Withdrawals and Surrenders, Emergency Suspension, Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List, and Petitions for Removals from Involuntary Exclusion List
- Sean Hannon, Director of Bureau of Licensing Certificate Renewal, Licenses and Renewals, Credentials, Permits, Denials, Withdrawals, Certifications and Registrations
- Cyrus Pitre, Chief Enforcement Counsel Licenses, Credentials, Permits, Denials, Withdrawals, Certifications, Registrations, Revocations, Suspension, Placements on the Involuntary Exclusion List, and Placements on Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List

Michael Roland, Senior Enforcement Counsel – Permit Revocation

- Andrea Roberts, Assistant Enforcement Counsel I Registration Revocation, Registration Suspension, and Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List
- Sarah Kolesar, Assistant Enforcement Counsel II Permit Revocation, Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List, and Placements on Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List

Sarah Groody, Assistant Enforcement Counsel I – Placements on Involuntary Exclusion List

Thomas Monaghan, Assistant Enforcement III – Placements on Involuntary Interactive Exclusion List and Involuntary Exclusion List

A quorum of the Board being present, Chair Smyler called the meeting to order.

Ex-Officio Members

PAT BROWNE STACY GARRITY RUSSELL C. REDDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Smyler announced that the Board held an Executive Session on September 17th to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation and to conduct quasi-judicial deliberations relating to matters coming before the Board on September 18th.

Chair Smyler also announced the Board has scheduled the Public Input Hearing, related to the license renewal application of Presque Isle Downs and Casino in Erie County. The hearing will be held Wednesday, September 25th beginning at 10:30 am, at the Summit Township Building, 1230 Town Hall Road West, Suite 100, Erie, PA 16509.

Chair Smyler additionally recognized Dan Stambaugh's retirement, effective October 4th. Chair Smyler further stated he served as the Board's legislative liaison, beginning on January 7, 2006, and within his 18+ year span, he worked with the General Assembly on 3 amendments to the Gaming Act, seen the Commonwealth grow in regard to casino gaming, was directly involved in all the substantial revenues the casinos have brought to the Commonwealth. Chair Smyler concluded her announcements by thanking Dan for his service and wished him well in his retirement.

MINUTES/TRANSCRIPT

On a motion by Commissioner Dermody, seconded by Commissioner Dillon, the Board unanimously approved the minutes and transcripts of the June 26, 2024, meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Kevin O'Toole spoke of the continued growth of gaming revenue and the catalyst behind that growth. He also provided an update on responsible gaming self-imposed limits ("SILs").

Kevin stated since the start of this fiscal year, 2024-2025, both July and August each have generated over \$500 million in gaming revenue from all sources regulated by the Gaming Control Board. August's gaming revenue of approximately \$509 million was 11.6% higher than revenue generated in August of last year. He also stated that the catalyst for this growth is online gambling that simulate slot machines and table games along with online sports betting activity. Those three areas of gaming increased 29%, 18% and 38% respectively, from the previous year's figures.

Kevin said anytime we recognize the growth of online gaming, we need to be extra cognizant of problem gambling and we need to assess whether our and the industry's responsible gaming programs are effective. The Gaming Industry, through the American Gaming Association, has designated September as "Responsible Gaming Education Month" ("RGEM"). RGEM emphasizes and reinforces how technology can be used as an effective tool to provide players with opportunities to better control their gambling activity. Mr. O'Toole said that the Gaming Control Board regulations at Section 814a.2 offer players a number of responsible gaming SILs. These limits allow a player to control the amount of their deposits, the maximum amount per each wager, the maximum amount of funds they want to spend during their online gaming session, and a self-imposed cooling off period that must be a minimum of 72 hours but can be longer. The Board's Office of Compulsive and Problem Gambling, through Director Elizabeth Lanza, has been able to monitor the usage of these self-imposed limits monthly through the assistance of online gaming operators who provide the statistics for their registered player accounts. The most used limit that player's choose is the deposit limit, and the second most used limit is the self-suspension cool down period. Kevin stated that during the month of August 2024, the deposit limit was activated by players over 193,000 times and the self-suspension cool down period was activated over 105,000 times. Kevin went on to say that Director Lanza has been collecting these statistics for over a year now and it was encouraging to see that in August 2024 the percentage of players to use these self-imposed limits exceeded 4% of the total number of online gambling accounts.

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Kevin concluded his report by saying that there are always challenges that must be met to minimize compulsive and problem gambling. These challenges are being met in Pennsylvania, in part, by the collaborate efforts of the Gaming Industry and the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board by utilizing operator's the technology to provide self-help options to players gambling online.

OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-321 HR

Motions: 1st–Board Member Regan / 2nd–Board Member Ralston

- The Board hereby approved the following applicants for hire:
- Evan Brooks, Communications Specialist, Bureau of Administration, Harrisburg Office
- Gabriel Saez Feliciano, Casino Compliance Representative, Parx Philadelphia, Bureau of Casino Compliance

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

OFFICE OF CHIEF COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-322 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell

The Board hereby adopted the **Temporary Regulation** - **#125-251** regarding Table Games Rules and Procedures as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-323 OCC

Motions: 1st –Board Member Hickernell / 2nd –Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby granted the motion for **Stadium Casino Westmoreland RE, LLC D/B/A Live! Casino Pittsburgh's** Petition for Waiver and to Permit a Surveillance Employee Transfer as described by the Office of Chief Counsel.

Docket Number: 12916-2024

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-324 OCC

Motions: 1st –Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd –Board Member Ralston The Board hereby granted the motion for **Mountainview Thoroughbred Racing Association, LLC's** Petition for Waiver of Board Regulation 465a.9(o) as described by the Office of Chief Counsel. Docket Number: 13016-2024 Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-325 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Ralston / 2nd–Board Member Regan The Board hereby approved, without prejudice, the following WITHDRAWALS AND SURRENDERS as described by the Office of Chief Counsel: Blake Rampmaier – Surrender Principal License; No. 12948-2024 Robert Fealy – Withdraw Principal License Application; No. 12996-2024 Jefferson Weekley, IV – Withdraw Principal License Application; No. 12989-2024 Kent Barlow – Withdraw Principal License Application; No. 12945-2024 Jody Madigan – Surrender Principal License; No. 12987-2024 Cristian Manuel Stan – Surrender Principal License; No. 12953-2024 Sally Bonner – Surrender Gaming Service Provider Qualifier Status; No. 12991-2024 Chad Cutcliff – Surrender Gaming Service Provider Qualifier Status; No. 12993-2024 Diamond Eagle Acquisition Corp. – Surrender Principal Entity License; No. 13005-2024 DEAC Merger Sub Inc. – Surrender Principal Entity License; No. 13006-2024 Tina Robinson – Surrender Principal License; No. 12297-2024 Erin Chamberlin – Surrender Principal License; No. 12998-2024 Adam Felman - Surrender Principal License; No. 13012-2024

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Ralf Kerkhof – Surrender Principal License; No. 13018-2024 Gaming Innovation Group INC. – Surrender Principal Affiliate License; No. 13019-2024 Gaming Innovation Group P.L.C. – Surrender Principal Affiliate License; No. 13020-2024 iGaming Cloud Limited – Surrender Principal Affiliate License; No. 13021-2024 Ronen Kannor – Surrender Principal License; No. 13009-2024 Yaniv Spielberg – Surrender Principal License; No. 13010-2024 Angela Van den Berg – Surrender Principal License; No. 13013-2024 Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-326 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Regan / 2nd–Board Member Dermody

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel, and that **Mark Deyoc's** Emergency Suspension of Non-Gaming Employee Registration remain in effect.

Docket Number:11750-2024Board Decision:Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-327 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Dermody / 2nd-Board Member Dillon

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **Lawrence Robinson, III** be placed on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List.

Docket Number:11583-2024Board Decision:Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-328 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that the Office of Enforcement Counsel's Petition to place **Bryan Whiting** on the Board's Involuntary Exclusion List be denied.

Docket Number: 11016-2023

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-329 OCC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Hickernell / 2nd–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board hereby adopted the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appeals as described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that **C.B.'s** petition be denied, and he remain on the self-exclusion list.

Docket Number:11506-2024Board Decision:Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-330 OCC

Motions: 1st-Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd-Board Member RalstonThe Board hereby rejected the Report and Recommendation issued by the Office of Hearings and Appealsas described by the Office of Chief Counsel and that C.C.'s petition be granted.Docket Number:11405-2023Board Decision:Passed by unanimous vote

BUREAU OF LICENSING

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-331 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Ralston / 2nd–Board Member Regan The Board granted WASHINGTON TROTTING ASSOCIATION, LLC D/B/A HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT THE MEADOWS' Sports Wagering Certificate Renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-332 BOL

Motions: 1st-Board Member Regan / 2nd-Board Member DermodyThe Board granted MKS GAMING, LLC D/B/A MKS GAMING's Conditional Video Gaming Terminal OperatorLicense as described by the Bureau of Licensing.Board Decision:Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-333 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dermody / 2nd–Board Member Dillon The Board granted **H&H, INC. D/B/A HARDEEP S. BRAR CONVENIENCE STORE's** Extension Order for Conditional Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as described by the Bureau of Licensing. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-334 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell The Board granted C H R CORP. D/B/A RUTTER'S STORE 106's Conditional Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License as described by the Bureau of Licensing. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-335 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Hickernell / 2nd–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board granted **KEYSTONE RESTAURANT AND TRUCK STOP, INC. D/B/A KEYSTONE RESTAURANT & TRUCK STOP's** Video Gaming Terminal Establishment License renewal as described by the Bureau of Licensing.

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-336 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd–Board Member Ralston The Board approved the following **PRINCIPAL AND KEY EMPLOYEE LICENSES** as described by the Bureau of Licensing:

Greenwood Gaming and Entertainment, Inc. d/b/a Parx Casino

Principal

Renewal

• Eric Littman Hausler – GID #4051-4

GW Cumberland Op Co.

Key Employee

Initial

• Christian David Fow – GID #150917-1

Amelco UK Limited

Principal

Initial

Helen Amy Stewart – GID #162831-1

Aristocrat Technologies, Incorporated

- Key Employee
 - Renewal
 - Christopher Niko Flangas GID #97642-3

Galaxy Gaming-01, LLC

Principal

Initial

• Matthew David Reback – GID #116993-3

LNW Gaming, Inc.

Principals

Initial

Oliver Hai Wei Chow – GID #128565-3

Initial

• Michael Marchetti – GID #167830-1

PointsBet Pennsylvania, LLC

Principals

- Initial
- Jonathan Mildenhall GID #150137-1
- Initial
- Glenn Schiffman GID #147390-1

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-337 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Ralston / 2nd–Board Member Regan

The Board approved the issuance of **TEMPORARY PRINCIPAL** (10) and **KEY** (6) Employee Credentials as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-338 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Regan / 2nd–Board Member Dermody

The Board approved the issuance of 599 **GAMING EMPLOYEE OCCUPATION PERMITS** and 248 **NON-GAMING EMPLOYEE REGISTRATIONS** as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Order.) Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-339 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dermody / 2nd–Board Member Dillon

The Board approved the **DENIAL** of (1) Gaming and (2) Non-Gaming Employee Applications as described by the Bureau of Licensing. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-340 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell

The Board approved the **WITHDRAWAL** of the 39 Applications. (Note: information pertaining to the names of these individuals can be found in the Board Orders.)

• 1 – Key Employee Application

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20 – Gaming Employee Applications

• 18 – Non-Gaming Employee Applications Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-341 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Hickernell / 2nd–Board Member Manzano-Díaz

The Board approved the following application for GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER CERTIFICATION asdescribed by the Bureau of Licensing:GID #QAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:Video Walltronics, Inc.FACILITY:PRODUCT/SERVICE:Provides indoor and outdoor LED products, screen sales, integration, rental, installation, and
design servicesBoard Decision:Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-342 BOL

Motions: 1st–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd–Board Member Ralston The Board approved the following applications for GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER REGISTRATIONS as described by the Bureau of Licensing: GID # 168287-1 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Cape Media, LLC DBA: Cape Publishing, LLC FACILITY: Ponte Vedra, Florida **PRODUCT/SERVICE:** Provides digital marketing services GID # 17537-4 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: **Elliott-Lewis Corporation** FACILITY: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania **PRODUCT/SERVICE:** Service, repair, installation, and maintenance of mechanical and related systems – HVAC GID # 171289-1 GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: Interactive AF LTD FACILITY: Tel Aviv, Israel **PRODUCT/SERVICE:** Provides digital marketing services

GID # GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: FACILITY: PRODUCT/SERVICE:

171111-1 IronYun, Inc., DBA: IronYun Stamford, CT Provides AI analytics software for license plate recognition of vehicles

GID # GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: FACILITY: PRODUCT/SERVICE:

171832-1

MDennett, LLC

Doylestown, Pennsylvania

Provides internal audit services

GID # GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: FACILITY: PRODUCT/SERVICE: 170439-1 Nevis Security, LLC Wilmington, DE Provides strong biometric authentication improving security and usability for operators to ensure the correct patron

GID # GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER: FACILITY: PRODUCT/SERVICE: 116062-2 PayPal, Inc. San Jose, California Provides online payment processing and digital ID verification services

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GID #	115282-3	
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	Precision Mechanical Services, LLC	
FACILITY:	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Provides HVAC and refrigeration services	
GID #	121562-3	
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	Semoice Technology, Inc., DBA; Semoice Technology	
FACILITY:	Atmore, Alabama	
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Provides IT & Security	
GID #	168745-1	
GAMING SERVICE PROVIDER:	Shmeer, LLC	
FACILITY:	Gambier, Ohio	
PRODUCT/SERVICE:	Provides digital marketing services	
Board Decision:	Passed by unanimous vote	
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OFFICE OF ENFORCEMENT COUNSEL

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-343 OEC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Regan / 2nd–Board Member Dermody The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Rudy Djoenaidi's** Gaming Level 2 Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-344 OEC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dermody / 2nd–Board Member Dillon The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Carisa Lewis'** Non-Gaming Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-345 OEC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Dillon / 2nd–Board Member Hickernell The Board hereby approved the suspension of **Shaun Williams'** Non-Gaming Level 2 Employee Registration for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-346 OEC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Hickernell / 2nd–Board Member Manzano-Díaz The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Antwan Moorefield's** Gaming Employee Occupation permit for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

PGCB MOTION NO. 2024-347 OEC

Motions: 1st–Board Member Manzano-Díaz / 2nd–Board Member Ralston The Board hereby approved the revocation of **Aihua Peng's** Gaming Employee Occupation Permit for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel. Board Decision: Passed by unanimous vote

The Board APPROVED the following additions to the PGCB Involuntary Exclusion List for the conduct described by the Office of Enforcement Counsel:

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MOTION #	RESPONDENT	DOCKET	FIRST	SECOND	BOARD DECISION
2024-348 OEC	JERMAINE BATES	11531-2024	Ralston	Regan	Placed on List
2024-349 OEC	EDWIN CONCEPCION	11473-2024	Regan	Dermody	Placed on List
2024-350 OEC	MIA DEAN	11537-2024	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List
2024-351 OEC	STEVEN GREEN	11535-2024	Dillon	Hickernell	Placed on List
2024-352 OEC	KUMHYUK KWON	11406-2023	Hickernell	Manzano-Díaz	Placed on List
2024-353 OEC	RICARDO ROWLEY	11211-2023	Manzano-Díaz	Ralston	Placed on List
2024-354 OEC	HARNEK SINGH	11532-2024	Ralston	Regan	Placed on List
2024-355 OEC	CHRISTOPHER TALESE	11259-2023	Regan	Dermody	Placed on List
2024-356 OEC	CIEN WARREN	11582-2024	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List
2024-357 OEC	ALICIA DYSON	11699-2024	Dillon	Hickernell	Placed on List
2024-358 OEC	CARL SCOTT	11704-2024	Hickernell	Manzano-Díaz	Placed on List
2024-359 OEC	TYREE DAVIS	11688-2024	Manzano-Díaz	Ralston	Placed on List
2024-360 OEC	KAREEM FRYE	11700-2024	Ralston	Regan	Placed on List
2024-361 OEC	JOSH CAIN	11690-2024	Regan	Dermody	Placed on List
2024-362 OEC	TIA FOCHT	11710-2024	Dermody	Dillon	Placed on List
2024-363 OEC	KENNY CHEN	11701-2024	Dillon	Hickernell	Placed on List

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Board Member Hickernell, seconded by Board Member Manzano-Díaz the meeting was adjourned.